# Barings European High Yield Bond Fund

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#### **FUND FACTS**

**NAV (€m)** 656.4

Inception Date May 31, 2011

**Domiciled** Ireland, UCITS Fund

Dealing Frequency
Daily

Management Company Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited

**Investment Manager** Barings (U.K.) Limited

Currency Tranches
EUR/GBP/USD/AUD/CHF/
SEK/JPY/SGD/CAD/NOK/
DKK (accumulating and distributing)

Distribution Frequency

Quarterly

Base Currency EUR

#### Benchmark

ICE BofA European Currency Non-Financial High Yield Constrained Index (HPID)

> SFDR Classification Article 8

# **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Craig Abouchar, CFA 30 years of experience

Christopher Ellis
12 years of experience

#### **SEPTEMBER 2024 / FACTSHEET**

OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™



## **KEY RISK**

During exceptional market conditions there may be insufficient buyers and sellers to allow the Fund to buy and sell investments, which could affect the Fund's ability to meet investors' redemption requests. Losses may occur if an organization through which we buy an asset fails to meet its obligations. Fund investments in derivatives are sensitive to changes in the value of the underlying asset on which they are based and their use may result in losses greater than the amount originally invested. Fund investments in overseas assets may lose value due to movements in foreign exchange rates. Fund investments in debt securities are sensitive to changes in interest rates and are subject to risks that the issuer will not meet its payment obligations (i.e., default). Low rated (high yield) or equivalent unrated debt securities generally offer a higher return than higher rated debt securities, but are subject to greater risks that the issuer will default. Region specific funds have a narrower focus than those which invest broadly across markets and are therefore more risky. Further information on the Fund's risks can be found in the KIID and prospectus.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The Barings European High Yield Bond Fund ("The Fund") seeks to provide high current income generation and, where appropriate, capital appreciation.

#### STRATEGY

The Fund will invest in a portfolio consisting primarily of European High Yield Instruments, comprising High Yield fixed and floating rate Corporate Debt Instruments issued either by European corporations in any currency, or issued in a European currency by corporations established outside Europe and/or listed or traded on a Recognised Market in Europe. Relative value opportunities are captured using a bottom-up credit selection process performed by our in-house team of Research Analysts.

# MARKET OPPORTUNITY

- Current trading levels present potential opportunities for price appreciation as market conditions stabilise
- Significant senior secured bond opportunity subset at attractive pricing levels enhances creditor
  positioning in the capital structure
- Historically, High Yield Bonds have seen quicker recoveries following market sell-offs compared to other risk assets such as equities

FUND PERFORMANCE1	(Gross of Fees)	(Net of Fees)	Constrained Index
Year to Date	5.69	5.15	6.77
1 Year	12.03	11.25	12.77
3 Years	2.95	2.23	1.75
5 Years	3.41	2.69	2.76
10 Years	4.67	3.94	3.64
Since Inception	5.74	5.00	4.90

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- Fund Inception Date: May 31, 2011. Performance figures are shown in EUR on a NAV per unit basis, with gross income reinvested.
- \* Please refer to page 3 for additional detail.

# MANAGEMENT FEE SCHEDULE

	Commitment	Management Fee (p.a.)	
Share Class B	≥€37.5M	0.35%	
Share Class C	€7.5 - €37.5M	0.50%	
Share Class I	€1 - €7.5M	0.60%	
Share Class E	€100K	1.00%	

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# GLOBAL HIGH YIELD & CLO PLATFORM<sup>1,2</sup>

Barings manages \$409+ billion of fixed income, equities, real estate, and alternative assets globally

Market leading franchise across the U.S. and European high yield and structured credit markets by consistently applying a bottom-up fundamental approach to each investment opportunity

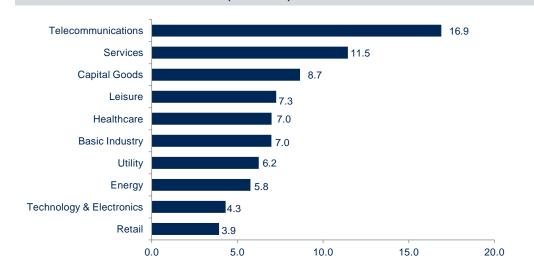
Barings manages \$79 billion in global high yield credit across structured vehicles, separate accounts and commingled funds

Over a 20 year track record in managing high yield loan and bond assets

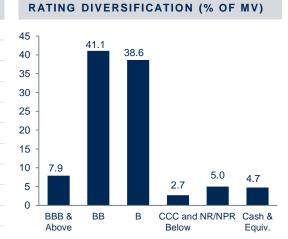
71 investment professionals dedicated to global high yield and CLO markets

CHARACTERISTICS <sup>3,4,5,6</sup>	BARINGS EUROPEAN HIGH YIELD BOND FUND
Yield to Maturity (%)	5.51
Yield to Worst (%)	5.05
Option Adjusted Spread (bps)	278
Average Price	99.34
Modified Duration to Worst (yrs)	2.71
Average Coupon (%)	5.46
Secured / Unsecured / Other (%)	58 / 37 / 5
Average Rating	BB-
Number of Issuers	145

# TOP 10 SECTOR DISTRIBUTION (% OF MV)4



## TOP 10 ISSUERS (% OF MV) Vodafone 1.98 **KCA Deutag** 1.94 Verisure 1.94 CGG 1.92 Bite 1.83 **Center Parcs** 1.83 **EDF** 1.82 Apcoa 1.52 MasOrange (fka Masmovil) 1.48 Wintershall Dea 1.38



- . Source: Barings, assets as of June 30, 2024.
- 2. Source: Barings, number of professionals as of June 30, 2024.
- Based on market value of invested assets.
- 4. Average rating and sector distribution based on ICE BofA methodology.
- 5. Where applicable, portfolio level yield metrics include the yield impact of FX hedging on non-base currency positions.
- Weighted averages of all debt securities.

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ACTIVE SHARE TRANCHE IDS					
Name	ISIN	Bloomberg	Lipper		
Tranche B EUR ACC	IE00B467CR35	BACTBEA	68422328		
Tranche B GBP ACC	IE00B44J2F90	BACTBGA	68422329		
Tranche B GBP INC	IE00B3QLQL07	BACTBGI	68422330		
Tranche C EUR ACC	IE00B42WHC26	BACECEA	68381191		
Tranche C USD ACC	IE00B3WJGF29	BACECDA	68404795		
Tranche I EUR ACC	IE00B3YFC940	BACEDEA	68399876		
Tranche I EUR INC	IE00B43W3Q75	BACEDED	68390382		

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