

Baillie Gifford Investment Grade Bond Fund

Shareholder Rights Directive Annual Disclosure
for the period 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023



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Our Investment Strategy

Investment Grade Credit is an actively managed strategy where the primary driver of outperformance is bond selection driven by company fundamentals. The strategy is seeking to outperform a sterling investment grade index. However, we are able to make opportunistic investment in non-sterling and high yield bonds. In-depth fundamental analysis can identify pricing anomalies and idiosyncratic risks at a company level which are well rewarded through the credit cycle. We believe that patience and a long-term investment horizon are vital to adding value for our clients. We do not seek to add value through market timing, active currency, or interest rate risk management.

How We Make Investment Decisions

We seek to add value through comprehensive fundamental research and thoughtful bond analysis. Our best ideas together form a well-diversified portfolio with deliberately limited exposure to single risk factors. The lead manager has full ownership and accountability for all strategy decisions. The lead investment manager draws on the research and insights of all Baillie Gifford Credit investors. The teams share many core investment beliefs and a common investment approach, allowing for idea sharing and lively debate. Their close interaction ensures a holistic view of the opportunities across credit markets.

Key Material Medium to Long Term Risks

The key material medium to long-term risks associated with the portfolio investments, including corporate governance matters and other risks are:

Fundamental risk - the permanent loss of capital. We therefore place significant emphasis in our investment management process on understanding the fundamentals of the bonds in which we invest, including environmental, social and governance factors (ESG), which may impact the sustainability of future returns.

Derivatives risk - we make use of derivatives both to hedge risks and for investment purposes. A series of guidelines are in place to control the use of derivatives and limit the exposures they create.

Portfolio risk - a failure to maintain an appropriate level of diversification at the strategy level. A series of investment guidelines are in place which are intended to ensure that there is a sufficient level of diversification.

Liquidity risk - a failure to maintain appropriate level of liquidity at the strategy level. We have a series of guidelines that ensure the strategy remains sufficiently liquid, to enable positions to be exited or client cash flows to be managed with minimal impact.

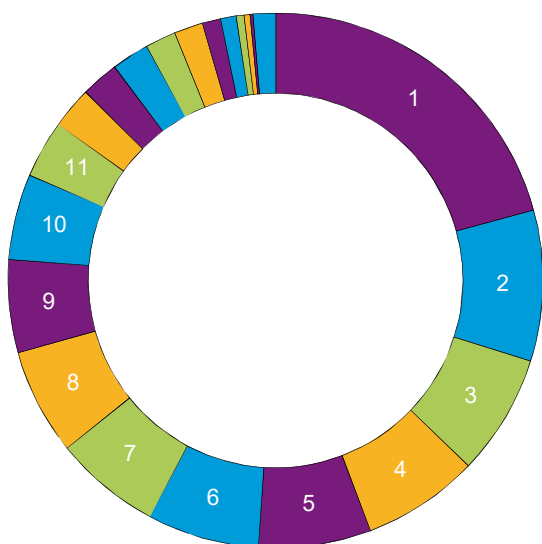
Portfolio Composition

The Fund seeks to maximise total return relative to an index comprised of sterling investment grade bonds. Performance is driven by stock selection. Ideas are sourced primarily from investment grade bonds and are driven by fundamental, bottom-up stock analysis. Our portfolio is well diversified, with exposure to between 50-90 companies typically. Holdings are sized according to our level of conviction in their prospects and the risks they pose.

Top Ten Holdings

Asset Name	% of Portfolio
UK Treasury 3.5% 22/10/2025	2.6
AT&T 7% 2040	2.0
UK Treasury 4.5% 07/12/2042	2.0
EIB 6% 2028	1.8
UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2049	1.8
IBRD 0.25% 2026	1.6
Santander UK 6.75% 2024 Perp AT1	1.6
Weir Group 6.875% 2028	1.2
Blackstone Private Credit 4.875% 2026	1.2
Legal & General 5.375% 2025/45 T2	1.2

Sector Analysis of Total Assets



	%
1 Banking	20.8
2 Utility	9.1
3 Insurance	7.3
4 Real Estate	7.1
5 Asset Backed	6.8
6 Supranational	6.8
7 Sovereign	6.4
8 Government Guaranteed	6.4
9 Telecommunications	5.6
10 Financial Services	5.2
11 Commercial Mortgage Backed	3.5
12 Automotive	2.5
13 Agency	2.3
14 Capital Goods	2.3
15 Retail	1.9
16 Health Care	1.7
17 Consumer Goods	1.1
18 Transportation	0.9
19 Local-Authority	0.5
20 Services	0.4
21 Basic Industry	0.2
22 Cash & Derivatives	1.3

Source: Baillie Gifford & Co.
Please note that totals may not add due to rounding.

Turnover and Turnover (Transaction) Costs

	%
Rolling One Year Turnover	76

Rolling One Year Turnover is calculated as the lesser of the sum of all purchases and the sum of all sales in each month divided by the monthly average market value, summed over 12 months. Turnover is a measure of average investment horizon, the lower the turnover the longer the average investment horizon. Purchases and sales exclude derivatives and cash.

Transaction costs:	%
Explicit transaction costs	0.00
Implicit transaction costs	0.13

Explicit costs are directly observable and include broker commissions and transaction taxes and fees. Implicit costs are the indirect costs associated with buying and selling of securities. Specifically, implicit costs represent the differential between the actual transaction price (excluding taxes and commissions) and the mid-market price of the asset when the order to transact was transmitted to a third-party. Due to the methodology used, overall transaction costs may be 'negative' if individual securities are purchased below the prevailing mid-price or conversely sold above the mid-price. Current MiFID II guidance requires us to disclose these costs, even if they result in a negative figure (i.e. an implicit gain to the investor).

Our Governance and Sustainability Approach

We look beyond current financial performance, undertaking proprietary research to build up an in-depth knowledge of an individual issuer and a view on their long-term prospects, including material governance and sustainability factors which we believe will positively or negatively affect the financial returns of an investment. In keeping with our decentralised and autonomous culture, we are comfortable with our various investment strategies taking different approaches to reach the same goal of properly assessing and weighing up governance and sustainability considerations in the investment process. Further information regarding our approach is detailed in our Governance and Sustainability Principles and Guidelines available in the About Us section of our website.

Our Engagement Approach

We engage regularly with management and board members to identify and understand issues and to monitor performance. Analysts from the Governance and Sustainability team regularly join our investors for these meetings, in addition to meetings that they will arrange directly with company representatives to discuss specific issues. Further details of Baillie Gifford's approach to engagement as well as details of engagements undertaken can be found in the About Us section of our website under Governance and Sustainability.

Conflicts of Interest

Baillie Gifford maintains a firm-wide Conflicts Matrix, which identifies conflicts and potential conflicts of interest that exist within the firm, and the procedures and controls that have been adopted to manage these conflicts. Baillie Gifford's firm wide conflict of interest disclosure is available in the Important Disclosures area of our website

We recognise the importance of managing potential conflicts of interest that may exist when we engage with or vote at a company with whom we have a material business or personal relationship and the Governance and Sustainability team is responsible for monitoring these possible material conflicts of interest.

The Governance and Sustainability team's approach to dealing with conflicts of interest in relation to voting and engagement can be found in our Investment Stewardship Activities report which is available in the Governance and Sustainability area of our website.

