

BlueBay Global High Yield ESG Bond Fund

Investment objective

The fund is actively managed and targets better returns than its benchmark, the ICE BofA Global High Yield Investment Grade Countries Index, fully hedged against USD, while taking into account Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") considerations.

Investment strategy

- There are no restrictions on the extent to which the fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the ones of the benchmark.
- At least two-thirds of the fund's investments will be in fixed income bonds which pay a comparatively high income, rated below investment grade by a credit rating agency.
- At least half of the fund's investments will be in fixed income bonds issued by companies/governments based in the United States.
- Up to 20% of the fund's assets may be invested in securities issued by governments, banks and corporates in Latin America and Asia respectively.

Fund performance (%) Gross of fees (USD)¹

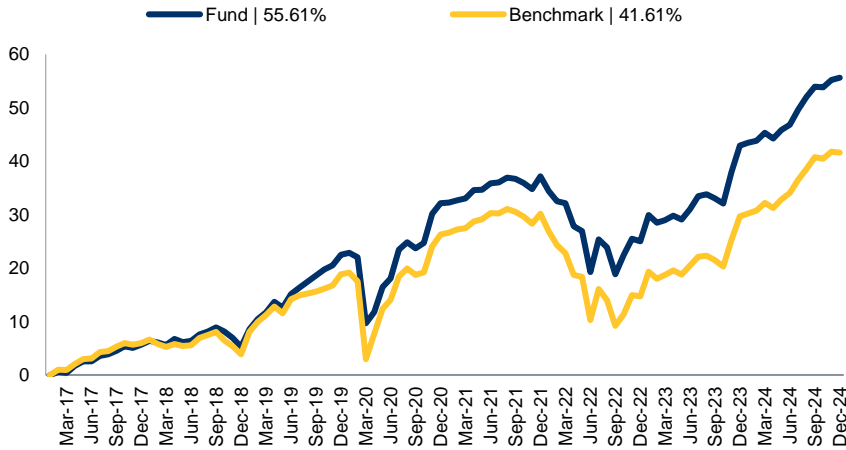
	1 M	3 M	YTD	1 Y	3 Y	5 Y	10 Y	SI*
Fund	0.25	1.10	8.86	8.86	4.29	4.90	-	5.76
Benchmark	-0.14	0.60	9.17	9.17	2.84	3.57	-	4.51
Relative	0.39	0.50	-0.30	-0.30	1.45	1.34	-	1.26

Calendar year performance (%) Gross of fees (USD)¹

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	8.86	14.31	-8.85	3.80	7.89	16.37	-0.39	-	-	-
Benchmark	9.17	13.04	-11.86	3.08	6.27	14.41	-1.98	-	-	-

ICE BofA Global High Yield Investment Grade Country Constrained index (Hedged to USD) is the benchmark for the Fund. The inception date for the Fund is 08 February 2017. *SI – Since inception.

Cumulative performance Gross of fees (USD) since inception¹



Risk statistics²

	Fund
Standard deviation (%)	6.82
Tracking error (%)	1.35
Information ratio	0.93

Contributors

- Overweight allocation to and credit selection in banking
- Credit selection in telecommunications
- Credit selection in healthcare

Detractors

- Credit selection in media
- Underweight allocation to retail
- Credit selection in automotives

Past performance does not predict future returns.

Outlook

- As we begin 2025, we believe caution is warranted, especially early in the year. We see a pretty binary outcome ahead, largely driven by the policy choices of Donald Trump's administration.
- In Europe, our base case is for a gradual improvement in growth, with the EU better prepared to navigate tariff negotiations with the US this time, but less prepared for more defence spending.
- With higher expected rates and a broadly positive backdrop for growth, we see a favourable environment for our asset class over the next few years.
- Although spreads and valuations have tightened, the beta opportunity will get an uplift from more meaningful M&A/leveraged buyout supply in 2025.
- We see compelling opportunities across a range of sectors but remain cautious on European automotives.
- Capital-structure sustainability remains the dominant theme in our analysis of high-yield credits.
- Our base case for defaults remains in low single digits, in a few well-known idiosyncratic stories.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation. Fees and other expenses will have a negative effect on investment returns. Performance shown for 1 year periods onwards are annualised figures.

This is a marketing communication. Please refer to the prospectus of the Fund before making any final investment decisions.

Source: RBC Global Asset Management, ICE Data Services as at 31 December 2024. This report is incomplete without the Legal Disclaimer included on the last page.

Fund characteristics

	Fund	Benchmark
Weighted interest rate duration (years)	2.93	3.24
Weighted spread duration (years)	3.13	3.13
Weighted spread	326	319
Coupon (%)	6.81	6.11
Yield to worst (%)	7.45	7.08
Number of issues	201	2,967
Number of issuers	153	1,515
Weighted rating	B+	B+

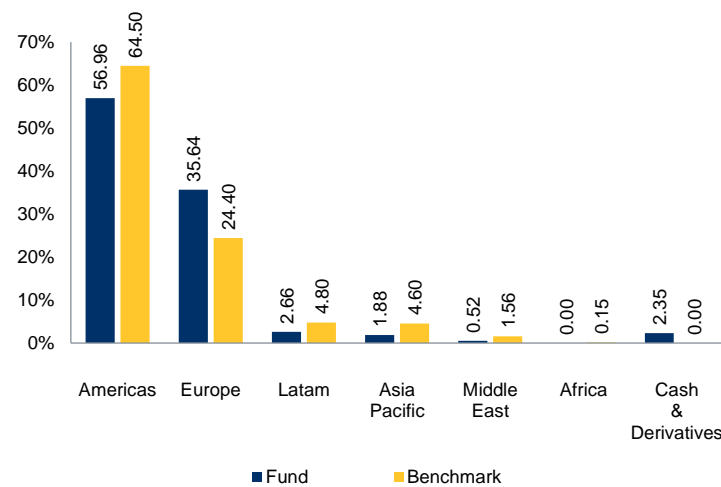
Top sector relative to benchmark (% NAV)

Overweights		Underweights	
Banking	8.69	Energy	-9.95
Telecommunications	6.90	Leisure	-5.22
Automotive	1.97	Consumer goods	-2.50
Financial Services	1.95	Real Estate	-2.24
Media	1.92	Retail	-1.86

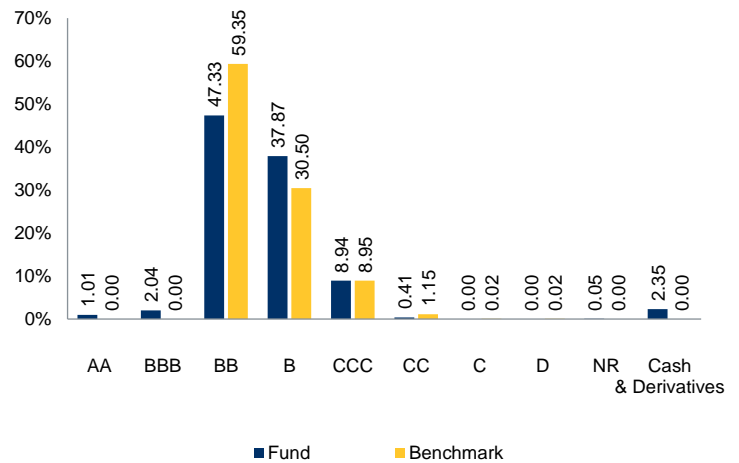
Currency breakdown before hedging (% NAV)

Currency	Fund	Benchmark
USD	68.24	77.33
EUR	27.73	19.81
GBP	4.03	2.12
CAD	0.00	0.74

Regional breakdown (% NAV)



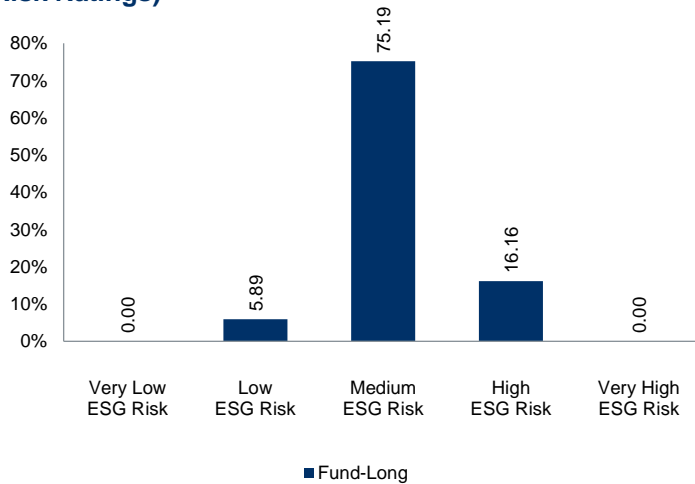
Credit quality breakdown (% NAV)



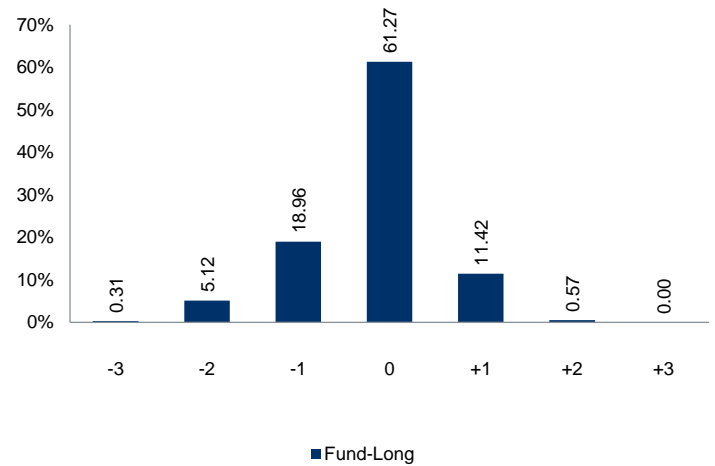
Important risk considerations

- At times, the market for high yield bonds may dry up, which could make it difficult to sell these bonds, or the fund may only be able to sell them at a discount.
- There may be cases where an organisation with which we trade assets or derivatives (usually a financial institution such as a bank) may be unable to fulfil its obligations, which could cause losses to the fund.
- Investing in high yield bonds offers you the chance to gain higher returns through growing your capital and generating income. Nevertheless, there is a greater risk that the organisation which issued the bond will fail, which would result in a loss of income to the fund along with its initial investment.
- RBC BlueBay's analysis of ESG/sustainability factors can rely on input from external providers. Such data may be inaccurate or incomplete or unavailable and RBC BlueBay could assess the ESG/sustainability risks of securities held incorrectly.
- RBC BlueBay could suffer from a failure of its processes, systems and controls – or from such a failure at an organisation on which we rely in order to deliver our services – which could lead to losses for the fund.

BlueBay: Issuer fundamental ESG (risk) ratings (ESG Risk Ratings)³



BlueBay: Security investment ESG scores (ESG Scores)⁴



Top 5 issuers (% NAV)^{3, 4}

Issuer	Weight (absolute)	Weight (relative)	ESG Risk Ratings	ESG Scores
CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp	2.26	0.98	Medium	0
Vmed O2 UK Financing I PLC	1.76	1.45	Medium	0
Cloud Software Group Inc	1.57	1.07	Medium	-2
Optics Bidco SpA	1.44	1.14	Medium	0
Societe Generale SA	1.35	1.35	Medium	0

Fund information

Investment manager	RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited	Fund type	UCITS
Base currency	USD	Fund domicile	Luxembourg
Fund inception date	08 February 2017	SFDR	Article 8
Fund size (USD)	432 m	Benchmark	ICE BofA Global High Yield Investment Grade Country Constrained index (Hedged to USD)
Portfolio Manager(s)	Timothy Leary; Andrzej Skiba, CFA; Tim van der Weyden		

The Funds AUM is stated on a T+1 basis and includes non-fee earning assets. The benchmark is hedged into the Share Class currency where relevant. 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 available online: <http://www.rbcbluebay.com/en-gb/institutional/what-we-do/funds/sustainability-related-disclosures/>
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Notes⁵

- While gross of fees 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 returns 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 reduced the annualised return to 9.32% (figures used are only to demonstrate the effect of charges 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.
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- Fundamental ESG (Risk) Rating: ESG evaluations generate two ESG metrics, with both metrics are derived from a proprietary framework applied by the BlueBay fixed income platform. One being the Fundamental ESG (Risk) Rating, which is assigned at an issuer level. Categories range from 'very high' ESG (Risk) Rating to 'very low' ESG (Risk) Rating and is a function of the ESG risk profile of an issuer and how well it manages these risks. ESG evaluations are only completed for in scope strategies, for specific issuer and security/instrument types and certain investment exposures.
- Investment ESG Score: ESG evaluations generate two ESG metrics, with both metrics are derived from a proprietary ESG framework applied by the BlueBay fixed income platform. One being the Investment ESG Score, which refers to the extent to which the ESG risk factors the issuer is exposed to are considered to have any financial/investment relevance and materiality. Scores range from '+3' through to '-3' indicates the extent to which ESG is considered investment material, as well as the nature and likely magnitude of the investment impact. An 'Indicative' Investment ESG Score is the assigned score at the time of initial ESG analysis and is more reflective of issuer level investment materiality of the ESG risks as there is not necessarily a specific security being considered for investment. For this reason, the actual 'security' level Investment ESG Score assigned for a specific investment may be different from the indicative one assigned, as that is more reflective of the view of ESG risks at an issue/instrument level. ESG evaluations are only completed for in scope strategies, for specific issuer and security/instrument types and certain investment exposures.

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