## BlueBay Investment Grade Bond Fund

February 2022

#### Fund Performance (%) Gross of Fees (EUR)1

#### For Professional Investors Only

	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	3YR <sup>2</sup>	5YR <sup>2</sup>	10YR <sup>2</sup>	Sl <sup>23</sup>
BlueBay Investment Grade Bond Fund	-2.83	-4.25	-4.20	-3.71	2.61	2.40	3.72	4.98
iBoxx Euro Corporates Index <sup>6</sup>	-2.74	-4.17	-4.07	-4.21	0.59	0.81	2.72	3.44
Alpha	-0.09	-0.08	-0.13	0.50	2.02	1.59	1.00	1.54

#### **Review & Outlook**

#### Contributors

- · Short US duration
- · Issuer underweights
- · Underweight Gazprom

#### Detractors

- Modestly long corporate risk (beta)
- · CDS index outperformed cash bonds
- Subordinated debt overweights

#### Outloo

- Events in Ukraine make the outlook uncertain with many moving parts. As such, we feel it is an environment to keep risk close to home and protect capital for now.
- In our opinion, underlying growth in developed markets remains robust. If anything, current events should create even more inflationary pressure from rising commodity prices and supply-chain disruptions.
- We believe the US economy in particular is relatively insulated. European
  growth looks more vulnerable. In the UK, we see inflation expectations
  becoming a problem, so expect the Bank of England to continue tightening
  policy. A bias to run short duration in the UK and US against long duration in
  Europe makes sense to us given this view.
- We believe corporate bonds could benefit from a potential delay to the tapering of European Central Bank quantitative easing. Investors generally seem to have been conservatively positioned through the volatility, which should make for some solid technicals when newsflow improves. As ever, the uncertainties surrounding Ukraine make timing important, so having liquidity to allow us to be nimble will be critical.
- Corporate-credit investors are currently trying to grasp the impact of the Russia/Ukraine conflict on growth – and therefore earnings and the default cycle. However, we would highlight that geopolitical risk is another potential driver of issuer performance dispersion.
- Looking ahead, there are uncertainties surrounding Vladimir Putin's plans and the sanctions fallout, growth and inflation, and the resulting path of monetary policy on top of the path and long-term implications of Covid. We believe these will likely lead to alpha opportunities from macro positioning, and from playing the geographic/sector/issuer performance dispersion that follows as the market starts to differentiate between the winners and losers. While low yields make market returns look more challenged, we believe the volatility should give opportunities to generate alpha from our approach of long/short investing and a capital-preservation mindset.

#### **Investment Objective**

To achieve a total return in excess of the iBoxx Euro Corporates Index from a portfolio of investment grade-rated fixed income securities

#### **Investment Strategy**

- The Fund invests predominantly in fixed income securities issued by investment grade companies domiciled in the Eurozone
- The Fund seeks to generate excess returns via superior sector and security selection; based upon high quality, proprietary research
- Portfolio duration is controlled within a narrow band relative to the benchmark
- The Fund meets the conditions set out in Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance
  Disclosure Regulation as it promotes environmental/social characteristics
  through binding requirements as a key feature. Full details of the Fund's ESG
  framework are available online www.bluebay.com/en/investment-expertise/
  esg/approach/

#### Calendar Year Performance (%) Gross of Fees<sup>1</sup> (EUR)

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	0.12	5.86	8.38	-1.31
Benchmark	-1.08	2.73	6.29	-1.29
Alpha	1.20	3.13	2.09	-0.02

#### Cumulative Relative Performance<sup>3</sup> Gross of Fees<sup>1</sup> (EUR)



Past performance is not indicative of future results.

#### **Fund Characteristics**

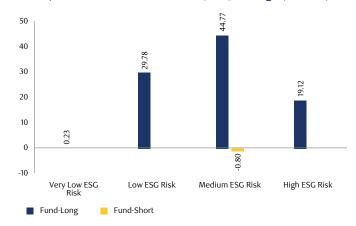
Fund	Benchmark <sup>6</sup>
5.12	5.13
4.52	5.13
6.13	5.13
1.51	1.32
177	3,419
109	682
BBB+	A-
82.48	100.00
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Note: Defaulted securities are excluded from Spread and Yield calculations.

#### Risk Statistics<sup>4</sup>

Standard Deviation	3.52%
Tracking Error	1.33%
Information Ratio	1.15

## BlueBay: Issuer Fundamental ESG (risk) Ratings (%, NAV)



## Top 3 Long Issuers By Spread Duration Contribution (Yrs)

lssuer	Years (absolute)		BlueBay ESG Fundamental (Risk) Rating <sup>8</sup>	BlueBay Investment ESG score <sup>9</sup>
Deutsche Bank AG	0.23	0.21	Medium ESG Risk	1
Eli Lilly & Co	0.16	0.13	Medium ESG Risk	0
Electricite de France SA	0.14	0.10	Medium ESG Risk	1

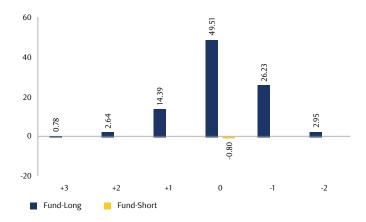
## Top 3 Short Issuers By Spread Duration Contribution (Yrs)

Issuer	Years (absolute)		BlueBay ESG Fundamental (Risk) Rating <sup>8</sup>	Investment
Valeo	-0.01	-0.01	Medium ESG Risk	-2

## Credit Quality Breakdown (%, NAV)

	Bonds	CDS Long <sup>7</sup>	CDS Short <sup>7</sup>	Index	Net exposure
AAA	15.56	-	-	0.27	15.29
AA	-	-	-	7.92	-7.92
A	8.58	1.02	-	37.52	-27.92
BBB	59.72	-	-0.49	53.89	5.34
ВВ	12.12	-	-5.56	0.40	6.16
В	1.04	-	-	-	1.04
NR	-	-	-	-	-
Cash	2.98	-	-	-	2.98
TOTAL	100.00	1.02	-6.05	100.00	-5.03

## BlueBay: Security Investment ESG Scores (%, NAV)

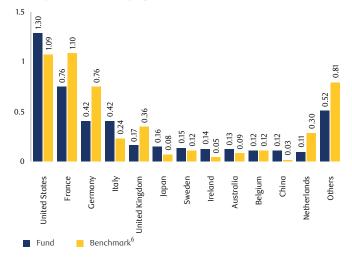


# Top Sector Spread Duration Contribution, Relative to Index (Yrs)

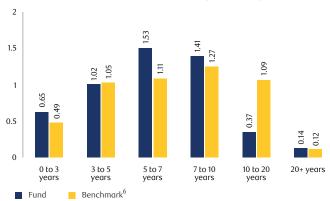
Overweights	
Technology	0.19
Health Care	0.16
Real Estate	0.11
Financial Services	0.10
Media	0.08

Underweights	
Utilities	-0.35
Telecommunications	-0.21
Food & Beverage	-0.19
Chemicals	-0.15
Personal & Household Goods	-0.14

## Country Breakdown by Spread Duration (Yrs)



### Interest Rate Duration Distribution by Maturity (Yrs)



#### **Fund Facts**

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Total fund size⁵	EUR 2,666m
Inception date	11 November 2003
Base currency	EUR
Benchmark	iBoxx Euro Corporates Index
Fund legal name	BlueBay Funds - BlueBay Investment Grade 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

#### Team

	Joined BlueBay	Investment industry experience
Andrzej Skiba	February 2005	20 years
Marc Stacey	September 2004	20 years
Thomas Moulds	December 2005	16 years
Size of team		32 investment professionals
Average investment industry expe	19 years	

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- Since Inception
  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 risk statistics will be produced once there are 3 complete months of data available; for meaning an 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:Boxx Euro Corporates Index

  CDS long exposure means sold protection and CDS short exposure means brought protection.

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