

USD Investment Grade Credit Fund

OBJECTIVES AND PROCESS

- Seeks total return, maximising investment income whilst preserving capital
- Invests at least two-thirds of its assets in US\$-denominated credit debt securities of investment grade (or equivalent) at the time of purchase
- Invests at least 5% of its assets in green, sustainable, sustainable-linked and social bonds
- Focuses on bottom-up credit research seeking to balance income whilst aiming for a competitive yield to drive total returns
- Favours companies with strong or improving ESG positions and incorporates into its rigorous fundamental analysis
- Uses a negative screen to exclude securities issued by companies based on their exposure to ESG risks
- May invest:
 - One-third of its assets in debt securities rated below investment grade and non US\$-denominated debt securities
 - Up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities
 - Using futures/derivatives for hedging, efficient portfolio management or for investment purposes

Key Risks

- Debt securities risk**
- Asset-backed securities risk**
- High yield securities risk**
- ESG risk**
- Contingent Convertible Bonds Risk**
- Geographic concentration risk**
- Global investment risk**
- Leverage Risk**

Calendar-year-performance (%)

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Class A (USD)*	2.08	7.47	-16.51	-1.97	10.76	14.63	-2.94	6.33	—	—
Class A-Dist (USD)*	2.09	7.46	-16.48	-1.95	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bloomberg U.S. Credit Bond Index ¹	2.03	8.18	-15.26	-1.08	9.35	13.80	-2.11	6.18	—	—

Performance (%)

	Annualized							Since Inception
	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	
Class A (USD)	2.03	0.77	2.68	6.22	-0.43	-0.34	—	2.45
Class A-Dist (USD)	2.06	0.78	2.69	6.23	-0.41	-0.33	—	-0.29
Bloomberg U.S. Credit Bond Index ¹	2.04	0.67	2.61	6.41	0.35	0.02	—	2.69

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance calculations are net of all applicable fees and are calculated on a NAV-to-NAV basis (with income re-invested). Performance shown is for class and currency indicated and returns may increase/decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. *Share class inception date Class A (USD) 15 December 2016; Class A-Dist (USD) 24 February 2020.

Fund information

Fund managers: Scott M. Smith, CFA; Jonathan Terry, CFA
Fund inception date: 15 December 2016
Asset class: U.S fixed income
Financial year-end: 31 March
Fund size: \$298.42m (USD)
Base currency: USD
Benchmark: Bloomberg US Credit TR USD¹

Minimum investment (or equivalent value): \$1,000 (USD)
Management approach: Actively managed
SFDR: Article 8[†]

[†]Promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have a sustainable investment objective.

Investors should note that, relative to the expectations of the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, this fund presents disproportionate communication on the consideration of non-financial criteria in its investment policy.



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Portfolio characteristics

	Fund
Average credit quality	A-
Duration (yrs)	6.78
Weighted average coupon	4.20
Weighted average maturity	10.49
Yield to maturity	5.24%
Yield to worst	5.14%

Sources: FactSet and Allspring Global Investments.

Geographic allocation (%)

	Fund	Benchmark ¹
North America	77.45	80.08
Europe	16.22	7.76
Asia/Pacific ex-Japan	5.15	3.02
Japan	1.20	2.11

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments.

Largest holdings (%)

	Fund
Micron Technology, Inc.	1.43
US Treasuries	1.39
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Danske Bank A/S	1.31
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.25
Citigroup Inc.	1.23
Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company	1.20
Morgan Stanley	1.19
Santander Holdings USA, Inc.	1.13
AT&T Inc.	1.12

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Sector weights (%)

	Fund	Benchmark ¹
Financials	44.89	26.97
Information technology	15.34	8.01
Communication services	13.11	6.79
Health care	5.51	8.33
Treasuries	5.18	—
Real estate	4.66	2.30
Consumer discretionary	4.08	6.09
Industrials	2.89	6.30
Energy	1.76	6.22
Consumer staples	1.32	4.95

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments.

Maturity distribution (%)

	Fund
0 - 3 years	17.73
3 - 5 years	18.76
5 - 10 years	38.37
10+ years	25.17
Cash & equivalents	-0.02

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: manager database.

Credit rating allocation (%)

	Fund	Benchmark ¹
AAA/Aaa	0.00	6.85
AA/Aa	6.86	9.21
A/A	41.44	40.29
BBB/Baa	50.83	43.64
BB/Ba	0.88	—
Cash & equivalents	-0.02	—

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments.

Credit asset class (%)

	Fund
Corporate bonds	94.85
Treasuries	5.18
Cash & equivalents	-0.02

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments.

Distribution information

	12 Month Distribution	Last payment amount	Last paid	Frequency
Class A-Dist (USD) Distributing	3.99%	0.27	10 Feb 2025	Monthly

The distribution yield is based on the actual distributions paid by the fund. The distribution yield is calculated by summing the fund's distributions over the preceding 12 months and dividing that figure by the applicable share price at the end of the period.



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Share class information

	Inception Date	Distribution Type	ISIN Code	Bloomberg ID	NAV	Annual mgmt fee	Ongoing charges / TER (%)**
Class A (USD)	15 Dec 2016	Accumulating	LU1528095570	WFUIAAU LX	121.93	0.80	0.95
Class A-Dist (USD)	24 Feb 2020	Distributing	LU2087628181	WEIGCAU LX	87.25	0.80	0.95

**The ongoing charges/total expense ratio (TER) reflects annual total operating expenses for the class, excludes transaction costs and is expressed as a percentage of net asset value. The figure shown is from current KID. The investment manager has committed to reimburse the Sub-Fund when the ongoing charges exceed the agreed upon TER. Ongoing charges may vary over time.

ESG metrics

MSCI ESG SCORE

	Fund		Benchmark ¹	
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage
MSCI Overall Score	6.8	97%	6.6	96%

Data is sourced from MSCI ESG Research where companies are rated on a scale of 0 – 10 (0 - worst, 10 - best). Weighted average scores exclude effects of unrated securities.

SUSTAINALYTICS ESG RISK SCORE

	Value	Coverage
Fund	20	93%
Benchmark ¹	22	92%

ESG Risk Ratings measure exposure to and management of ESG risks. Lower risk scores reflect less ESG risk. Sustainalytics ESG Risk Scores measure ESG risks on a scale of 0 – 100 (0 - no ESG Risk, >40 - Severe ESG Risk).

PRODUCT/ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT (%)

	Fund	Benchmark ¹
Controversial Weapons	0.00	1.87
Oil Sands	0.00	0.21
Small Arms	0.00	0.00
Thermal Coal	0.00	0.78
Tobacco	0.00	0.98
UN Global Compact non-compliant	0.00	1.60

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CARBON CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund		Benchmark ¹		% above / below benchmark
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage	
Carbon to value invested (metric tons CO2e/\$MM invested)*	34	91%	70	84%	-51%
Weighted average carbon intensity (metric tons CO2e/ \$1MM revenues)*	72	91%	262	90%	-72%

*Carbon emissions includes operational and first-tier supply chain greenhouse gas emissions. Data sourced from S&P Trucost Limited.

Fund Risks

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