This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

#### **FIXED INCOME**

# **AXA World Funds - US High Yield Bonds**

A Sub-Fund of AXA World Funds SICAV

Share class: AXA World Funds - US High Yield Bonds A Distribution Monthly USD (ISIN: LU1105446774) This Sub-Fund is managed by AXA Funds Management S.A., part of the AXA IM Group

# **Objective and Investment Policy**

## **Investment Objective**

The Sub-Fund investment objective is to seek high income and capital growth by investing in US high yield debt securities over a long term period.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Sub-Fund is actively managed in order to capture opportunities in US bonds offering high income. The following investment decisions are undertaken after comprehensive macroeconomic and microeconomic analysis of the market:

- issuer selection
- sector allocation
- credit curve positioning (the credit curve illustrates the relationship between the investment term and the credit yield)

The Sub-Fund invests:

- permanently two thirds of its total assets in high yield fixed or floating rates bonds issued by public or private companies domiciled in US. Such high return bonds have a rating lower than BBB- according to Standard & Poor's or equivalent rating (Moody's or other rating agency) or are not rated
- not more than one third of its assets in securities domiciled in Canada or European markets or in sovereign debt securities or in money market instruments
- not more than one quarter of its assets in convertible securities and not more than one tenth of its assets in equity

The selection of credit instruments is not exclusively and mechanically based on their publicly available credit ratings but also on an internal credit or market risk analysis. The decision to buy or sell assets is also based on other analysis criteria of the Investment Manager.

The Sub-Fund may invest up to 10% of net assets in contingent convertible bonds (CoCos).

Derivatives, including Credit Default Swaps, may be used for efficient portfolio management and investment. For the avoidance of doubt, the use of derivatives for investment purposes is limited to 40% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund.

Income

For Distribution share classes (Dis), the dividend is distributed.

#### **Sub-Fund Currency**

The reference currency of the Sub-Fund is USD.

#### **Investment Horizon**

This Sub-Fund may not be suitable for investors who plan to withdraw their contribution within 7 years.

### **Processing of subscription and redemption orders**

The subscription, conversion or redemption orders must be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent on any Valuation Day no later than 3 p.m. Luxembourg time. Orders will be processed at the Net Asset Value applicable to such Valuation Day. The investor's attention is drawn to the existence of potential additional processing time due to the possible involvement of intermediaries such as Financial Advisers or distributors.

The Net Asset Value of this Sub-Fund is calculated on a daily basis.

# **Risk and Reward Profile**

Lower risk				Higher risk 、		
Potentially lower reward				Potentially higher reward		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

The risk category is calculated using historical performance data and may not be a reliable indicator of the Sub-Fund's future risk profile.

The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may shift over time.

The lowest category does not mean risk free.

# Why is this Sub-Fund in this category?

The capital of the Sub-Fund is not guaranteed. The Sub-Fund is invested in financial markets and uses techniques and instruments which are subject to some levels of variation, which may result in gains or losses.

## **Additional Risks**

Counterparty Risk: Risk of bankruptcy, insolvency, or payment or delivery failure of any of the Sub-Fund's counterparties, leading to a payment or delivery default.

Liquidity Risk: risk of low liquidity level in certain market conditions that might lead the Sub-Fund to face difficulties valuing, purchasing or selling all/part of its assets and resulting in potential impact on its net asset value.

Credit Risk: Risk that issuers of debt securities held in the Sub-Fund may default on their obligations or have their credit rating downgraded, resulting in a decrease in the Net Asset Value.

Impact of any techniques such as derivatives: Certain management strategies involve specific risks, such as liquidity risk, credit risk, counterparty risk, legal risk, valuation risk, operational risk and risks related to the underlying assets.

The use of such strategies may also involve leverage, which may increase the effect of market movements on the Sub-Fund and may result in significant risk of losses.



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# **Charges**

The charges you pay are used to pay the cost of running the fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

#### One-off charges taken before or after you invest

Entry Charge	3.00%				
Exit Charge	none				
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested.					
Charges taken from the fund over a year					
Ongoing charge	1.45%				
Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions					

none

The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases, you might pay less - you can find this out from your Financial Adviser.

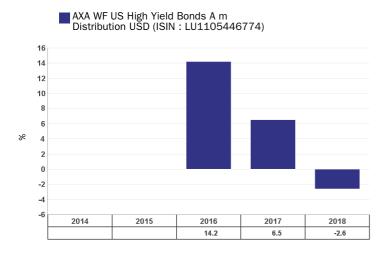
The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the twelve month period ending December 2018. This figure is adjusted with implemented budget changes for 2018. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes:

- Performance fees
- Portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Sub-Fund when buying or selling units in another collective investment undertaking

For more information about charges, please refer to the Fees and Expenses section of the prospectus which is available at <a href="https://www.axa-im.com">www.axa-im.com</a>.

# **Past Performance**

Performance fees



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Past performance is shown after the deduction of ongoing charges. Any entry/exit fees are excluded from the calculation.

The Sub-Fund was launched on 29/11/2006 and the share class in 2015. Past performance has been calculated in USD and is expressed as a percentage change of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value at each year end.

# **Practical Information**

## **Custodian:**

State Street Bank Luxembourg S.C.A. 49, Avenue J.F. Kennedy L-1855 Luxembourg

# **Further Information:**

More detailed information on this Sub-Fund, such as the prospectus as well as the latest annual and semi-annual report, can be obtained free of charge, in English, German, French, Spanish and Italian from the Sub-Fund Management Company, the central administrator, the Sub-Funds' distributors or online at <a href="https://www.axa-im.com">www.axa-im.com</a>.

More share classes are available for this Sub-Fund. For more details about other share classes, please refer to the prospectus, which is available at <a href="https://www.axa-im.com">www.axa-im.com</a>.

Details of the up to date remuneration policy of the company are published online at  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ 

https://www.axa-im.com/en/remuneration. This includes the description of how remuneration and benefits are awarded for employees, and information on the remuneration committee. The company provides a paper copy free of charge upon request.

# **Net Asset Value Publication:**

The Net Asset Value per share is available at <a href="www.axa-im.com">www.axa-im.com</a>, and at the registered office of the Management Company.

## **Tax Legislation:**

The Sub-Fund is subject to the tax laws and regulations of Luxembourg. Depending on your own country of residence this might have an impact on your investments. For further details, you should consult a Tax Adviser.

## Liability Statement

AXA Funds Management S.A. may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus for the Sub-Fund.

# **Switching between Sub-Funds:**

Shareholders may apply for any share classes of any Sub-Funds to be

converted into share classes of another Sub-Fund, provided that the conditions for accessing the target share class, type or sub-type are fulfilled with respect to this Sub-Fund, on the basis of their respective Net Asset Value calculated on the Valuation Day following receipt of the conversion request.

The redemption and subscription costs connected with the conversion may be charged to the shareholder as indicated in the prospectus.

For more details about how to switch compartment, please refer to the prospectus, section switch between Sub-Funds, which is available at <a href="https://www.axa-im.com">www.axa-im.com</a>.

