

# Key Investor Information



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.

## Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond Fund - Class B Shares

Income Shares - ISIN GB0030816713 (also representative of Accumulation Shares ISIN GB00B1W0GF10)

This Fund is a sub-fund of Baillie Gifford Bond Funds ICVC which is an Investment Company with Variable Capital. Baillie Gifford & Co Limited is the Authorised Corporate Director of the Fund and is wholly owned by Baillie Gifford & Co.

### Objectives and investment policy

#### Objective

- The Fund aims to produce a combination of income and capital growth.

#### Policy

- The Fund will invest at least 80% in sub-investment grade bonds.
- The fund may also invest in other bonds.
- The bonds in which the Fund invests will be denominated in sterling or denominated in other currencies and hedged back to sterling.
- Currency forwards and derivatives, which are types of financial contracts, are used for both investment purposes and in the management of risk.
- The Fund will be actively managed.

#### Other Information

- Bonds are a type of investment which can be issued by governments, companies and other organisations when they want to borrow money. The issuer of the bond owes the holder a debt. The issuer is obliged to pay interest and/or repay the debt at a later date.
- Sub-investment grade bonds typically mean the risk of non-payment is high.
- You can sell some or all of your shares on any business day in the United Kingdom by contacting our Dealing Department by phone or post. Where properly completed documentation is received by post, shares will be sold at the next valuation point following receipt of the instruction.
- For Income shares any income due to you will be paid into your bank or building society account, paid on the dates specified in the Prospectus.
- For Accumulation shares income will be re-invested. No further shares will be purchased but the reinvestment will be reflected in the price of your existing accumulation shares. You are, however, deemed to have received the income for tax purposes.
- For further explanation and information see the investment objective and policy section of the Prospectus, which is available by contacting us.
- Recommendation: this Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within three years.

### Risk and reward profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards,  
lower risk

Typically higher rewards,  
higher risk



- Please note that even the lowest risk class can lose you money and that extreme adverse market circumstances can mean you suffer severe losses in all cases.
- The Fund is classified in the category above because it invests in corporate bonds which generally provide higher rewards and higher risks than other investments such as government bonds and cash.
- The indicator does not take into account the following relevant material risks:
  - Investment markets can go down as well as up and market conditions can change rapidly. The value of an investment in the Fund, and any income from it, can fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount invested.
  - Custody of assets involves a risk of loss if the custodian becomes insolvent or breaches duties of care.
  - Bonds issued by companies and governments may be adversely affected by changes in interest rates, expectations of inflation and a decline in the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. The issuers of bonds in which the Fund invests may not be able to pay the bond income as promised or could fail to repay the capital amount.
  - The Fund's concentrated portfolio relative to similar funds may result in large movements in the share price in the short term.
  - Derivatives may be used to obtain, increase or reduce exposure to assets and may result in the Fund being leveraged. This may result in greater movements (down or up) in the price of shares in the Fund. It is not our intention that the use of derivatives will significantly alter the overall risk profile of the Fund.
  - Market values for securities which are difficult to trade may not be readily available, and there can be no assurance that any value assigned to them will reflect the price the Fund might receive upon their sale. In certain circumstances it can be difficult to buy or sell the Fund's holdings and even small purchases or sales can cause their prices to move significantly, affecting the value of the Fund and the price of shares in the Fund.
  - The process for the UK to exit the European Union introduces elements of political uncertainty and may have practical consequences for the Fund. Developments will be closely monitored.

## Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs 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	0.00%
Exit charge	0.00%

These are the maximum charges that we might take out of your money before it is invested and before we pay out the sale proceeds of your investment. In some cases, you might pay less and you should speak to your financial adviser about this.

### Charges taken from the Fund over a year

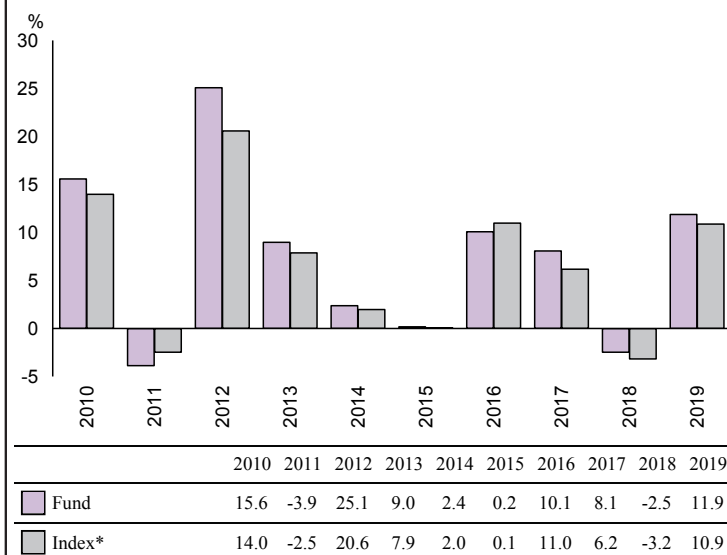
Ongoing charges	0.37%
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### Charges taken from the Fund under specific conditions

Performance fee	NONE
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- The ongoing charges figure is based on the last year's expenses and may vary from year to year. It excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the Fund (unless these assets are shares of another fund).
- For the ongoing charges, the figure is for Income Shares and is at 30/09/2019.
- Portfolio transaction costs, which are not included in the calculation of the ongoing charges figure but are incurred by the Fund when buying or selling investments, may have an impact on performance and are paid from the assets of the Fund.
- The Fund's annual report for each financial year will include detail on the exact charges made.
- All of the Fund's expenses (including the annual management fee) as represented by the ongoing charges figure will be taken from the Fund's capital. This will reduce the capital value of the Fund.
- You can find further details about the charges in Part 5 of the Prospectus.

## Past performance



Source: FE fundinfo 2020

- You should be aware that past performance is not a guide to future performance.
- Fund launch date: 30/11/2001.
- Share/unit class launch date: 28/02/2002.
- Performance is calculated in GBP.
- Performance reflects the annual charge but excludes any initial charge paid.
- Performance is for Income Shares.
- Performance figures are to 31 December each year.
- \* IA Sterling High Yield

## Practical information

- The Fund's Depository is NatWest Trustee & Depository Services Limited.
- This document describes only one share class and other share classes are available. Further information on the Fund, the Prospectus and the latest annual and interim reports are available from Baillie Gifford or by visiting the website at [www.bailliegifford.com](http://www.bailliegifford.com). The remuneration policy, which includes details of (a) how remuneration and benefits are calculated and (b) the committee responsible for approving all remuneration policies within the firm, is also at the website address noted. All such documents are available in English, on paper and are free of charge on request.
- This Key Investor Information Document describes the Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond Fund only. The Prospectus and the annual and interim reports and accounts are prepared for the whole ICVC.
- The Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond Fund is a sub-fund of Baillie Gifford Bond Funds ICVC. The assets of the Fund are segregated from other sub-funds in the ICVC. This means that the assets of one sub-fund should not be used to meet the liabilities of another sub-fund.
- You can also find other information, including the Fund's latest prices, on our website.
- Tax laws in the United Kingdom may have an impact on your own tax position.
- You may at any time switch all or some of your shares in the Fund for shares in any fund of any of the Baillie Gifford ICVC(s).
- Baillie Gifford & Co Limited 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 Fund.
- To contact us please call Client Relations on 0800 917 2113 (fax 0131 275 3955), visit our website at [www.bailliegifford.com](http://www.bailliegifford.com) or email us at [trustenquiries@bailliegifford.com](mailto:trustenquiries@bailliegifford.com).
- Your call may be recorded for training or monitoring purposes.