UBS ETF (IE) Factor MSCI USA Quality ESG UCITS ETF (hedged to EUR) A-acc Fund Fact Sheet

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Fund description

- The fund generally invests in US large and mid cap stocks which are contained in the MSCI USA Quality ESG Low Carbon Select 100% Hedged to EUR Index. The relative weightings of the companies correspond to their weightings in the index.
- The investment objective is to replicate the price and return performance of the MSCI USA Quality ESG Low Carbon Select 100% Hedged to EUR Index net of fees. The stock exchange price may differ from the net asset value.
- The purpose of the Currency Hedge is to limit the profit or loss generated from foreign exchange exposure when holding an US Dollar denominated asset in a currency other than US Dollars.

Name of fund	**UBS (Irl) ETF plc – Factor MSCI USA Quality ESG UCITS ETF**
Share class	UBS (Irl) ETF plc – Factor MSCI USA Quality ESG UCITS ETF (hedged to EUR) A-acc
ISIN	IE00BWT3KN65
WKN	A14Y6W
UCITS V	yes
Launch date	10.12.2015
Currency of fund / share class	USD/EUR
Management fee p.a.	0.28%
Total expense ratio (TER) p.a.[1]	0.28%
Name of the Management Company	UBS Fund Management (Ireland) Limited, Dublin 2
Accounting year end	31 December
Distribution	Reinvestment
Replication methodology	Physical (Full replicated)
Portfolio management representatives	UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd., London
Fund domicile	Ireland
SFDR Classification	Art.8

1 as at 13.12.2023

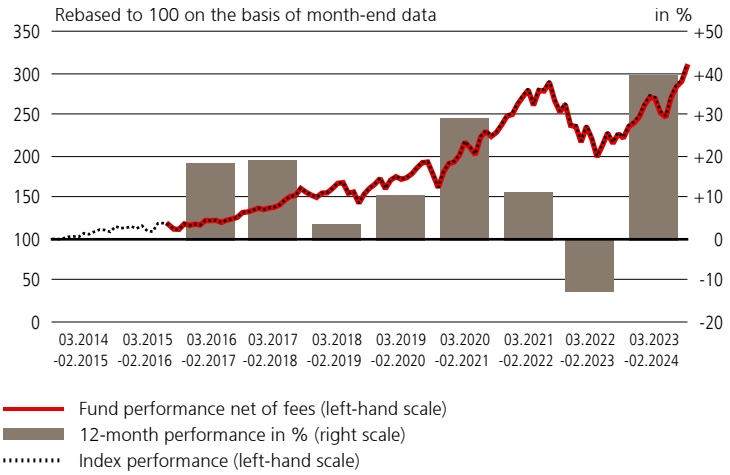
Fund statistics

Net asset value (EUR, 29.02.2024)	38.14
Last 12 months (EUR) – high	38.14
– low	27.12
Total fund assets (EUR m)	1 581.31
Share class assets (EUR m)	78.65

	2 years	3 years	5 years
Volatility[1]			
– Fund	20.84%	19.41%	18.84%
– Benchmark	20.84%	19.42%	18.84%
Tracking error (ex post)	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%

1 Annualised standard deviation

Performance (basis EUR, net of fees)[1]



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

in %	03.2019 -02.2020	03.2020 -02.2021	03.2021 -02.2022	03.2022 -02.2023	03.2023 -02.2024
Fund (EUR)	10.29	28.58	10.64	-12.32	38.80
Index[2]	10.44	28.74	10.84	-12.27	38.89
Fund (@Currency) incl. max. entry charge	10.29				

The performance shown does not take account of any commissions, entry or exit charges.

1 These figures refer to the past. **If the currency of a financial product, financial service or its costs is different from your reference currency, the return and/or costs can increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.** Source for all data and chart (if not indicated otherwise): UBS Asset Management.
2 Reference Index in currency of share class (without costs)

Index description

The MSCI USA Quality ESG Low Carbon Select 100% Hedged to EUR Index represents a close estimation of the performance that can be achieved by hedging the currency exposures of its parent index, the MSCI USA Quality ESG Low Carbon Select Index, to the EUR, the "home" currency for the hedged index. The index is 100% hedged to the EUR by selling each foreign currency forward at the one-month Forward rate. The Parent index is composed of large and mid cap segments of the US equity market.

Index name	MSCI USA Quality ESG Low Carbon Select Index (Net Return) hedged to EUR
Index type	Total Return Net
Number of index constituents	125
Bloomberg	M1CXUBJ
Reuters	.dMIHUS0CMN0SEU
Market Capitalization (in USD bn)	18 523.15

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Sector exposure (%)

	Index
Information Technology	50.5
Industrials	16.1
Health Care	15.8
Financial Services	7.2
Consumer Staples	5.3
Consumer Discretionary	5.0
Materials	0.1
Energy	0.1
Real estate	0.1
Communication Services	0.0
Utilities	0.0

10 largest equity positions (%)

	Fund
Microsoft Corp	8.3
Apple Inc	7.3
NVIDIA Corp	7.0
Eli Lilly & Co	3.5
Broadcom Inc	3.5
Visa Inc	3.0
Mastercard Inc	2.9
Applied Materials Inc	2.7
UnitedHealth Group Inc	2.6
Lam Research Corp	2.6

Benefits

Clients benefit from the flexibility of an exchange-traded investment.
Provides access to this segment of the market with a single transaction.
Optimised risk/return profile thanks to a broad diversification across a range of sectors.
The fund offers a high degree of transparency and cost efficiency.
UCITS compliant fund.

Additional information

- The fund is passively managed.

Risks

This UBS Exchange Traded Fund invests in equities and may therefore be subject to high fluctuations in value. This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money before the recommended holding period disclosed in the PRIIPs KID. All investments are subject to market fluctuations. Every fund has specific risks, which can significantly increase under unusual market conditions. Sustainability risks are not considered as part of the Index selection process. Therefore, sustainability risks are not systematically integrated. As a result, the net asset value of the funds assets is directly dependent on the performance of the underlying index. Losses that could be avoided via active management will not be offset.

Listing and trading information

Exchange	Trading currency	Trading hours (local time)	Bloomberg Ticker	Reuters RIC	iNAV Bloomberg
Borsa Italiana	EUR	09:00am - 05:30pm CET	UQLTE IM	UQLTE.MI	IGGMUSYS
Deutsche Börse (XETRA)	EUR	09:00am - 05:30pm CET	UBUX GY	UBUX.DE	IGGMUSYS
Euronext Amsterdam	EUR	09:00am - 05:30pm CET	UBUX NA	UBUX.AS	IGGMCHYS
SIX Swiss Exchange	EUR	09:00am - 05:30pm CET	UQLTE SW	UQLTE.S	UETFUBUD

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ESG Report

ESG is an abbreviation for Environmental, Social and Governance (factors). These factors are used to evaluate companies and countries on how advanced they are with respect to sustainability. Once sufficient data on these factors are available, they can be used to assess and compare assets and also to inform the investment process when deciding what assets to buy, hold or sell.

This page provides transparency on key sustainability metrics that may be of interest to investors, but may not be part of the fund's investment process. This information is provided to enable comparison with other financial products and to help investors assess their exposure to ESG topics.

UBS AM sustainability approaches applied

- ☑ Exclusion
- ☐ Impact
- ☑ ESG Integration
- ☑ Voting
- ☑ SI Focus
- ☑ Engagement program

Source: UBS Asset Management

External fund ratings [1]



1 As of 31.03.2023
Source: MSCI ESG Research

ESG details of the top 10 equity positions

(in % of fund AuM)[1,2]

Holding (equities)	Weight	ESG Score
Microsoft Corp	8.3	9.3
Apple Inc	7.3	5.7
NVIDIA Corp	7.0	9.1
Eli Lilly & Co	3.5	7.0
Broadcom Inc	3.5	5.9
Visa Inc	3.0	7.1
Mastercard Inc	2.9	7.3
Applied Materials Inc	2.7	10.0
UnitedHealth Group Inc	2.6	8.5
Lam Research Corp	2.6	9.7

1 This is not a recommendation to buy or sell any security
2 AuM = Assets under Management
Source: MSCI ESG Research

MSCI ESG scores, scaled

(holding-weighted average 0-10)



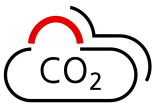
	Fund	Reference index
	8.0	6.6
Environmental	6.5	6.8
Social	6.2	5.1
Governance	5.9	5.5

Fund actual data coverage: 100%
Reference index actual data coverage: 100%

Source: MSCI ESG Research
Reference Index: MSCI USA (net div. reinv.)

Weighted average carbon intensity, scaled - Corporate issuers

(tCO_2 equivalent per USD million sales)



Fund	Reference index
21.3	92.0

Fund actual data coverage: 100%
Reference index actual data coverage: 100%

Source: MSCI ESG Research
Reference Index: MSCI USA (net div. reinv.)

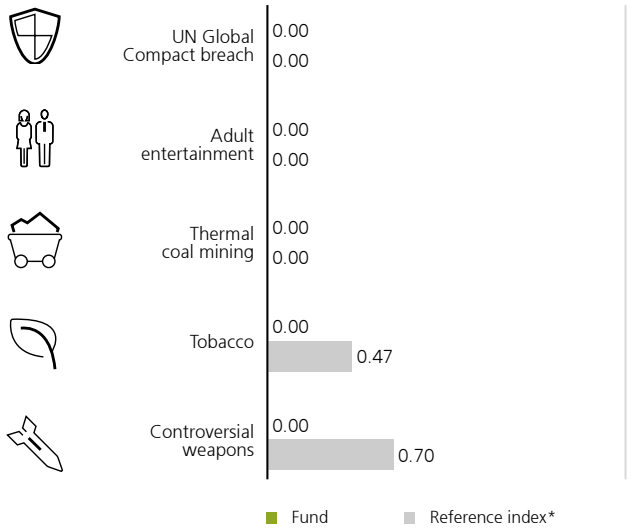
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ESG Report

Controversy check

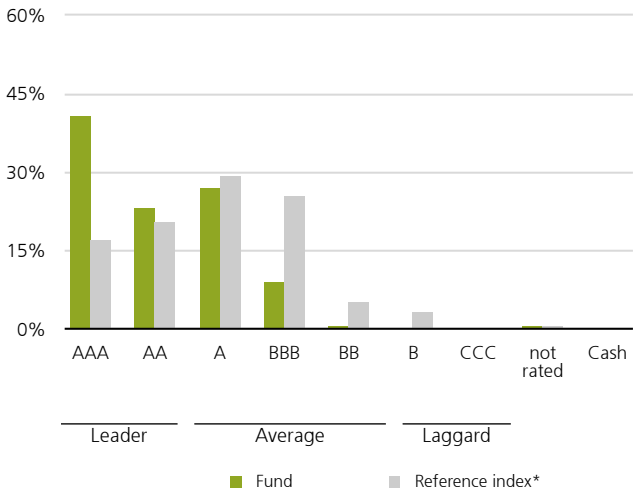
(in % of fund AuM)[1]



1 Assets under Management

Source: MSCI ESG Research
Reference Index: MSCI USA (net div. reinv.)

MSCI ESG rating breakdown



The final industry-adjusted ESG scores are mapped to letter MSCI ESG rating with AAA/AA leaders; A/BBB/BB average; B/CCC laggards.

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Reference Index: MSCI USA (net div. reinv.)

Revenues aligning with UN Sustainable Development Goals - UN SDGs

(in % of fund AuM)[1,2,3]

The negative effects of certain companies to UN SDGs are not shown but there is ongoing work to provide this information.

UN SDG number / category		Fund	Reference index
1	No poverty	5.07	5.92
2	Zero hunger	0.37	0.70
3	Good health and well-being	4.70	5.26
4	Quality education	0.00	0.00
5	Gender equality	0.00	0.00
6	Clean water and sanitation	0.11	0.82
7	Affordable and clean energy	0.13	0.53
8	Decent work and economic growth	0.00	0.05
9	Industry, innovation and infrastructure	5.45	6.81
10	Reduced inequalities	0.00	0.05
11	Sustainable cities and communities	0.24	0.71
12	Responsible consumption and production	5.54	7.06
13	Climate action	0.14	0.88
14	Life below water	0.04	0.06
15	Life on land	0.01	0.01

1 The difference between 100% and fund/reference index values results from companies whose products and services revenues contribute more than 0% to one or more SDGs. In some cases, the sum of all figures may exceed 100% Assets under Management, as products and services from companies count toward more than one SDG. Assessment data provided by MSCI ESG Research.

2 Assets under Management

3 UN SDG data currently only available for corporate issuers
Source: MSCI ESG Research

Reference Index: MSCI USA (net div. reinv.)

Glossary

Controversy check: Controversial Business Involvement exposure is the exposure to companies with a revenue share exceeding a certain threshold of the respective field (production). Link to our exclusion policy for more details: -> www.ubs.com/si-exclusion-policy

MSCI ESG scores are provided by MSCI ESG Research and are measured on a scale from 0 (lowest/worst score) to 10 (highest/best score). The score is based on the underlying company's exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to mitigate those risks relative to their peers. ESG

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scores are also shown a breakdown of the E, S and G scores, in reference to the different components that are considered for the Environmental, Social and Government pillars. The components are also rated on a scale of 0-10. Based on the individual E, S and G values, a weighted average can be calculated. This is dynamic and takes into account the direct changes of all underlying results, which affect the individual E, S and G values. The ESG Score measures the most financially significant environmental, social and governance risks and opportunities of companies. In addition, sectoral differences are taken into account through key industry specific ESG issues. This makes the ESG score a rather static measure, as the relative valuation of a sector remains constant over a longer period of time.
The metric is scaled up to 100% if actual data coverage is above the defined thresholds - Fixed Income: 50%; Equities: 66%, Multi-Asset: 50%. Otherwise, the metric is reported as -.

UBS AM sustainability approaches applied:
Exclusion: Strategies that exclude securities from funds where they are not aligned to an investor`s values. Includes customized screening criteria.
ESG Integration: Strategies that integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into fundamental financial analysis to improve risk/return profile.
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https://www.ubs.com/global/en/assetmanagement/capabilities/sustainable-investing/stewardship-engagement.html

Aggregation of ESG/Carbon data: ESG scores of holdings in the portfolio and the reference index are aggregated based on their respective individual weights and ESG scores (sum product).

Use of derivatives / fund of fund investments: Derivatives and fund of fund investments used in the portfolio are treated on a lookthrough basis, whereby the economic exposures to the underlying basket of securities is treated as an actual investment in the individual securities that make up this basket. This might in the case of broad market derivatives or fund of fund investments lead to minimal exposures to securities that are excluded from direct investments.
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Weighted Average Carbon Intensity – Corporate issuers/ Carbon Intensity- Sovereign issuers:
These metrics measure a fund's exposure to carbon-intensive companies and governments. These metrics provide insight into potential risks related to the transition to a lower-carbon

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economy because companies with higher carbon intensity are likely to face more exposure to carbon related market and regulatory risks. These metrics are applicable across asset classes.
It's the sum product of the fund weights and individual carbon intensities (carbon emissions scope 1+2 / USDm sales or GDP).
The metric is scaled up to 100% if actual data coverage is above the defined thresholds - Fixed Income: 50%; Equities: 66%, Multi-Asset: 50%. Otherwise, the metric is reported as -.
Classification system to separate corporate and sovereign issuers: Bloomberg Barclays Methodology. Securitized bonds excluded from the calculation. "No exposure" in case the fund is not invested in the respective issuers for the month.

ESG metrics: These are performance and transparency indicators of a business's operations with environmental, social and governance issues to help determine its performance and potential risks. Organizational leaders may integrate principles of these areas into company policies, reports and operations through analyzing or benchmarking.

MSCI ESG rating breakdown: The final sector-adjusted ESG score of the portfolio is broken down in three rating categories with AAA/AA leaders; A/BBB/BB average and B/CCC laggards, and compared to the rating breakdown of the reference index.

Revenues aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs): The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a call for action by all countries to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. We measure the fund versus its reference index against 15 UN SDGs. These are measured and shown based on their revenue exposure to products and services with positive impact that help solve the world's major social and environmental challenges. Due to the nature of UN SDG 16 and 17, they are currently not measured based on revenue alignment and hence not included in the illustration.

Passive ESG: Benchmark selection is driven by portfolio implementation considerations, in particular to closely reflect the financial and ESG objectives of the fund. For passively managed strategies, an ESG benchmark would be selected for the purpose of balancing between reasonable tracking error and high ESG alignment. In order to assess the magnitude of ESG improvements, the fund's ESG performance is also shown against a selected broad market index which closely represents the parent investment universe on which the ESG benchmark is based on.

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Alpha: A fund's alpha is its outperformance relative to a benchmark. If a fund has a consistently high alpha this can indicate skilful management. If the benchmark returns 12% and the portfolio returns 14%, the outperformance (alpha) is equal to 14% - 12% = 2%. Compare with beta.
Accumulation: Reinvestment of the income generated by the investment fund into the fund`s assets.
Active management: Here the fund manager uses their expertise to pick investments to achieve the fund's objectives
Benchmark: Index against which an investment fund's performance is measured. Also called a reference index.
Beta: A measure of risk which indicates the sensitivity of an investment, to fluctuations in the market, as represented by the relevant benchmark. For example, a beta of 1.2 tells us that the value of an investment fund can be expected to change by 12% if the market is forecast to move by 10%.
Bonds: Debt instruments with a fixed or variable rate of interest and generally with a fixed maturity and redemption date. The most common issuers are major companies, government bodies such as the federal government and the cantons, public institutions, and international organisations such as the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund.
Commodities: A tradeable item that can be further processed and sold. Industrial (metals), agricultural (wool, wheat, sugar) and bulk commodities (coal, iron ore) are examples. It is possible to invest in physical commodities or in derivatives based on commodity prices.
Convertible bonds: Bonds which feature a conversion right entitling the holder to convert the bond into shares of the company in question at a certain point in time and at a conversion ratio set in advance.
Corporate bonds: Strictly speaking, corporate bonds are those issued by companies. Generally, however, the term is used to cover all bonds other than those issued by governments in their own currencies. Therefore the 'credit' sector, as it is often known, includes issues by companies, supranational organisations and government agencies. The key feature that distinguishes corporate bonds from government bonds is the risk of default – see credit risk.
Correlation: A measure of the degree to which the price trends of various investment categories or instruments move in the same direction.
Derivatives: Investments whose value is linked to another investment, or to the performance of a stock exchange or to some other variable factor, such as interest rates.
Distribution: Payment of an investment fund to distribute the income generated to its unit holders.
Diversification: Holding a variety of investments that typically perform differently from one another.
Duration: The duration represents the length of time for which capital is "tied up" in a bond investment. The concept of duration takes account of the time structure of returning cash flows (such as coupon repayments). The average duration of the portfolio is derived from the weighted average duration of the individual securities. The "modified duration" is derived from the duration and provides a measure of the sensitivity of bonds or bond portfolios to interest-rate changes.
Emerging economy or market: Emerging markets or developing markets - mainly in Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America - that are growing quickly, but whose economies and stock markets have not yet reached Western standards.
Equities: Securities which evidence an equity interest in a company. As a joint owner, the shareholder has rights of participation (voting right, right to information) and rights to assets (right to a share of profits, subscription rights).
Exchange traded fund (ETF): An investment fund that is traded like stocks on an exchange. Most ETFs are index funds: they hold the same securities in the same proportions as a certain index.
Feeder Fund: An investment fund that invests the majority of its assets into a master fund
Hedging: Protecting investments against losses. UBS Asset Allocation funds and hedged UBS ETFs specifically hedge against exchange-rate risks.
High watermark: The high watermark is used in connection with the performance fee. The fund manager calculates his or her share of the profits on the basis of the value increment over and above the last peak in the NAV. As a result, the performance fee does not become payable until all losses incurred have been completely recovered.
High Yield bonds: Bonds issued by borrowers with lower credit ratings. Such bonds offer higher rates of interest, but at the same time there is also a higher risk of default, i.e. that interest payments will not be paid or that the face value will not be repaid.
Inflation-linked bonds: An inflation-linked bond provides investors with protection from inflation by linking its principal amount or interest payments to a specific inflation index.
Investment grade: Term used to denote securities with ratings of between BBB and AAA, indicating that their credit quality is satisfactory or good.
Illiquid: Illiquid assets are those assets that cannot be easily bought, sold, or converted into cash. It may often be impossible to convert the asset to cash until the end of the life of the asset.
Index: Indicator of performance on one or more markets. The oldest and best-known stock market index is the Dow Jones. Indexes make it possible to compare the performance of a fund which is invested in a specific market with the development of this market.
Index Fund: An investment fund which replicates a chosen stock market index in its stock selection and weightings as exactly as possible.
Leverage: With derivative instruments, greater returns can be earned with a comparatively lower capital investment than with an investment in the actual underlying instrument. This effect is called leverage.
Management Style: Manner in which the investment decisions are made to achieve the investment objective (see also Active and Passive Management).
Master Fund: Funds invested in respective feeder funds, are then invested into the master fund. The master fund holds the portfolio investments and conducts all trading activity.
Maturity: Period from the issue of a bond to its due date or to the premature repayment of the bond. Not to be confused with duration.
Net Asset Value (NAV): Used to describe the value of a company's assets less the value of their liabilities.
Rating: The measure of the creditworthiness of a borrower by special rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's or Moody's. As a rule, UBS bond funds principally invest in bonds issued by prime borrowers.
Reinvestment: The possibility of reinvesting the distribution in the same fund. Certain funds offer investors a special

reinvestment discount on the issuing price if the annual distribution is reinvested.
Over the counter (OTC): An over the counter financial contract is one that is not traded on an exchange but is 'tailor-made' for a client by a financial institution.
Passive management: Passive management seeks to attain performance equal to market or index returns.
Performance Fee: For non-classical investment funds such as hedge funds, the investor often has to pay, in addition to the conventional management fee, a supplementary performance fee in the form of a percentage (e.g. 20%) of the fund's annual increase in value.
Physical replication: In physical replication, an ETF invests directly in securities held in the benchmark it is tracking. To do so, the ETF can buy some or all of the securities that make up the replicated index - this method is called full replication and is suitable for liquid indices.
Share Class: An investment fund can issue several types of share certificates with different criteria. The share certificate classes may differ in the amount of fees, the appropriation of income or the currency of the share certificate class.
Synthetic replication: In contrast to physical replication, with synthetic replication an ETF does not invest directly in the securities held in the benchmark. Instead, it enters into a swap agreement with a counterparty, which promises to pay the return on the replicated index to the ETF.
Risk free rate: An investment with no chance of default, and a known or certain rate of return.
Swing Pricing: Method used to calculate the net asset values of investment funds. Which allows transaction costs arising from subscriptions made by incoming investors and redemptions made by outgoing investors to be borne by the incoming and outgoing investors, rather than existing investors.
Standard deviation: Statistical measure of the degree to which an individual value in a probability distribution tends to vary from the mean of the distribution. The greater the degree of dispersion the greater the risk.
Sharpe ratio: Measure expresses how much higher (or lower) a return an investor can expect compared to the risk-free rate of interest (e.g., interest rates on savings accounts) per unit of risk (volatility). The risk-free rate of interest varies from currency to currency.
Tracking error: Measure of the deviation of the return of a fund compared to the return of a benchmark over a fixed period, expressed as a percentage. The more passively the investment fund is managed, the smaller the tracking error.
Total Expense Ratio (TER): The ratio of total expense to a fund's average size over an annualised accounting period. Expenses are taken to include all expenses shown in the income account, including management, administration, custody, audit, legal and professional fees.
UCITS: Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities. A UCITS fund is an authorised fund that may be sold across all EU countries.
Volatility: A measure of the size of short term changes in the value of an investment.
Yield to maturity: Weighted average rate earned by an investor who buys the bond portfolio today at the market price and holds the bond portfolio until maturity, and assuming that all coupon and principal payments will be made on schedule.
Ø – Average.