

# Green Ash Global High Yield Fund

## August 2020 Monthly Factsheet

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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Green Ash Global High Yield is an open-end fund incorporated in Luxembourg. The Fund's objective is to achieve income and capital appreciation. The Fund invests in bonds and other debt securities denominated in any currency, issued by sub-investment grade issuers worldwide including emerging market countries.

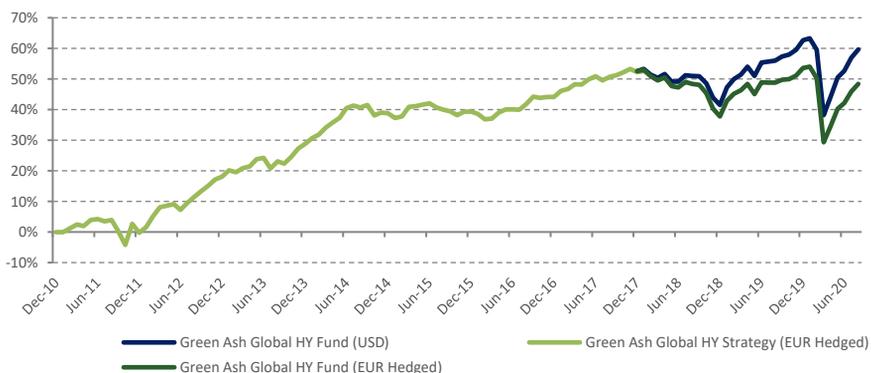
### KEY INFORMATION

### SUMMARY

Fund Name	Green Ash Global High Yield - a Subfund of Woodman SICAV
Investment Team	Miles Cohen, Nicholas Freeman, Edward Vincent, James Sanders
Fund Launch Date	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Fund Type	UCITS
Fund Domicile	Luxembourg
Liquidity	Daily
Management Fee	I: 0.80% / R: 1.45% p.a.
Fund Size	\$56MM
Share Classes	USD, EUR, GBP (Acc.)
USD I	LU1692346551
USD R	LU1692346478
EUR I (hedged)	LU1692346718
EUR R (hedged)	LU1692346635
GBP I (hedged)	LU1692347104
GBP R (hedged)	LU1692347013
CHF I (hedged)	LU1692346981
Min Investment	I: 1,000,000 / R: 100,000
Investment Manager	Green Ash Partners LLP

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- It was another very strong month for risk assets, as central bank supplied liquidity continued to drive up asset prices. Jay Powell used his Jackson Hole address to announce the findings of the long awaited Fed monetary policy review - that the Fed will be taking a more sanguine approach to inflation, allowing it to run above target at times, and focusing more on the average level over the medium term
- We see opportunities for active managers able to take a dynamic approach to regional and sectoral allocations. With favourable market conditions for corporate issuers and a powerful backstop from the central banks, we continue to see high yield as a sweet spot against a backdrop of elevated equity valuations and low government bond yields

### GREEN ASH GLOBAL HIGH YIELD STRATEGY<sup>1</sup> + FUND PERFORMANCE



### GREEN ASH GLOBAL HIGH YIELD STRATEGY PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GA Global HY Strategy (EUR Hedged Managed Account)	5.65%	1.61%	18.28%	8.70%	5.00%	1.03%	5.33%	4.60%

	2018	2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	2020 YTD
GA Global HY Fund (USD Hedged)	-7.24%	14.90%	0.41%	-2.29%	-13.36%	4.33%	4.34%	1.45%	2.77%	+1.75%	-1.83%

<sup>1</sup>The Green Ash Global High Yield Strategy track record and returns are derived from a single EUR hedged, managed account up to 31 Dec 2017. From Dec 2017, the Green Ash Global High Yield UCITS fund is shown in USD and EUR hedged institutional share classes. All performance figures are net of fees. Source: Green Ash Partners LLP

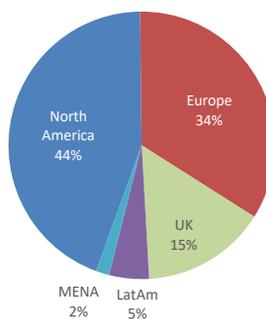
### Overall Portfolio Summary

Currency	USD
Duration	3.7
Maturity in Years	4.5
Average Z Spread	496
Coupon Rate	5.1%
Yield to Worst	5.4%
Average Ratings	Ba3/BB-
No. of Positions	89

### Top 10 Positions

Telecom Italia	2.2%
Charter Comms.	2.0%
Nationwide	2.0%
American Airlines	1.8%
Petrobras	1.8%
Iron Mountain	1.8%
Ford Motor Company	1.8%
Cemex SAB de CV	1.7%
Kantar Group	1.7%
HCA Inc.	1.7%

### Regional Exposure



### Sector Weightings

Financial	27.8%
Consumer Cyclical	16.4%
Communications	16.0%
Cons. Non-cyclical	13.6%
Industrial	9.1%
Energy	8.4%
Basic Materials	3.3%
Technology	3.3%
Utilities	1.4%
Cash	1.0%

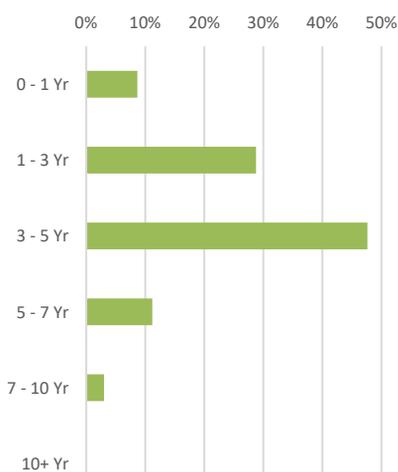


## FUND UPDATE AND OUTLOOK

### CREDIT RATING EXPOSURE



### DURATION PROFILE



### SERVICE PROVIDERS

Auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
Custodian	Credit Suisse (Lux)
Administrator	Credit Suisse Fund Services (Lux)
Paying Agent	Credit Suisse AG
Legal Representative	Credit Suisse AG
Management Company	MultiConcept Fund Management S.A (Luxembourg)

The fund rose +1.75% in August (EUR hedged share class +1.67%). Looking at portfolio level, the fund benefited from its overweight allocation to financials, particularly subordinated bank debt (AT1s), which had another strong month. AT1s outperformed corporate high yield handily in August, as banks benefited from steeper yield curves. Consumer-cyclicals also performed well, driven by travel and leisure exposed issuers. The solid month for 'COVID recovery' exposed issuers can be seen in some of our top performers on the month such as American Airlines (+11.48%) and Puregym (+8.00%). AS Roma also deserves a mention (+8.55%), following news it will be acquired by The Friedkin Group.

It was another very strong month for risk assets, as central bank supplied liquidity continued to drive up asset prices. Jay Powell used his Jackson Hole address to announce the findings of the long awaited Fed monetary policy review. The conclusion was that the Fed will be taking a more sanguine approach to inflation, allowing it to run above target at times, and focusing more on the average level over the medium term. What wasn't clear is what tools remain available to generate any meaningful inflation whatsoever, given inflation has remained elusive throughout the years of extraordinary measures deployed since the GFC, as well as during even more aggressive interventions this year in response to the pandemic. The deflationary forces of technological disruption and ageing demographics are proving hard to overcome, and suggest rates will need to remain low for the foreseeable future.

The prospects of the Fed 'running the economy hot' did elicit some curve steepening, and a move higher in US 10Yr Treasury yields, which finished the month at 0.70% (+18bps). 10Yr Bund and Gilt yields also finished higher at -0.40% (+13bps) and 0.31% (+21bps) respectively. There are some signs of inflation expectations rising, as shown by the move in US 10Yr inflation breakevens finishing at levels last seen at the start of the year. US high yield was up +0.95% in August (spreads -5bps to 482), while European and UK high yield were up +1.46% (-45bps to 435) and +1.13% (-76bps to 587bps) respectively.

The US saw \$54.83BN in new HY issuance in August, 78% of which was refinancing related. The second half of the month saw the first weekly outflow from the asset class since early July, though this was a fairly immaterial -\$301MM, and inflows were a respectable +4.10BN over the month. Primary issuance in European HY was very quiet until €4.50BN printed at the end of the month. Flows were also muted, with not much change on a monthly basis.

The path of economic recovery remains very uncertain, and there is a lot of focus on the potential fallout after government support programs for corporates and individuals start come to an end. So far, larger companies (both investment grade and high yield) have been successful in opportunistically hoarding liquidity, with the large rises in total corporate debt accompanied by much more modest increases in net debt – something we have seen in the smaller sample set of issuers we hold in the fund. This provides some comfort that companies can hold out for a vaccine, especially as it seems we may end up with several viable candidates by year end. For some context, so far this year about \$69BN of face value debt has defaulted in the US high yield market, 47% of which has been in the Energy or Retail sectors (US HY defaults are running at just 2.1% ex these sectors).

While the recovery so far has been uneven, this provides opportunities for active managers able to take a dynamic approach to regional and sectoral allocations. With favourable market conditions for corporate issuers and a powerful backstop from the central banks, we continue to see high yield as a sweet spot for investors allocating against a backdrop of elevated equity valuations and low government bond yields.



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