

# Green Ash Global High Yield Fund

## March 2021 Monthly Factsheet

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

### PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS ONLY

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.

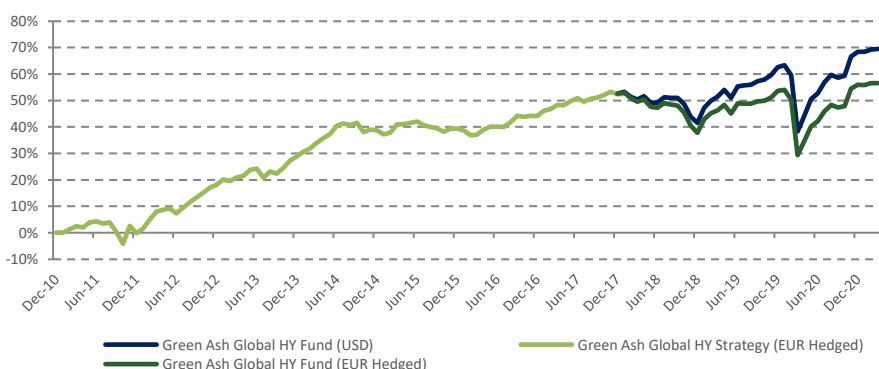
### KEY INFORMATION

### 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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- At portfolio level, Financials and Consumer Cyclical were the best performing sectors. Energy underperformed, though the negative attribution from this was mitigated by our underweight position compared to the Global HY Index
- We increased our energy and basic materials allocations, as well as conducting a broader review to position the fund for a more reflationary environment. This included adding to UK exposure, and reducing industrials on relative valuations. We also increased duration slightly
- Credit spreads are at the narrower end of historical ranges, but they still have room to tighten and market dispersion allows for individual credits that continue to stand out

### 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	2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	2021
GA Global HY Fund (USD Hedged)	-7.24%	14.90%	3.58%	-0.02%	0.53%	0.12%	0.63%

<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

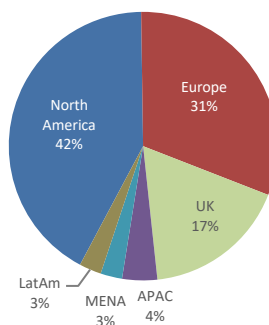
### Overall Portfolio Summary

Currency	USD
Duration	3.7
Maturity in Years	6.4
Average Z Spread	328
Coupon Rate	5.0%
Yield to Worst	3.8%
Average Ratings	Ba3/BB-
No. of Positions	90

### Top 10 Positions

Nationwide	2.0%
Occidental Petroleum	2.0%
Freeport McMoRan	1.9%
Charter Comms.	1.8%
Ford Motor Company	1.8%
Cemex SAB de CV	1.8%
Kantar Group	1.7%
Bracken MidCo	1.7%
Travel + Leisure Co	1.6%
HCA Inc	1.6%

### Regional Exposure



### Sector Weightings

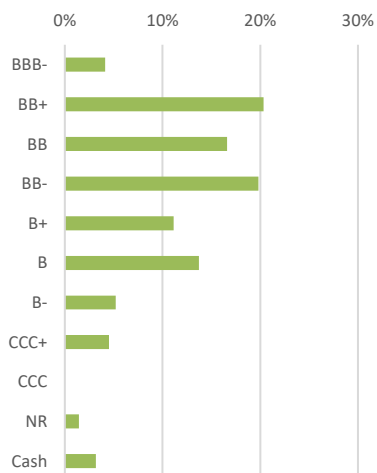
Financial	26.3%
Communications	15.8%
Consumer Cyclical	13.1%
Cons. Non-cyclical	13.0%
Industrial	10.7%
Basic Materials	7.5%
Energy	7.3%
Cash	3.2%
Technology	3.1%



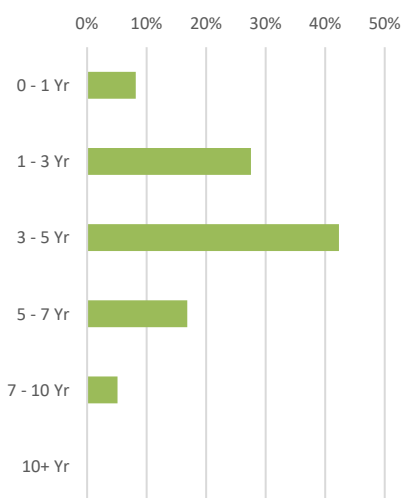


## FUND UPDATE AND OUTLOOK

### 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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Treasury yields remained the focus in March, with the 10Yr yield rising +33bps to 1.74% and, perhaps more relevant for high yield, the 5Yr rising +21bps to 0.94%. This move has led to similar steepening in other government bond curves, however the US and UK moves have been the most pronounced due to the faster re-opening expectations and much larger fiscal stimulus versus Europe for example. The move in rates has resulted in the worst quarter for US investment grade since the GFC years, with the USD IG corporate index falling -5.48% in Q1. By contrast, high yield has proved resilient, benefiting from a larger spread cushion, and a very supportive market for new issuance. US HY finished up +0.85% in Q1 (spreads -51bps to 308), European HY +1.63% (spreads -35bps to 308), and UK HY was +1.93% (spreads -86bps to 380). One notable feature of the high yield markets so far this year is the very strong performance of the CCC rated bonds, both in the US and Europe. This reflects the reflationary, improving growth environment and easy credit conditions, which have been in place since the Fed backstop last year.

There has been over \$150BN in new high yield issuance in the US YTD (78% refinancing), more than double 1Q20, and about a third of total issuance in 2020 (a record year). €45BN of gross issuance in Europe was also a quarterly record. Fund flows have been negative to the tune of -\$10BN in the US so far this year (about half from ETFs), but this is on the back of \$45BN in inflows in 2020. There have been outflows in Europe too, though to a lesser extent (€1.3BN).

Naturally as fixed income investors, the trajectory of Treasury yields over the coming months will be an important focus in the outlook for the rest of the year. This is particularly true of the 5Yr, which is still well below pre-COVID levels (unlike the 10Yr and 30Yr), and has a larger bearing on the high yield market due to its similar duration. In our view, an ongoing normalisation in government bond yields is

not a game changer for high yield though as this headwind is to a large extent offset by the improving economic backdrop, and exceptional ongoing monetary a fiscal support. Credit spreads are at the narrower end of historical ranges, but they still have room to tighten and market dispersion allows for individual credits that continue to stand out. Global high yield should be a relative outperformer in the fixed income universe in 2021 and will likely prove to be a good place to hide in a reflationary environment due to shorter duration versus other parts of the fixed income market and the positive contribution from credit spreads.



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