### NORTHERN TRUST ASSET MANAGEMENT

# GLOBAL HIGH YIELD ESG BOND INDEX FUND

# Marketing Communication PASSIVE FIXED INCOME

SHARE CLASS C EUR

AS OF MAY 2024

#### **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the Fund is to track the risk and return characteristics of the ICE BofAML Global High Yield Index (the "Index") subject to certain environmental, social and governance (ESG) exclusions and ESG weightings.

The Fund invests primarily in freely transferable Debt and Debt Related Securities and below investment grade corporate debt instruments that are constituents of the Index. The Fund may invest more than 30% in below investment grade bonds. The Fund may also invest in either investment grade or below investment grade corporate debt issued by corporates that is not included in the Index that are deemed by the Investment Manager to exhibit similar characteristics to securities in the Index and that have a similar risk profile.

Target Market: This Fund is appropriate for investors who plan to invest over the medium to long term; and are looking for a passively managed investment in the relevant market(s) with Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles implemented according to a defined set of exclusions as well as assessment of ESG ratings.

The index is a custom index which corresponds with the ICE BofAML Global High Yield Index with the exclusion ofsecurities that do not meet socially responsible principles identified by applying criteria that refer to the toUN's Global Compact Ten Principles, as well as other ESG criteria selected by the investment manager.





ASSET MANAGEMENT

For regulatory reasons we are unable to provide performance information where the track record is less than 12 months; if you are an existing investor in, or distributor of, this fund please contact your normal representative.

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As a leading global asset management firm, our investment expertise, strength and innovation have earned the trust and confidence of the world's most sophisticated institutional and individual investors.

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#### **RISK WARNINGS**

Credit Risk - A borrower or a counterparty may fail to repay or otherwise fail to meet contractual obligations to the Fund.

Liquidity Risk – Some recognised exchanges are less liquid or more volatile which may affect the price received and time taken when selling investments. Small capitalisation companies are also less liquid and this may result in fluctuations in the price of shares.

Investment Risk - The Fund may not achieve its investment objective. An investment in the Fund involves investment risks including possible loss of the amount invested

Counterparty Risk – In case of bankruptcy of the broker, there is no guarantee collateral held by the broker will be returned to the Fund. In the event of bankruptcy of the counterparty, the premium and any unrealised gains may be lost.

 $Issuer\ Risk-The\ issuer\ of\ a\ bond\ held\ within\ the\ Fund\ may\ not\ be\ able\ to\ meet\ its\ obligations\ to\ the\ Fund.$ 

Derivative Risk - Derivatives may result in gains or losses that are greater than the original amount invested.

Valuation Risk - A position in the Fund may be valued incorrectly, as some prices may be uncertain at a point in time.

Currency Risk - Where a class of shares are in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund, the non-base share classes of the Fund may be affected unfavourably by fluctuations in currency rates.

Political Risks - The performance of the Fund may be affected by changes in economic and market conditions due to political developments and changes in government policies.

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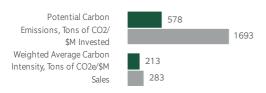
CREDIT RATING		
ALLOCATION %	Fund	Benchmark
BBB	2.4	0.7
BB	58.4	53.5
<u>B</u>	27.9	35.3
CCC	9.1	9.2
CC	1.1	1.0
<u>C</u>	0.4	0.2
D	0.1	0.1
Unrated	0.1	0.0
Cash Equivalents	0.4	0.0
TOP REGIONS/		
COUNTRIES %	Fund	Benchmark
United States	53.9	53.0
United Kingdom	5.2	5.1
Luxembourg	4.9	4.5
Canada	4.3	4.3
France	4.2	4.2
Others	27.5	28.9
MATURITY		
ALLOCATION %	Fund	Benchmark
0-1yr	3.1	0.2
1yr-2yrs	8.3	9.7
2yrs-3yrs	10.7	12.9
3yrs-5yrs	32.0	35.5
5yrs-7yrs	25.2	22.6
7yrs-10yrs	10.6	10.4
10yrs-15yrs	0.9	1.1
15yrs-20yrs	0.3	0.6
20yrs-25yrs	0.5	0.9
25yrs-30yrs	0.8	0.7
SECTOR		
ALLOCATION %	Fund	Benchmark
Industrial	78.0	75.4
Financial	14.6	13.5
Foreign Agencies	3.8	7.4
Utilities	3.0	3.5
Committed Cash	0.4	0.0
	0.4	0.1
Foreign Local Govt		
		0.0
Foreign Local Govt  Municipals  Other	0.1	0.0

FUND			
OVERVIEW			
Domicile	Ireland		
Legal Structure	ICVC		
Regulatory Structure		UCITS	
Currencies Offered	GBP/EUR/USD		
Total Fund Assets	€87.2 Million		
Benchmark	ICE Bofa Global HY Index		
Fund Launch Date	08/08/19		
Share Class Launch Date	13/07/23		
Fund Base Currency	EUR		
Share Class Currency	EUR		
Bloomberg Ticker	NTGHCEU		
ISIN	IE000MDAH467		
Minimum Initial Investment	€100,000		
Minimum Subsequent Investm	ent No Minimum		
Dealing Frequency	Daily		
Dealine Deadline	12:00pm Irish Time on		
Dealing Deadline	the Dealing Day		
Settlement	T+2		
Portfolio Manager	Team Managed		
OCF SHARE CLASS C EUR**	0.50%		
Use of Income	Accumulating		
FUND			
FUND CHARACTERISTICS			
Average Maturity	Fund	Benchmark	
Duration	8.6	7.7	
	3.3	3.3	
Yield to Maturity	7.9	7.9	
Convexity	0.0	0.0	
Current Yield	6.2	6.4	
Total Number of Issues	1,204.0	3,240.0	

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#### **CARBON DATA METRICS**

Carbon footprint of the index constituents versus parent
■ NT Index Fund
■ Standard Benchmark



Potential carbon emissions are emissions of fossil fuel companies that can be potentially released should all the fossil fuel reserves they own be extracted. This field represents the potential carbon emissions of the fossil fuel reserves owned by a company using a formula from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact research. Carbon intensity represents the company's most recently reported or estimated Direct (fuel combustion, company vehicles) and Indirect (purchased electricity heat and steam) greenhouse gas emissions.

#### **ADVOCACY DATA**

Advocacy data is updated on a quarterly basis capturing the previous 3 months engagement activity. For more information on our engagement, please read our quarterly engagement reporting at northerntrust.com/engagement. Engagement undertaken by Hermes EOS on behalf of Northern Trust.

#### **ESG EXCLUSIONS ON BASE INDEX**

Number of securities excluded in the fund index when compared to the standard benchmark.

ESG Screen	# of Securities	% of Market Capitalization
Business Related Exclusions*	9	0.5
Combined Governance	13	0.8
Combined Weapons	22	1.6
Fossil Fuels**	24	0.9
UNGC & Other Severe Controversies	5	2.9
Combined Basket***	69	6.4

<sup>\*</sup> Business Related Exclusions includes tobacco and not for profit prisons.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Fossil Fuels includes Thermal Coal, Shale, Oil Sands and Arctic Oil & Gas.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Stocks may appear in multiple ESG Screens but are only considered once in the Combined Basket.

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#### Glossary

Business Related Exclusions: Business related exclusions cover tobacco manufacturing, retail and trade and for-profit prisons.

Duration: is a measure of the sensitivity of the price of a bond or other debt instrument to a change in interest rates.

Forward EPS Growth: is an estimated growth of the next period's earnings of a company, usually till the completion of the current fiscal year and sometimes to the following fiscal year.

ISIN: International Securities Identification Number. It is a 12-digit alphanumeric code that uniquely identifies a specific security.

LT / ST: Long Term / Short Term.

Modified Duration: measures the change in the value of the a bond in response to a change in 100-basis-point (1%) change in interest rates.

Ongoing Charge: is a figure representing all annual charges and other payments taken from the fund.

Price-to-Book Ratio: is used to compare a firm's market capitalization to its book value. It's calculated by dividing the company's stock price per share by its book value per share. Book value is calculated as follows: (total asset - total liabilities) / number of shares outstanding.

Quant Active: securities are chosen based on numerical data compiled through quantitative analysis. It is aiming for high alpha from exposure to multiple factors: proven stock ranking model focused on selecting stocks that exhibit good value, quality, momentum and analyst revisions characteristics etc.

Spread Duration: is an estimate of how much the price of a specific bond will move when the spread of that specific bond changes.

SRRI: is a value based on the volatility of the fund, which gives an indication of the overall risk and reward profile of the fund.

Swing Pricing: protects existing shareholders against fund dilution by passing transaction costs to purchasing or redeeming shareholders. It allows funds to adjust the net asset value up or down once purchase or redemption limits are exceeded.

Trailing 12-month price-to-earnings ratio: is a relative valuation multiple based on the last 12 months of actual earnings, calculated by dividing the current stock price by the trailing EPS for the previous year.

WAL (Nominal Weighted Average Life): A bond's maturity is the length of time until the principal amount of the bond is to be repaid. WAL of the fund is calculated as the average of the underlying bonds' maturities, adjusted to take account of their relative weight (size) within the fund.

WAM (Weighted Average Maturity): A bond's maturity is the length of time until the principal amount of the bond is to be repaid. WAM of the ETF is calculated as the average of the underlying bonds' maturities, adjusted to take account of their relative weight (size) within the fund.

Weighted Average Market Cap: refers to a type of stock market index construction that is based on the market capitalization of the index's constituent stocks. Yield to Maturity (%): is the total return anticipated on a bond if the bond is held until it matures.

#### For More Information

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