

# U.S. Short-Term High Yield Bond Fund

## OBJECTIVES AND PROCESS

- Seeks total return consisting of a high level of current income and capital appreciation
- Invests at least two-thirds of its assets in corporate debt securities that are below investment grade or, if unrated, of comparable quality, principally invested in below-investment-grade debt rated BB or B or equivalent
- Uses bottom-up fundamental credit analysis to generate new ideas and identify individual securities with good income and/or capital appreciation prospects
- May invest:
  - Up to 25% of its assets in US\$-denominated debt securities of non-US issuers
  - 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  
High yield securities risk  
Geographic concentration risk  
Global investment risk  
Asset-backed securities risk  
ESG 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)*                   | 5.93 | 7.00 | -4.08 | 3.64 | 5.90 | 5.72 | 0.38 | 1.59 | 3.20 | 0.74 |
| Class A-GrDist-Hedged-SGD (SGD)* | —    | —    | —     | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    |
| Class A-GrDist-USD (USD)*        | —    | —    | —     | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    |

## Performance (%)

|                                 | Annualized |         |      |      |      |      |      | Since Inception |
|---------------------------------|------------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|
|                                 | 1 Month    | 3 Month | YTD  | 1Y   | 3Y   | 5Y   | 10Y  |                 |
| Class A (USD)                   | 0.74       | 2.09    | 4.35 | 5.55 | 6.18 | 4.01 | 3.28 | 2.95            |
| Class A-GrDist-Hedged-SGD (SGD) | 0.52       | 1.44    | 2.84 | 3.39 | —    | —    | —    | 4.40            |
| Class A-GrDist-USD (USD)        | 0.75       | 2.10    | 4.36 | 5.56 | —    | —    | —    | 6.45            |

**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) 29 June 2012; Class A-GrDist-Hedged-SGD (SGD) 31 January 2024; Class A-GrDist-USD (USD) 31 January 2024.

## Fund information

**Fund managers:** Michael J. Schueller, CFA; Chris Lee, CFA  
**Fund inception date:** 29 June 2012  
**Asset class:** U.S fixed income  
**Financial year-end:** 31 March  
**Fund size:** \$58.00m (USD)  
**Base currency:** USD  
**Benchmark:** No benchmark<sup>1</sup>

**Minimum investment (or equivalent value):** \$1,000 (USD)  
**Management approach:** Actively managed  
**SFDR:** Article 6<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup>While the Sub-Funds listed above have access to both internal and external ESG research and integrate financially material sustainability risks into their investment decision-making processes, ESG-related factors are considered but not determinative, permitting the relevant Sub-Investment Managers to invest in issuers that do not embrace ESG; as such, sustainability risks may have a more material impact on the value of the Sub-Fund's investments in the medium to long term. The investments underlying these Sub-Funds do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.



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## Portfolio characteristics

|                                     | Fund  |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Average credit quality              | BB-   |
| Duration (yrs)                      | 1.25  |
| Weighted average coupon             | 6.24  |
| Weighted average effective maturity | 1.69  |
| Yield to maturity                   | 5.94% |

Sources: FactSet and Allspring Global Investments.

## Geographic allocation (%)

|               | Fund  |
|---------------|-------|
| North America | 93.92 |
| Europe ex UK  | 1.55  |
| Japan         | 1.02  |
| Diversified   | 0.99  |
| Latin America | 0.64  |
| UK            | 0.34  |

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

## Largest holdings (%)

|  | Fund |
|--|------|
| Sirius XM Radio LLC                                    | 2.02 |
| CCO Holdings, LLC                                      | 1.96 |
| Royal Caribbean Group                                  | 1.72 |
| Vistra Operations Co. LLC                              | 1.70 |
| Churchill Downs Incorporated                           | 1.47 |
| GEO Group, Inc.  | 1.47 |
| Emera Incorporated                                     | 1.43 |
| Fortress Transportation & Infrastructure Investors LLC | 1.40 |
| Kinetik Holdings LP                                    | 1.24 |
| SS&C Technologies, Inc.                                | 1.21 |

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments. The information shown is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, a recommendation to buy or sell an individual security.

## Sector weights (%)

|                        | Fund  |
|------------------------|-------|
| Consumer Cyclical      | 21.54 |
| Financial institutions | 17.03 |
| Other corporates       | 15.52 |
| Energy                 | 11.73 |
| Technology             | 9.04  |
| Communications         | 8.33  |
| Consumer Non-cyclical  | 8.07  |
| Utilities              | 7.21  |

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

## Maturity distribution (%)

|                    | Fund  |
|--------------------|-------|
| 0 - 3 years        | 87.80 |
| 3 - 5 years        | 10.66 |
| Cash & equivalents | 1.54  |

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

## Credit rating allocation (%)

|                    | Fund  |
|--------------------|-------|
| BBB/Baa            | 4.64  |
| BB/Ba              | 63.05 |
| B/B                | 30.32 |
| CCC/Caa and below  | 0.46  |
| Cash & equivalents | 1.54  |

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

## Credit asset class (%)

|                        | Fund  |
|------------------------|-------|
| Consumer cyclical      | 21.54 |
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| Other corporates       | 15.52 |
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## Share class information

|                                 | Inception Date | Distribution Type  | ISIN Code    | Bloomberg ID | NAV    | Annual mgmt fee | Ongoing charges /<br>TER (%)** |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Class A (USD)                   | 29 Jun 2012    | Accumulating       | LU0791592800 | WFUSSUA LX   | 146.69 | 1.00            | 1.15                           |
| Class A-GrDist-Hedged-SGD (SGD) | 31 Jan 2024    | Gross dist. hedged | LU2742506319 | ALSHYLA LX   | 99.48  | 1.00            | 1.15                           |
| Class A-GrDist-USD (USD)        | 31 Jan 2024    | Gross dist.        | LU2742506236 | WFIUSHA LX   | 102.67 | 1.00            | 1.15                           |

\*\*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.

### Key Risks

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1. The fund is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

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