# Merian Global Dynamic Bond Fund

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#### **Fund Objective and Investment Policy**

The objective of the Fund is to seek to maximise total return consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the fund will aim to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index (USD Hedged) over rolling 3 year periods.

#### **Summary Risk Indicator**



**Summary Risk Indicator (SRI):** The SRI is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The lowest category does not mean 'no risk'. Please see the KID for further information.

#### **Fund Ratings and Awards**



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#### Fund Performance as at 30.11.2023

#### Performance (%)

	1 m	3 m	YTD	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs
Fund	5.1	1.3	-0.4	-0.2	2.1	29.0	37.4
Benchmark	3.4	0.9	3.8	2.6	-8.8	5.6	16.8

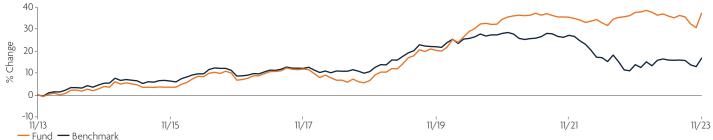
#### Rolling 12-month Performance (%)

	01 Dec '22 to	01 Dec '21 to	01 Dec '20 to	01 Dec '19 to	01 Dec '18 to	01 Dec '17 to	01 Dec '16 to	01 Dec '15 to	01 Dec '14 to	01 Dec '13 to
	30 Nov '23	30 Nov '22	30 Nov '21	30 Nov '20	30 Nov '19	30 Nov '18	30 Nov '17	30 Nov '16	30 Nov '15	30 Nov '14
Fund	-0.2	1.6	0.7	11.9	12.9	-4.7	4.8	3.0	-0.3	3.8
Benchmark	2.6	-10.5	-0.7	5.0	10.3	-1.3	3.2	2.2	1.0	5.3

#### Calendar Year Performance (%)

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	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	2.2	-0.5	13.0	10.0	-2.1	4.2	3.4	0.0	4.3	-1.9
Benchmark	-11.2	-1.4	5.6	8.1	0.0	3.5	2.6	0.5	6.0	-2.0

#### Performance Over 10 Years (%)



Past performance does not predict future returns. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The performance data shown does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units.

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With effect from 7th June 2023 Ariel Bezalel and Harry Richards are Co-Fund Managers of the fund.

#### **Risks**

Investment risk - there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its objective. A capital loss of some or all of the amount invested may occur. Credit risk - the issuer of a bond or a similar investment within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due. Bonds which are rated below investment grade are considered to have a higher risk exposure with respect to meeting their payment obligations. CoCos and other investments with loss absorbing features - the Fund may hold investments with loss-absorbing features, including up to 10% in contingent convertible bonds (CoCos). These investments may be subject to regulatory intervention and/or specific trigger events relating to regulatory capital levels falling to a pre-specified point. This is a different risk to traditional bonds and may result in their conversion to company shares, or a partial or total loss of value. Bond Connect Risk - The rules of the Bond Connect scheme may not always permit the Fund to sell its assets, and may cause the Fund to suffer losses on an investment. Interest rate risk - The rules of the Bond Connect scheme may not always permit the Fund was effect the value of the Fund. Liquidity risk - some investments may become hard to value or sell at a desired time and price. In extreme circumstances this may affect the Fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand. Currency risk - the Fund can be exposed to different currencies and may use techniques to try to reduce the effects of changes in the exchange rate between the currency of the underlying investments and the base currency of the Fund. These techniques to try to reduce the effects of changes in the exchange rate between the currency of the underlying investments and the base currency of the Fund. These techniques to try to reduce the effects of changes in the exchange rate provents and fall as a result of exchange rate movements. Derivative risk - the Fund uses derivatives to generate returns and/or to reduce costs and the overall risk of the Fund. Usin

# Fund Holdings as at 30.11.2023

Top Ten Holdings (% of net assets)	
Treasury Bond 2.375% 15/02/42	6.3
Poland (Republic Of) 6% 25/10/33	4.9
Australia (Commonwealth Of) 4.5% 21/04/33	4.1
Australia (Commonwealth Of) 3.25% 21/06/39	3.9
Treasury Bond 3.625% 15/05/53	3.8
New Zealand (Government Of) 0.25% 15/05/28	3.6
Mexican Bonos 8.5% 18/11/38	2.6
Canada (Government Of) 0.5% 01/12/30	2.3
Jgf-Gb Em Sd-I\$A	2.2
Treasury Note 3.625% 31/05/28	2.2
Total	35.8

Asset Allocation	(% of net assets)
Asset Allocation	1/6 OF HEL assets)

	Net Weight
Corporate	45.6
Government	43.9
Bond Future	42.5
Fund	4.4
Asset Backed Securities	0.3
	136.6
Cash	-36.6
Total	100.0

#### **Additional Information**

Yield to maturity base	6.72%
Effective Duration (Years)	8.44
Average credit rating	A-
Average term to maturity (Years)	14.24

### Regional Allocation (%)

	Long
-	50.9
-	26.0
-	22.4
-	20.5
-	8.0
-	6.2
-	0.4
-	136.6
-	2.2
-36.6	-
-36.6	136.6

Please note due to rounding of figures they may not add up to 100%.

# **Charges and Codes**

Underlying Yield

	Income Distribut	tion		Initial Charge	Ongoing	Management	Minimum Initial	Minimum Top
Share Class	Policy	ISIN	Bloomberg	(max.)	Charges Figure	Charge (max.)	Investment	Up Investment
L USD ACC	Accumulation	IE0031386414	SGPUTRI ID	5.00%	1.21%	1.00%	USD 500	USD 250

The ongoing charges figure is based on the expenses of the Fund for the 12 month period ended 12/2022. Where the Fund invests in other underlying funds, which may include closed-ended funds such as investment trusts, the ongoing charges figure will include the ongoing charges for those funds, and will therefore vary from year to year. The ongoing charges figure excludes portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/ exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling shares in another collective investment undertaking.

2023-10-31

#### Fund Information as at 30.11.2023

Product Information		
Launch Date Fund:	17.04.2002	
Launch Date Share Class:	aunch Date Share Class: 17.04.2002	
Morningstar Category:	EAA Fund Global	Bond - USD Hedged
SFDR Rating:	Article 6	
Benchmark:	Bloomberg Globa Hedged)	ll Aggregate (USD
Yield		As At Date
Distribution Yield	6.25%	2023-10-31

5.06%

#### Price Information

Valuation Day:	Every Business Day in Ireland
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Base Currency Fund:	USD
Currency Share Class:	USD
Available on:	www.jupiteram.com
Fund Size	
Fund Value:	USD 229m
Holdings:	102

Please refer to the Glossary section of the Factsheet for the Distribution Yield and Underlying Yield methodology.

The benchmark is a broad representation of the Fund's investment universe. Although a large proportion of the Fund's investments may be components of the Index, the Fund is actively managed and has the ability to deviate significantly from the Index. The fund is actively managed. The benchmark is a point of reference against which the performance of the Fund may be measured. The Fund is managed having regard to the benchmark; however the Fund does not track the benchmark.



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#### **Jupiter Factsheets - Glossary of Terms**

**Absolute return**: the total return of an asset, portfolio or fund over a given period of time OR an investment approach that attempts to achieve a return which is not benchmarked against an index.

**Ask / Bid price**: the lowest price a seller is willing to sell a security for / the highest price a buyer is willing to pay for a security.

**Bond**: a debt instrument ('I Owe You') issued by a company (corporate bond), government (sovereign/government bond) or other institution in order to raise money. In most cases, bonds pay a fixed interest rate (coupon) over a fixed period of time and will be repaid on a particular date. See **Coupon**.

**Convertibles**: securities (e.g. bonds or preference shares) that can be exchanged at some point in the future for a specified number of shares at a specified price of the company issuing the securities. See **Bond**.

Coupon: denotes the interest in % paid on a bond See Bond.

**Credit rating**: an assessment of a borrower's credit worthiness, i.e. the likelihood of the borrower to repay its debts.

**Derivative**: a financial instrument that derives its value from its underlying assets. Common underlying assets include stocks, bonds, commodities, currencies, interest rates and market indices. Futures contracts, forward contracts, options and swaps are the most common types of derivatives. Derivatives can be purchased 'on margin', i.e. at a fraction of the value of the underlying asset. Thus, they are 'leveraged' instruments where the risk of loss can be greater than the initial outlay. Derivatives can be used like insurance contracts (i.e. to hedge market risk) or for investment purposes. See **Hedge, Leverage**.

**Distribution Yield**: reflects the amounts that may be expected to be distributed over the next twelve months as a percentage of the price of the fund as at the date shown. It is based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on distributions.

**Duration/Modified Duration**: Duration estimates the sensitivity of a bond or bond fund to changes in interest rates. It is measured in years. The longer a bond's duration, the more sensitive it is to interest rate movements. Modified duration estimates the effect that a 1% change in interest rates will have on the price of a bond or bond fund.

**Economic Gross**: the gross exposure adjusted to account for investments with mutually exclusive outcomes, for example a short position hedge on a share that is also held as a long position. See **Gross exposure**, **Long/short position**, **Hedge**.

**Effective duration:** estimates the sensitivity of a bond's price to changes in benchmark interest rates. Effective duration is required for the measurement of interest rate risk for complex types of bonds. See **Bond**.

**Engagement**: means dialogue with management teams and boards, including non-executive directors. Engagement enables us to assess and influence how businesses are managed.

**Equity**: a share representing an ownership interest in a company. Equity market means stock market.

**Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)**: a fund vehicle that is traded like a stock on a stock exchange. It is used to track and mimic the performance of a specific market index.

**Exposure**: describes the level of risk to a particular asset, asset type, sector, market or government. Also, the directional market exposure of a (absolute return) fund. See **Absolute Return, Gross/Net exposure**.

**Fixed interest/income**: denotes debt instruments (securities) that pay a fixed interest rate (e.g. bond, commercial paper). Also, a universal term for bond or debt investing. See **Bond**.

**Floating rate note (FRN)**: a bond with a variable interest rate. The interest rate is variable as it is tied to a benchmark such as LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate). See **Bond**.

**Futures**: an exchange traded contract between two parties to buy or sell a commodity or a financial instrument at a pre-determined price at a future date. See **Bond Future, Derivative**.

**Gearing**: measures a company's borrowings (debt) as a proportion of assets. See **Leverage**.

**Gross exposure**: the percentage value of the long positions plus the percentage value of the short positions. See **Net exposure**.

**Hedge**: an investment designed to reduce the risk of adverse price movements in an asset by taking an offsetting position. Derivatives are usually used as hedging tools. See **Derivative**.

**High Water Mark**: the highest level that a fund's net asset value (NAV) has reached at the end of any 12-month accounting period. See **Net Asset Value**.

**High yield bond**: a bond with a high coupon payment and typically a low/no credit rating (below investment grade, e.g. BBB-). See **Bond**, **Coupon**.

**Historic yield**: reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the price, as at the date shown. It does not include any initial charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

**Hurdle Rate**: the minimum level of return required before a fund can charge a performance fee. See **Performance fee**.

**Leverage**: the use of financial instruments (e.g. debt) to increase the potential return of an investment. See **Notional value**.

Liquidity: measures how easily an asset or security can be converted into cash.

**Long/short position**: a long position is buying a security with the expectation that it will deliver a positive return if its value goes up and a negative return if its value falls. Conversely, a short position involves selling a borrowed security with

the expectation of buying it back at a lower price to make a profit. However, if the security goes up in value, a short position will make a loss.

**Maturity**: refers to a finite time period at the end of which a security/debt instrument is due to be repaid. See **Bond**.

**Money market**: markets in which short-term (less than one year) debt instruments are traded. Money market instruments are typically cash deposits and commercial papers.

**Net asset value (NAV)**: in relation to a fund, the market value of its assets less its liabilities. The market value is usually determined by the price at which an investor can redeem shares.

**Net exposure**: the percentage value of the long positions less the percentage value of the short positions. See **Gross Exposure**, **Long/short Position**.

Non-rated bonds: bonds that are not rated. See Bond.

**Notional value**: commonly used in relation to a derivative, denotes the theoretical value of its underlying asset. See **Derivative**.

**Open-ended Investment Company (OEIC)**: a fund vehicle, which can issue a limitless number of shares whose value are directly linked to the value of its underlying investments. OEICs normally list a single price based on the NAV. See **Net Asset Value**.

**Performance fee**: a fee paid to an asset manager for generating positive returns above a hurdle rate.

**Preferred bonds**: have greater seniority when a bond issuer repays its debts. In the event that the issuer cannot repay all its debt, the holders of preferred bonds will be further forward in the queue for repayment than holders of other ('non-preferred') bonds.

**Share**: a unit of ownership interest in a company or financial asset. Also **Equity**.

**SICAV**:Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable. A type of open-ended fund widely used in Europe.

**Spread**: the difference between the bid and the ask price of a single security. It can also refer to the difference in price between two securities. See **Ask/Bid price**.

**Stewardship**: our responsibility to understand and manage investment risks we take on behalf of our clients. We consider material Environmental, Social and Governance ('ESG') information in the same way as we consider other types of investment analysis. These three factors enable us to evaluate how companies interact with the Environment (such as climate change), Society (human rights) and Governance (management). Stewardship entails a responsibility to monitor and engage with the companies in which we invest.

**Sustainability**: by appropriately considering ESG risks and engaging with companies, we strive to generate long term, sustainable returns for our clients.

**Total return**: the capital gain or loss plus any income generated by an investment over a given period.

**Underlying Yield**: reflects the amounts that may be expected to be distributed, net of expenses, over the next twelve months as a percentage of the price of the fund as at the date shown. It is based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on distributions.

**Unit Trust**: A fund vehicle which can issue a limitless number of units whose value are directly linked to the value of its underlying investments. Jupiter Unit Trusts are single priced, which means they have one price for buying and selling.

Value at Risk (VaR): value at Risk, a mathematical way of measuring the maximum expected loss of an investment over a period of time.

**Volatility**: measures how much the price of a security moves up or down over a period of time. A stock that experiences big price swings has high volatility, while one which moves up or down in smaller increments has low volatility.

Yield to Maturity (YTM): measures the annual return an investor can anticipate for holding a particular bond until it matures. When considering an entire bond portfolio, an average yield is used based on the weightings of individual bonds within that portfolio.

