

# Green Ash Global High Yield Fund

## November 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

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| 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          | \$55MM   |
| 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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- The combination of ongoing fiscal and monetary support, and the arrival of COVID-19 vaccines should help support the economy as we work towards a return to normalcy by the second quarter of the next year. We could see significant rotation in the market, should the reflation narrative take hold, and this highlights the importance of active, dynamic management when investing in corporate high yield

### 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   | Sep    | Oct    | Nov    | 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% | -0.63% | +0.43% | +4.60% | +2.47%   |

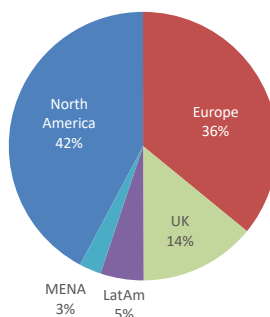
<sup>1</sup>The Green Ash Global High Yield Strategy track record and returns are derived from a single EUR hedged, managed account up to 31 Dec 2017. From Dec 2017, the Green Ash Global High Yield UCITS fund is shown in USD and EUR hedged institutional share classes. All performance figures are net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

### Overall Portfolio Summary

|                   |        |                    |      |
|-------------------|--------|--------------------|------|
| Currency          | USD    | Telecom Italia     | 2.2% |
| Duration          | 3.5    | Nationwide         | 2.0% |
| Maturity in Years | 4.2    | Charter Comms.     | 2.0% |
| Average Z Spread  | 365    | Cemex SAB de CV    | 1.8% |
| Coupon Rate       | 4.7%   | Ford Motor Company | 1.8% |
| Yield to Worst    | 3.8%   | Iron Mountain      | 1.7% |
| Average Ratings   | Ba2/BB | Kantar Group       | 1.7% |
| No. of Positions  | 85     | Wyndham Resorts    | 1.7% |
|                   |        | HCA Inc.           | 1.7% |
|                   |        | Altice France      | 1.6% |

### Top 10 Positions

### Regional Exposure



### Sector Weightings

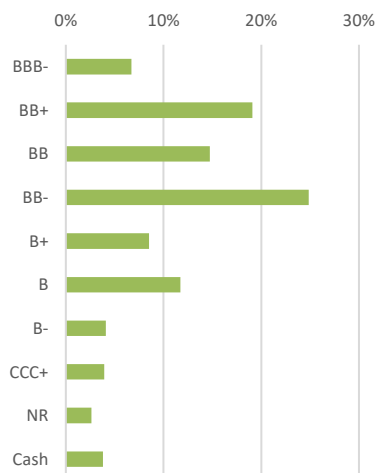
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| Financial          | 29.2% |
| Communications     | 16.8% |
| Cons. Non-cyclical | 13.3% |
| Consumer Cyclical  | 12.0% |
| Industrial         | 10.7% |
| Energy             | 7.4%  |
| Basic Materials    | 4.3%  |
| Cash               | 3.6%  |
| Technology         | 2.8%  |



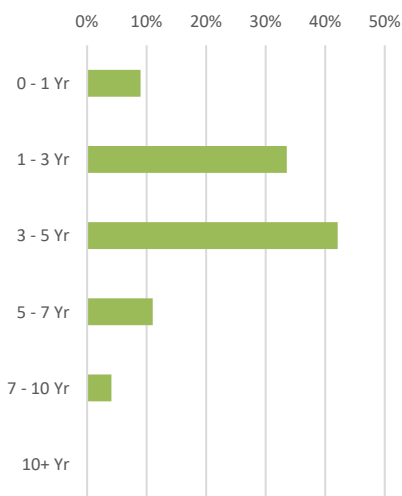
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## FUND UPDATE AND OUTLOOK

### 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) |

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These exceptional moves were driven by two major positive catalysts. The Biden win early in the month removed a major uncertainty in the market, and promises four years of more moderate policy making, tempered trade war rhetoric, and perhaps fewer geopolitical surprises. The second catalyst came in the form of two-going-on-three highly efficacious and apparently safe vaccines against COVID-19. Though this coincided with a second wave of COVID-19 infections in Europe and the US, accompanied by more economy-wrecking restrictions, ultimately the market is looking through the near term bad news and is focusing on a return to the halcyon pre-COVID days sometime in 2021. This has precipitated a rotation into some of the more pandemic impacted sectors, to the benefit of the high yield bond market.

In terms of fixed income moves, it was a fairly quiet month for government bonds, with major bond markets moving only a few bps in yield. Global investment grade credit rose +2.15% in USD (spreads -21bps to 106). Meanwhile US high yield rose +3.96% (spreads -90bps to 414), European HY +4.15% (spreads -115bps to 356), and UK HY +3.79% (spreads -111bps to 462). The new issue market was quieter in November, with \$25.3BN issued in the US (-33% MoM) and €12.5BN in Europe (-26% MoM). YTD issuance in the US and Europe is +63% and +15% respectively versus the first 11 months of 2019. The huge year for supply in 2020 will likely retain its record status for years to come, but 2021 should still be a busy one for the primary markets, with plenty of refinancing activity and possibly a rise in M&A activity. Defaults have started to subside, with fewer now on the horizon (helped by a recovery in the energy sector), and we would expect these to be around the long-term average level next year (3.5% in the US).

Looking at portfolio level, the best sector performance came from Energy, which was up

+9.40%, providing similar attribution to the global index, despite being an underweight. The main performance contributor though, came from our overweight to Financials, which also outperformed the index due to off-benchmark allocations to subordinated bank debt (AT1s), as well as somewhat more niche issuers in specialty finance and real estate. The top three performers by returns/attribution were Oasis Petroleum (+50.64%/+0.05%), Occidental petroleum (+21.40%/+0.22%), and Intesa SanPaolo (+18.75%/+0.14%).

With credit spreads back to 2019 levels, we are mindful that credit and sector selection is now even more important, as well as looking at off-benchmark opportunities, as we have with our allocation to AT1s. Despite the recent strength, high yield spreads are still 100bps from the Jan 2020 tight, and so further tightening is likely. We favour being up in quality, focusing on BB and B rated companies, especially after such a strong recent performance in lower quality CCC's.

The combination of ongoing fiscal and monetary support, and the arrival of COVID-19 vaccines should help support the economy as we work towards a return to normalcy by the second quarter of the next year. There may be unforeseen bumps along the way, but the direction of travel for leading indicators and corporate earnings should be positive. That said, we could see significant rotation in the market, should the reflation narrative take hold, and this highlights the importance of active, dynamic management when investing in corporate high yield.



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