

## BlueBay Global High Yield Bond Fund

#### December 2020

#### FUND PERFORMANCE (%) GROSS OF FEES (USD)1

	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	3YR²	5YR <sup>2</sup>	10YR <sup>2</sup>	SI <sup>23</sup>
BlueBay Global High Yield Bond Fund	2.04	7.87	11.15	11.15	8.56	8.73	7.66	7.57
ICE BofA Merrill Lynch Global High Yield Constrained Index <sup>6</sup>	1.86	6.52	6.47	6.47	6.16	8.47	7.08	6.96
Alpha	0.18	1.35	4.68	4.68	2.40	0.26	0.58	0.61

#### **REVIEW & OUTLOOK**

#### Contributors

- The real-estate sector was the largest contributor to relative returns over the month, mostly driven by the overweight to China Evergrande Group. Evergrande's bonds rallied as the market became more confident in the company's ability to meet its heavy upcoming maturity profile.
- Basic industry was the other cyclical sector that outperformed. Notable contributors
  included a new issue from chemical manufacturer Rayonier AM and building and
  construction issuers, such as Brookfield and PowerTeam Services.
- A modest overweight and solid name selection within the banking sector contributed to excess returns. Top contributors included Mexican issuer Banco Mercantil del Norte and European banks such as Intesa Sanpaolo, Santander and UniCredit.
- From a rating perspective, the fund generated a significant proportion of relative returns from positive credit selection and overweight positioning in B-rated credits.

#### Detractors

- Conservative name selection within the energy sector detracted from relative performance as lower-rated energy credits performed over the month.
- Overweight positioning in CCC- and below-rated credits moderately detracted from relative performance.

#### Outlook

- We remain constructive on the outlook for the high-yield (HY) asset class, due to the combination of recovering credit quality and the dearth of options available to asset allocators.
- Valuations are in a tighter range, although (in our view) still appealing due to positive technical factors. Highly accommodative monetary policy – on top of investors' need for income – is maintaining a high level of investor demand for short-duration HY credit.
- Spreads are slightly above where they were a year ago, although we feel they are still
  attractive, as the underlying asset quality of the investment universe has meaningfully
  improved, with a greater tilt towards BB-rated credits.
- The rise in the number of cases of Covid-19 and the logistical issues surrounding the
  rollout of the vaccine are our key macroeconomic concerns; however, for now, these
  are counterbalanced by accommodative financial conditions, given existing policy
  measures
- The fund is positioned to be overweight risk, and we continue to rotate into issuers
  from more cyclical and moderately Covid-exposed sectors. At the same time, we
  remain disciplined in reducing exposure in names that are trading below our spread
  targets.

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To achieve a total return in excess of the ICE BAML Global High Yield Constrained Index from a global portfolio of fixed income securities

#### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

- The Fund invests predominantly in fixed income securities issued by sub-investment grade companies globally with at least 50% in US domiciled entities
- The Fund seeks to generate excess returns primarily via security selection; based upon high quality, proprietary research

# CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%) GROSS OF FEES¹ (USD)

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund	16.13	-0.89	7.84	10.15
Benchmark	14.54	-1.88	7.97	16.22
Alpha	1.60	1.00	-0.12	-6.07

# CUMULATIVE RELATIVE PERFORMANCE<sup>3</sup> GROSS OF FEES<sup>1</sup> (USD)



Past performance is not indicative of future results.

#### FUND CHARACTERISTICS7

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>6</sup>
Weighted interest rate duration (yrs)	3.45	3.40
Weighted spread duration (yrs)	3.63	3.60
Weighted yield to worst (%)	4.85	4.24
Weighted yield to worst non-cash diluted (%)	5.15	4.24
Weighted spread	464.00	407.00
Weighted coupon (%)	6.25	5.63
Weighted coupon non-cash diluted (%)	6.62	5.63
Total no. of issuers	144	1,555
Weighted rating	BB-	BB-
Average position (%)	0.45	0.03
FRNS and loans (%)	0.00	N/A

Note: Defaulted securities are excluded from Spread and Yield calculations.

#### RISK STATISTICS4

Standard Deviation	6.23%
Tracking Error	1.89%
Information Ratio	0.32



#### **FUND FACTS**

Total fund size <sup>5</sup>	USD 2,077m
Inception date	02 November 2010
Base currency	USD
Benchmark	ICE BofA Merrill Lynch Global High Yield Constrained Index
Fund legal name	BlueBay Funds - BlueBay Global High Yield Bond Fund
Share classes	Information on available Share Classes and eligibility for this Fund are detailed in the BlueBay Funds Prospectus and Application Form
Fund type	UCITS
Domicile	Luxembourg
Investment manager	BlueBay Asset Management LLP

#### TOP 5 ISSUERS (%)

Petroleos Mexicanos	2.72
Evergrande Real Estate	2.06
Occidental Petroleum Corp	1.66
SFR Group	1.57
Ford Motor Credit	1.53

### TOP SECTOR RELATIVE WEIGHTS (%)

Overweights		Underweights	
Media	5.02	Consumer Goods	-3.28
Banking	1.24	Technology & Electronics	-1.75
Real Estate	0.22	Automotive	-1.75
Basic Industry	0.14	Capital Goods	-1.65
Retail	0.12	Transportation	-1.63

#### **TEAM**

	Joined BlueBay	Investment industry experience
Andrzej Skiba	February 2005	19 years
Justin Jewell	April 2009	19 years
Tim Leary	January 2012	15 Years
Size of team	27 investment professionals	
Average investment industry experience	16 yea	rs

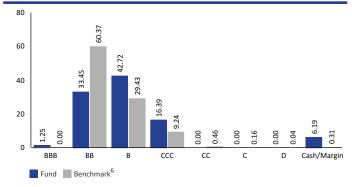
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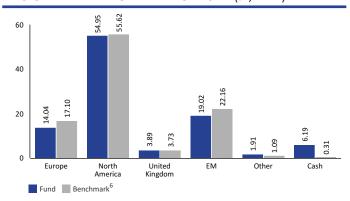
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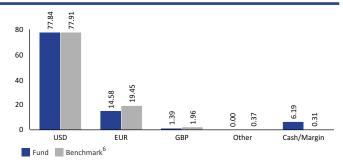
#### CREDIT QUALITY BREAKDOWN (%, NAV)



#### REGIONAL BREAKDOWN BY DOMICILE (%, NAV)



### CURRENCY BREAKDOWN (BEFORE HEDGING %, NAV)



Performance shown for 1yr periods onwards are annualised figures.

While gross of fee figures would reflect the reinvestment of all dividends and earnings, it would not reflect the deduction of investment management and performance fees. An investor's return will be reduced by the deduction of applicable fees which will vary with the rate of return on the strategy. For example, if there was an annualised return of 10% over a 5-year period then the compounding effect of a 0.60% management fee and a 0.20% performance fee would reduce the annualised return to 9.32% (figures used are only to demonstrate the effect of charges and are not an indicator of future performance). In addition, the typical fees and expenses charged to a strategy will offset the strategy's trading profits. A description of the specific fee structure for each BlueBay strategy is contained in the strategy's prospectus.

Risk statistics are annualized and calculated using weekly data points since inception. Risk statistics will be produced once there are 3 complete months of data available; for meaningful results a minimum sample of 36 data points is recommended and where history is less than 3 years caution should be taken with the interpretation and representation of this data. Returns for periods of less than 1 year have not been annualised in accordance with current industry standard reporting practices.

The Fund AUM is stated on a T+1 basis and includes non-fee earning assets. Benchmark:ICE BofA Merrill Lynch Global High Yield Constrained Index

All weighted calculations since April 2008 exclude non-interest rate bearing assets and non-debt related instruments.

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