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 - Euro Credit Total Return**

A Sub-Fund of AXA World Funds SICAV

Share class: AXA World Funds - Euro Credit Total Return E Capitalisation EUR (ISIN: LU1164220854) 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's investment objective is to maximize total return from a combination of income and capital growth by investing in fixed income securities mainly denominated in Euro over a long term period.

#### **Investment Policy**

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

- sector allocation
- geographical allocation
- duration positioning (duration measures, in number of years, the portfolio's sensitivity to interest rate variations)
- credit curve positioning (the yield curve illustrates the relationship between investment term and credit yield)
- issuer selection
- instrument selection

The Sub-Fund is exposed (via direct investments or through credit derivatives) mainly to corporate and sovereign bonds rated investment grade issued in OECD countries. The remaining part of the assets of the Sub-Fund may also be exposed to such bonds rated sub-investment grade.

The Sub-Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in in contingent convertible bonds (CoCos) and up to 15% in bonds of emerging markets issuers.

Investment grade securities will be rated at least BBB- by Standard & Poor's or equivalent rating by Moody's or Fitch or if unrated then deemed to be so by the Investment Manager. Sub-investment grade securities will be rated between BB+ and B- by Standard & Poor's or equivalent rating by Moody's or Fitch or if unrated then deemed to be so by the Investment Manager. In case of downgrade below B- by Standard & Poor's or equivalent rating by Moody's or Fitch or if unrated then deemed to be so by the Investment Manager, securities will be sold within 6 months.

If two different ratings of rating agencies exist, the lower rating will be considered, if more than two different ratings of rating agencies exist, the second highest rating will be considered.

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 also invest in Money Market Instruments.

The Investment Manager anticipates that the average duration of the Sub-Fund's investments will be in a range between zero and five years.

Within a limit of 200% of the Sub-Fund's net assets, the investment strategy may be achieved by direct investments and/or through derivatives especially by entering into Credit Default Swap. Derivatives may also be used for hedging purposes.

#### Income

For Capitalisation share classes (Cap), the dividend is reinvested.

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

The reference currency of the Sub-Fund is EUR.

#### **Investment Horizon**

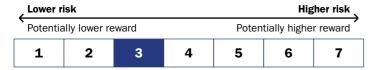
This Sub-Fund may not be suitable for investors who plan to withdraw their contribution within 5 years.

## **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**



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.



## **FIXED INCOME**

## **AXA World Funds - Euro Credit Total Return**

## **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

Charges taken from the fund over a vear	
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested.	
Exit Charge	none
Entry Charge	none

Ongoing charge 1.72%

Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions

Performance fees none

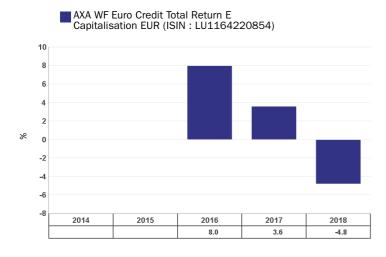
The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases, you might pay less - you can find this out from your Financial Adviser.

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="www.axa-im.com">www.axa-im.com</a>.

## **Past Performance**



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 26/02/2015 and the share class in 2015. Past performance has been calculated in EUR 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 www.axa-im.com.

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 www.axa-im.com.

Details of the up to date remuneration policy of the company are published online at

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 www.axa-im.com, 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.

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 www.axa-im.com.

