# BARINGS





## The Asset Triple A Awards<sup>1</sup>

Highly-commended Fixed Income Manager (Global) | 2023

# Asian Private Banker Asset Management Award for Excellence<sup>3</sup>

Highly Commended for High Yield Bond—Global | 2025

Best Fund Provider—High Yield Bond | 2024

# Fund Selector Asia Awards<sup>5</sup>

Fixed Income House of the Year—Hong Kong | 2024

## AsianInvestor Asset Management Awards<sup>2</sup>

Best High Yield Bond Award | 2024

# Bloomberg Businessweek (Chinese edition) Top Fund Awards<sup>4</sup>

Global High Yield—Outstanding Performer—Mutual Funds (1 year) | 2024

Global High Yield—Outstanding Performer—Mutual Funds (5 years) | 2024

# InsuranceAsia News Institutional Asset Management Awards<sup>6</sup>

Best Global Fixed Income Manager | 2023, 2024



### AS OF 31 OCTOBER 2024

# OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™7

- 1. The Fund is subject to risks relating to investment, concentration, credit, interest rate fluctuations, downgrading, valuation, credit rating, and currency risks. The Fund's investment may be concentrated in North American and European markets and the value of the Fund may be more volatile. Further, investment in countries within the Eurozone may involve Eurozone sovereign debt crisis risks.
- 2. The Fund's investment in sub-investment grade or unrated debt instruments may be subject to higher liquidity, volatility and credit risks than investment grade instruments, as well as increased risk of loss of principal and interest.
- 3. RMB classes are subject to RMB currency risks. RMB is currently not freely convertible and conversion of RMB is subject to foreign exchange control policies and restrictions. There is no guarantee that RMB will not be subject to depreciation. Under exceptional circumstances, payment of realisation proceeds and/or dividend payment from underlying investments to the Fund in RMB may be delayed.
- 4. The Fund may invest in derivatives for hedging and/or investment purposes which may involve counterparty/credit, liquidity, valuation, volatility and over-the-counter transaction risks. Exposure to derivatives may lead to a high risk of significant loss by the Fund.
- 5. The Fund's investment in debt instruments with loss-absorption features ("LAP") are subject to risks of contingent write-down or contingent conversion to ordinary shares upon occurrence of complex and unpredictable trigger events which may result in higher price volatility and total loss of amount invested. LAP may also be exposed to liquidity, valuation and sector concentration risk.
- 6. Dividends, at the discretion of the Directors, may be paid out of unrealised capital gains and/or gross income while charging some or all fees and expenses out of capital (which represent effectively paying dividends out of capital), resulting in an increase in distributable income. The Fund may also pay dividends directly out of capital. Payment of dividends out of capital amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or any capital gains attributable to that original investment and results in an immediate reduction of the Fund's net asset value per share.
- 7. Investors may suffer substantial loss of their investments in the Fund.

### WHY BARINGS GLOBAL HIGH YIELD BOND FUND (THE "FUND")?

# 1. LOW GDP GROWTH HAS LIMITED IMPACT ON HIGH YIELD ISSUERS

Historically, the high yield market has performed reasonably well in low growth environments. For instance, since 2010—despite Europe experiencing slower growth versus the U.S.—the European high yield bond market has been able to consistently outperform the U.S. on a like for like currency hedged basis.

# 2. HIGHER CREDIT QUALITY PROFILE RELATIVE TO HISTORY

It is worth noting that high yield bond markets remain on solid footing and have one of the highest credit rating profiles today relative to history. Many issuers are BB-rated, and only 11% of the market is comprised of CCC-rated companies.

# 3. HIGH INCOME COULD PROVIDE A CUSHION IN A POTENTIALLY DETERIORATING MACRO ENVIRONMENT

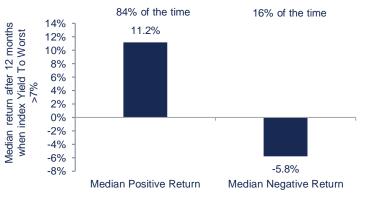
In the last 20 years, investments in high yield bonds at yields above 7% generated a positive return in the subsequent 12 months 84% of the time, with a median return of 11%.

### High Yield Does Not Require Strong Growth to Perform Well<sup>8</sup>



# Improved Credit Quality Profile<sup>9</sup> 100% 80% 60% 40% 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017 2019 2021 2023 ■BB ■B ■CCC and below

Higher yields may provide margin of safety<sup>10</sup>





### **FUND OBJECTIVES**<sup>11</sup>

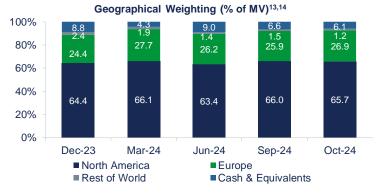
The Fund invests principally in a portfolio of high yield (i.e. sub-investment grade) fixed and floating rate corporate bonds, notes and other fixed and floating rate income securities, focusing primarily on North American and European high yield instruments which are listed or traded on recognised markets in Europe or North America.

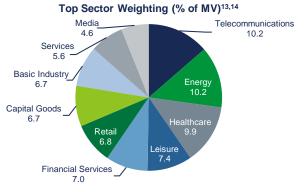
PERFORMANCE <sup>12</sup>					
Cumulative Performance (%)		YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
		+7.96	+16.15	+8.60	+21.01
Calendar Year Performance (%)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	+12.89	-11.70	+6.32	+3.55	+13.00

AVAIL	ABLE SHARE TRA	NCHE			
	Tranche G USD Dist Monthly	Tranche G USD Acc	Tranche G HKD Unhedged Dist Monthly	Tranche G HKD Unhedged Acc	Tranche G EUR Hedged Dist Monthly
ISIN	IE00BFM0MQ22	IE00BFM0MP15	IE00B881PF08	IE00BFM0NG98	IE00BFM0MS46
	Tranche G EUR Hedged Acc	Tranche G SGD Hedged Dist Monthly	Tranche G SGD Hedged Acc	Tranche G RMB Hedged Acc	Tranche G RMB Hedged Dist Monthly
ISIN	IE00BFM0MR39	IE00BFM0NC50	IE00BFM0NB44	IE00BK719R58	IE00BJN4SB86

FUND DETAILS <sup>13</sup>	
Portfolio Managers	Scott Roth, Sean Feeley, Chris Sawyer, Craig Abouchar, Christopher Ellis
Fund Size	US\$3,746.0Million
Inception Date of Primary Share Class	30 April 2012
Base Currency	USD
NAV Price <sup>12</sup>	US\$76.89
Minimum Investment	U\$\$1,000, HK\$10,000, €1,000, £1,000, AU\$1,000, CA\$1,000, SG\$1,000, NZ\$1,000, RMB10,000
Initial Charge	Up to 5.00%
Management Fee	1.25% p.a.
Yield to Maturity (%)	7.48
Yield to Worst (%)	7.21
Average Coupon (%)— Hedged	6.68
Average Rating	BB-

TOP ISSUERS (% OF MV) <sup>13</sup>	
LifePoint Health	1.58
Regal Rexnord Corp	1.39
Citrix	1.37
Herbalife Ltd.	1.29
Radiology Partners	1.26





# **Barings Global High Yield Bond Fund**



### Sources:

- Highly-commended Fixed Income Manager (Global) in The Asset Triple A Awards 2023 was based on Barings' performance over the preceding calendar year.
- 2. Best High Yield Bond Award in AsianInvestor Asset Management Awards 2024 was 80% based on the overall performance of the strategy and 20% based on the portfolio management under market and macro landscape as of 31 December 2023.
- 3. Highly Commended—High Yield Bond—Global and Best Fund Provider—High Yield Bond in Asian Private Banker Award for Excellence 2025 and 2024 were issued by Asian Private Banker, reflecting product performance, business performance and service quality over the one-year period to 31 August 2024 and 31 August 2023 respectively.
- 4. Global High Yield—Outstanding Performer over 1 year and 5 years in Bloomberg Businessweek (Chinese Edition) Top Fund Awards 2024 (Hong Kong) was based on the fund performance (Tranche F USD Acc) between 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024 and 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2024 respectively. Tranche F shares are not intended to be offered to the retail public.
- 5. Fixed Income House of the Year—Hong Kong in Fund Selector Asia Awards 2024 was decided by FSA and based on the pitching submissions including (but not limited to) competitive advantage, investment process and fund performance as of 30 September 2023.
- 6. Barings was awarded InsuranceAsia News Institutional Asset Management Awards 2023 and 2024 Best Global Fixed Income Manager, based on the performance of preceding calendar year. The award recognizes the exceptional work done by third party asset managers and service providers on behalf of their insurance company clients across the Asia Pacific region.
- 7. Overall Morningstar rating as of 31 October 2024 (EAA OE Global High Yield Bond). For Tranche G USD Dist Monthly only, other share tranches may have different performance characteristics. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold a fund.
- 8. Bloomberg and ICE BofA. As of 31 December 2023. Returns in USD hedged terms.
- 9. ICE BofA Non-Financial Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index (HNDC). As of 30 September 2024.
- 10. ICE BofA Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index (HYDC). Reference period is from 1 January 2004 to 31 January 2024. Based on monthly observations.
- 11. A full copy of the investment objective can be obtained from the Manager.
- 12. Barings and Morningstar. Data as of 31 October 2024. Based on the Tranche G USD Dist Monthly share tranche. Share tranche inception date was 1 October 2018. Performance Source—© 2024 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (i) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (ii) may not be copied or distributed; and (iii) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. PAST PERFORMANCE IS NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE RESULTS. Performance is shown in USD on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested.
- 13. Barings, as of 31 October 2024. Average rating and sector distribution based on ICE BotA methodology. Ratings displayed in Moody's format. Where applicable, portfolio level yield metrics include the yield impact of FX hedging on non-base currency positions. Weighted averages of all debt securities.
- 14. Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

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