

## BGF US Dollar High Yield Bond Fund A2 EUR Hedged

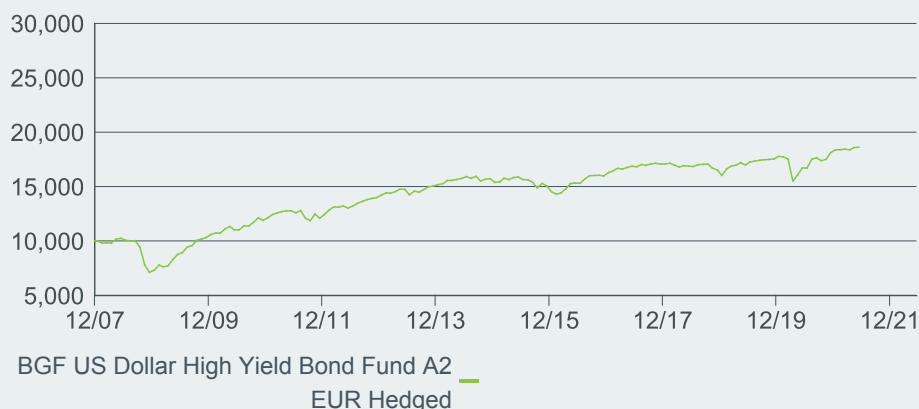
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Unless otherwise stated, Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Asset information as at: 31-May-2021. All other data as at 13-Jun-2021.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The US Dollar High Yield Bond Fund seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total assets in high yield fixed income transferable securities denominated in US dollars. The Fund may invest in the full spectrum of available fixed income transferable securities, including non-investment grade. Currency exposure is flexibly managed.

## GROWTH OF 10,000 SINCE LAUNCH



## CUMULATIVE &amp; ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

	Cumulative (%)				Annualised (% p.a.)			
	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 years	Since Launch
Share Class	0.18	0.97	2.70	1.34	11.42	3.35	3.98	4.73
Share Class [Max. IC applied]	-4.83	-4.08	-2.43	-3.72	5.85	1.60	2.91	4.33
Base Share Class	0.24	1.19	3.23	1.70	12.77	5.95	6.38	4.99
Base Share Class [Max. IC applied]	-4.78	-3.87	-1.93	-3.39	7.13	4.15	5.29	4.80

The share class currency is as indicated in the "Key Facts" section. For currency hedged share classes only, the benchmark reflected is in the fund base currency.

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Share Class	3.34	10.94	-6.13	4.84	12.15

\*Performance shown from share class launch date to calendar year end.



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## KEY FACTS

<b>Asset Class</b>	Fixed Income
<b>Morningstar Cat.</b>	Other Bond
<b>Fund Launch</b>	29-Oct-1993
<b>Share Class Launch</b>	14-Dec-2007
<b>Fund Base CCY</b>	U.S. Dollar
<b>Share Class CCY</b>	Euro
<b>Fund Size (mil)</b>	3557.915969
<b>Domicile</b>	Luxembourg
<b>Fund Type</b>	UCITS
<b>ISIN</b>	LU0330917963
<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b>	MERCAA2
<b>Distribution Frequency</b>	N/A

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

James Keenan  
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Mitchell Garfin

## TOP HOLDINGS (%)

ISHARES \$ HIGH YIELD CRP BND ETF \$	1.42
CONNECT FINCO SARL 144A 6.75 10/01/2026	0.70
ALTICE FRANCE HOLDING SA 144A 10.5 05/15/2027	0.64
PANTHER BF AGGREGATOR 2 LP 144A 8.5 05/15/2027	0.64
RADIATE HOLDCO LLC / RADIATE FINAN 144A 6.5 09/15/2028	0.57
ALLIANT HOLDINGS INTERMEDIATE LLC 144A 6.75 10/15/2027	0.53
CHS/COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC 144A 6.625 02/15/2025	0.51
ZAYO GROUP HOLDINGS INC 144A 4 03/01/2027	0.49
ALLIED UNIVERSAL HOLDCO LLC 144A 6.625 07/15/2026	0.49
CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT INC 144A 6.25 07/01/2025	0.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.46</b>

## SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)

	Fund
Industrial	85.27%
Financial Ins.	7.01%
Equity	2.04%
Utility	1.49%
Cash and/or Derivatives	1.47%
ETFs	1.42%
ABS	1.10%
Agency	0.21%

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Effective Duration (years)	5.33 yrs
Yield to Worst (%)	4.13
3 Years Volatility	9.17
5 Years Volatility	7.35
3 Years Beta	0.98
5 Years Beta	0.98

## FEES AND CHARGES

Max Initial Charge (IC)	5.00%
Management Fee	1.25%
Performance Fee	0.00%

## MATURITY BREAKDOWN (%)

	Fund
Cash and/or Derivatives	1.47%
0 - 1 Years	17.02%
1 - 2 Years	11.53%
2 - 3 Years	10.20%
3 - 5 Years	27.99%
5 - 7 Years	11.06%
7 - 10 Years	13.43%
10 - 15 Years	2.41%
15 - 20 Years	1.04%
20+ Years	3.85%

## CREDIT RATINGS (%)

	Fund
Cash and/or Derivatives	1.47%
A Rated	0.59%
BBB Rated	2.45%
BB Rated	33.08%
B Rated	40.43%
CCC Rated	17.43%
CC	0.02%
C Rated	0.00%
D Rated	0.00%
Not Rated	4.52%



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<b>MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)</b>	BB	<b>MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)</b>	3.80
<b>MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile</b>	51.96%	<b>MSCI ESG % Coverage</b>	78.27%
<b>Fund Lipper Global Classification</b>	Bond USD High Yield	<b>MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)</b>	266.80
<b>Funds in Peer Group</b>	408		

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **07-May-2021**, based on holdings as of **30-Nov-2020**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

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**MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile:** The fund's ESG Percentile compared to its Lipper peer group.

**Fund Lipper Global Classification:** The fund peer group as defined by the Lipper Global Classification.

**Funds in Peer Group:** The number of funds from the relevant Lipper Global Classification peer group that are also in ESG coverage.

**MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10):** The MSCI ESG Quality Score (0 - 10) for funds is calculated using the weighted average of the ESG scores of fund holdings. The Score also considers ESG Rating trend of holdings and the fund exposure to holdings in the laggard category. MSCI rates underlying holdings according to their exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

**MSCI ESG % Coverage:** Percentage of a fund's holdings that have MSCI ESG ratings data.

**MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES):** Measures a fund's exposure to carbon intensive companies. This figure represents the estimated greenhouse gas emissions per \$1 million in sales across the fund's holdings. This allows for comparisons between funds of different sizes.

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