

# BlueBay High Yield ESG Bond Fund

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## Fund Performance (%) Gross of Fees (EUR)<sup>1</sup>

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	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	3YR <sup>2</sup>	5YR <sup>2</sup>	10YR <sup>2</sup>	SI <sup>2,3</sup>
BlueBay High Yield ESG Bond Fund	-1.96	-2.24	-3.24	-0.26	4.93	4.51	5.86	9.14
ICE BAML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index <sup>6</sup>	-3.11	-3.77	-4.58	-2.39	2.77	2.71	5.64	8.11
Alpha	1.15	1.53	1.34	2.13	2.16	1.80	0.22	1.03

## Review & Outlook

### Contributors

- Due to the environmental, social & governance credentials of the fund, the underweight to both utilities and energy was additive to fund performance. The top contributors to relative returns came from absolute underweight positioning in EDF and Gazprom.
- Both index credit hedges and interest-rate future positions were additive, as credit spreads widened over the month and Italian BTPs yields increased from 1.29% to a peak of 1.97%.
- The preference to be overweight B rated credit relative to BB rated credit was beneficial to excess returns, as single Bs outperformed due to their lower interest-rate sensitivity.

### Detractors

- Overweight exposure to European banking was the main drag on excess returns, with Monte Dei Paschi the top detractor.

### Outlook

- It has been an eventful period for risk assets and the full ramifications of Russian military action in Ukraine is still to be determined.
- From a risk perspective, we have thus far benefited from the cautiousness that we entered 2022 with. Our initial response across active portfolios has been to adjust our existing range of interest-rate and credit-derivative hedges.
- Our main concern for broader portfolios is that higher prices in oil, gas and broader commodities will have an impact on both inflation and growth.
- So far, corporates in our investment universe have generally been successful on increasing prices to customers, but concerns about stagflation in Europe is quite possible.
- We are biased to reduce the preference for B and CCC & below rated credits relative to BBs, though are being patient in terms of portfolio adjustment via physical bonds.
- In terms of regional exposure, we are overweight core US and European credit markets relative to an underweight bias to emerging markets.

## Investment Objective

To achieve a total return in excess of the ICE BAML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index from a portfolio of fixed income securities

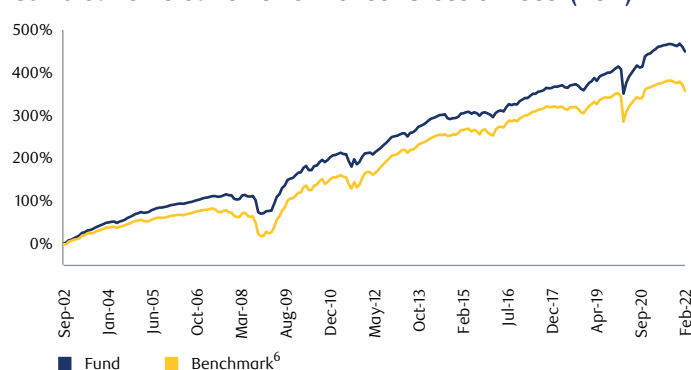
## Investment Strategy

- The Fund invests predominantly in fixed income securities issued by sub-investment grade companies domiciled in Europe
- The Fund seeks to generate excess returns primarily via security selection; based upon high quality, proprietary research
- The Fund meets the conditions set out in Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation as it promotes environmental/social characteristics through binding requirements as a key feature. Full details of the Fund's ESG framework are available online [www.bluebay.com/en/investment-expertise/esg/approach/](http://www.bluebay.com/en/investment-expertise/esg/approach/)

## Calendar Year Performance (%) Gross of Fees<sup>1</sup> (EUR)

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	4.60	6.47	11.23	-1.17
Benchmark	3.33	2.90	11.35	-3.45
Alpha	1.27	3.57	-0.13	2.27

## Cumulative Relative Performance<sup>3</sup> Gross of Fees<sup>1</sup> (EUR)<sup>7</sup>



Past performance is not indicative of future results.

## Fund Characteristics<sup>8</sup>

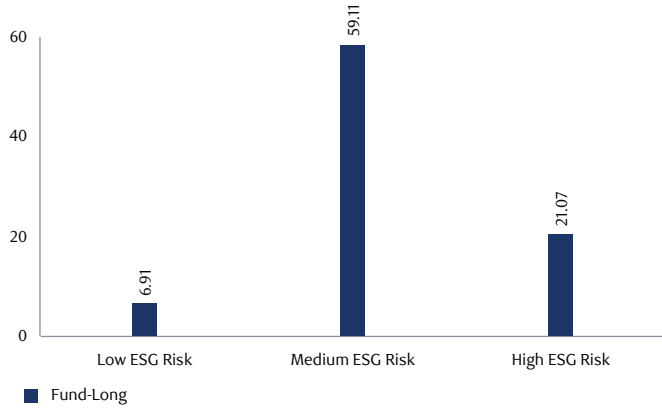
	Fund	Benchmark <sup>6</sup>
Weighted interest rate duration (yrs)	2.95	3.68
Weighted spread duration (yrs)	3.47	4.43
Weighted yield to worst (%)	5.13	4.47
Weighted yield to worst non-cash diluted (%)	5.71	4.47
Weighted spread	518.00	446.00
Weighted coupon (%)	3.95	3.71
Weighted coupon non-cash diluted (%)	4.40	3.71
Total no. of issuers	114	449
Weighted rating	BB-	BB-
Average position (%)	0.57	0.10
FRNS and loans (%)	7.50	N/A

Note: Defaulted securities are excluded from Spread and Yield calculations.

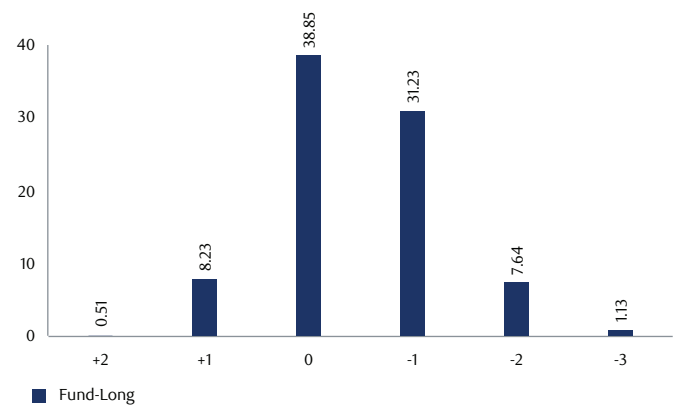
## Risk Statistics<sup>4</sup>

Standard Deviation	5.83%
Tracking Error	3.12%
Information Ratio	0.32

## BlueBay: Issuer Fundamental ESG (risk) Ratings (% , NAV)



## BlueBay: Security Investment ESG Scores (% , NAV)



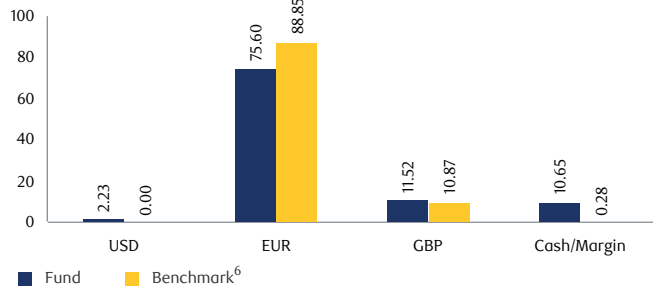
## Top 5 Issuers (%)

Issuer	Weight (absolute)	Weight (relative)	BlueBay ESG Fundamental (Risk) Rating <sup>9</sup>	BlueBay Investment ESG score <sup>10</sup>
TDC Holding A/S	2.76	2.76	Medium ESG Risk	-1
Ford Motor Credit Co LLC	2.30	1.05	High ESG Risk	-2
Kraton Polymers LLC / Kraton Polymers Capital Corp	2.11	2.05	Medium ESG Risk	1
Avis Budget Finance Plc	2.08	1.90	Medium ESG Risk	-1
IPD 3 BV	1.86	1.77	Medium ESG Risk	0

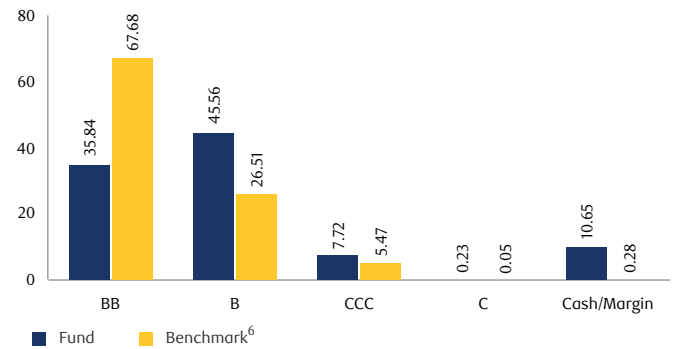
## Top Sector Relative Weights (%)

Overweights		Underweights	
Telecommunications	4.77	Capital Goods	-5.25
Services	2.08	Utility	-4.47
Healthcare	1.47	Consumer Goods	-2.98
Financial Services	1.02	Energy	-2.54
Media	0.99	Automotive	-2.40

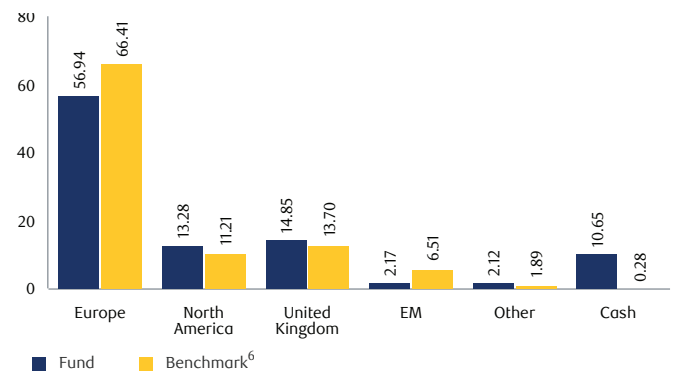
## Currency Breakdown (Before Hedging % , NAV)



## Credit Quality Breakdown (% , NAV)



## Regional Breakdown by Domicile (% , NAV)



Fund Facts

Total fund size <sup>5</sup>	EUR 288m
Inception date	03 September 2002
Base currency	EUR
Benchmark	ICE BAML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index
Fund legal name	BlueBay High Yield ESG Bond Fund
Share classes	Information on available Share Classes and eligibility for this Fund are detailed in the BlueBay Funds Prospectus and Application Form
Fund type	UCITS
Domicile	Luxembourg
Investment manager	BlueBay Asset Management LLP

Team

	Joined BlueBay	Investment industry experience
Justin Jewell	April 2009	20 years
Rajat Mittal	March 2007	18 years
Size of team		36 investment professionals
Average investment industry experience		17 years

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2. Performance shown for 1yr periods onwards are annualised figures.
3. Since Inception
4. Risk statistics are annualized and calculated using weekly data points since inception. Risk statistics will be produced once there are 3 complete months of data available; for meaningful results a minimum sample of 36 data points is recommended and where history is less than 3 years caution should be taken with the interpretation and representation of this data. Returns for periods of less than 1 year have not been annualised in accordance with current industry standard reporting practices.
5. The Fund AUM is stated on a T+1 basis and includes non-fee earning assets.
6. Benchmark:ICE BAML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index
7. Goldman Sachs European Currencies High Yield Index to end June 04 and the BAML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index since July 04. All Relative returns are presented based on the arithmetic difference between the return of the fund and that of the benchmark. Standard Deviation is an annualised figure based on weekly gross returns of the fund annualised since inception.
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