# Morgan Stanley

### **INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT**

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Investors should read the Key Investor Information Document and Prospectus before investing.

### APPROVED FOR USE IN GERMANY

Morgan Stanley Investment Funds

## **Global Credit Fund - A Shares**

(Accumulation Share Class)

### **Investment Objective**

To generate income and the long term growth of your investment.

### **Investment Approach**

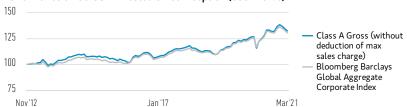
Seeks to provide an attractive rate of relative return, measured in U.S. dollars, through investment primarily in high-quality issues of fixed income securities issued by corporations and other non-government issuers ('corporate bonds') organised or operating in both developed and emerging markets and denominated in global currencies.

Investment Team	JOINED FIRM	YEARS OF INVESTMENT EXPERIENCE
Richard Ford, Managing Director	1991	30
Christian G. Roth, Managing Director	1991	34
Joseph Mehlman, Managing Director	2002	19

Team members may be subject to change at any time without notice.

### Class A Shares (% net of fees) vs. Index in USD

### Performance of 100 USD Invested Since Inception (Cash Value)



### 12 Month Performance Periods to Latest Month End $(\%)^{12,\dagger}$

	MAR '21	MAR '20			MAR '17
Class A Gross (without deduction of max sales charge) <sup>1</sup>	14.50	-0.34	0.35	6.53	1.76
Class A Net (with the deduction of max sales charge) <sup>2</sup>	9.92	-4.33	-3.67	2.27	-2.31
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Index	11.74	1.26	1.28	6.49	1.30

### **Investment Performance (% net of fees) in USD**

	Cumulative (%)			Annualised (% p.a.)				
	1 M	3 M	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	INCEPTION
Class A Gross (without deduction of max sales charge) <sup>1</sup>	-1.61	-4.34	-4.34	14.50	4.62	4.42		3.40
Class A Net (with the deduction of max sales charge) <sup>2</sup>	-5.54	-8.16	-8.16	9.92	3.20	3.57		2.90
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Index	-1.93	-4.25	-4.25	11.74	4.65	4.33		3.21

Calendar Year Returns (%)	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Class A Gross (without deduction of max sales charge) <sup>1</sup>	10.59	13.42	-5.55	9.53	3.25	-4.12	3.26
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Index	10.37	11.51	-3.57	9.09	4.27	-3.56	3.15

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. All performance data is calculated NAV to NAV. The sources for all performance and Index data is Morgan Stanley Investment Management.

<sup>1</sup> Figure shown assumes reinvestment of all distributions and deduction of fund level costs, but does not reflect the deduction of any sales charge applicable at investor level.
<sup>2</sup> Figure shown assumes reinvestment of all distributions and deduction of fund level costs, and

Share Class	CLASS A
Currency	U.S. dollars
ISIN	LU0851374255
Bloomberg	MSGCREA LX
Inception date	14 November 2012
Net asset value	\$ 33.08
Fund Facts	
Launch date	14 November 2012
Base currency	U.S. dollars
Index	Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Index
Total net assets	\$ 88.34 million
Structure	Luxembourg SICAV
Charges (%)	CLASS A
Max Entry Charge	4.00
Ongoing Charges	1.04
Management Fee	0.80

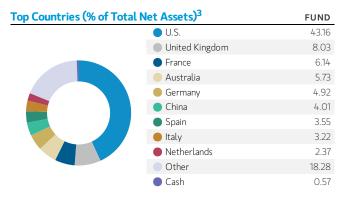
Entry Charge is a maximum possible figure. In some cases you might pay less, you can find this out from your financial adviser. Ongoing Charges reflect the payments and expenses incurred during the fund's operation and are deducted from the assets of the fund over the period. It includes fees paid for investment management (Management Fee), trustee/custodian, and administration charges. For more information please see the Charges and Expenses section of the prospectus.

Subscriptions (USD)	С	LASS A
Minimum initial investment		0
Minimum subsequent Investment		0
Statistics		
(3 Year Annualised)	CLASS A	INDEX
Excess Return (%)	-0.03	
Alpha (%)	-0.48	
Beta	1.14	1.00
Information ratio	-0.02	
R squared	0.98	1.00
Sharpe ratio	0.39	0.45
Tracking error (%)	1.59	
Volatility (Standard deviation) (%)	8.13	7.04
Characteristics	FUND	INDEX
Duration (years)	6.81	7.25
Average yield to maturity (%)	2.20	1.77
Number of holdings	304	14,133

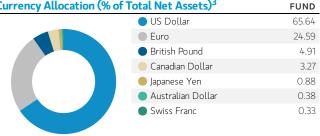
Please see the Fund's current prospectus and the share class' Key Investor Information Document for complete details on fees and sales charges.

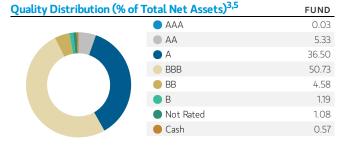
† Example: An investor wishes to purchase shares of USD 100. At the maximum sales charge of 5.75% the investor has to expend USD 106.10. The sales charge is only incurred upon subscription.

includes the deduction of the maximum sales charge applicable at investor level that may be taken out of your money before it is invested.



Sector Allocation (% of Total Net Assets) <sup>3,4</sup>	PORTFOLIO
Government Related	7.41
Investment Grade Corporates	82.57
Industrial	41.72
Financial Institutions	35.10
Utility	5.75
High Yield Corporates	7.49
NR Corporates	0.28
Convertibles	1.87
Credit Default Swaps	-0.19
Cash & Equivalents	0.57
Currency Allocation (% of Total Net Assets) <sup>3</sup>	FUND





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  m 3}$  May not sum to 100% due to the exclusion of other assets and liabilities.
- <sup>4</sup> For additional information regarding sector classification/definitions please visit www.msci.com/gics and the glossary at www.morganstanley.com

Please refer to the Prospectus for full risk disclosures, available at www.morganstanleyinvestmentfunds.com. All data as of 31.03.2021 and subject to change daily.

### Share Class A Risk and Reward Profile



The risk and reward category shown is based on historic data.

- Historic figures are only a guide and may not be a reliable indicator of what may happen in the future.
- As such this category may change in the future.
- The higher the category, the greater the potential reward, but also the greater the risk of losing the investment. Category 1 does not indicate a risk free investment.
- The fund is in this category because it invests in fixed income securities and the fund's simulated and/or realised return has experienced medium rises and falls historically.
- The fund may be impacted by movements in the exchange rates between the fund's currency and the currencies of the fund's investments

This rating does not take into account other risk factors which should be considered before investing, these include:

- The value of bonds are likely to decrease if interest rates rise and vice versa.
- The value of financial derivative instruments are highly sensitive and may result in losses in excess of the amount invested by the Sub-Fund.
- Issuers may not be able to repay their debts, if this happens the value of your investment will decrease. This risk is higher where the fund invests in a bond with a lower credit rating.
- The fund relies on other parties to fulfill certain services, investments or transactions. If these parties become insolvent, it may expose the fund to financial loss.
- There may be an insufficient number of buyers or sellers which may affect
- the funds ability to buy or sell securities.
  Investment in Fixed Income Securities via the China Interbank Bond Market may also entail additional risks, such as counterparty and liquidity risk.
- There are increased risks of investing in emerging markets as political, legal and operational systems may be less developed than in developed markets.
- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may lose all or a substantial portion of his or her investment
- The value of the investments and the income from them will vary and there can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.
- Investments may be in a variety of currencies and therefore changes in rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase. Furthermore, the value of investments may be adversely affected by fluctuations in exchange rates between the investor's reference currency and the base currency of the investments
- <sup>5</sup> Quality distribution data for securities is sourced from Fitch, Moody's and S&P. Where the credit ratings for individual securities differ between the three ratings agencies, the 'highest' rating is applied. The rating of credit default swaps is based on the 'highest' rating of the underlying reference bond. 'Cash' includes investments in short term instruments, including investments in Morgan Stanley liquidity funds.

### **DEFINITIONS**

Alpha (Jensen's) is a risk-adjusted performance measure that represents the average return on a portfolio or investment above or below that predicted by the capital asset pricing model (CAPM) given the portfolio's o investment's beta and the average market return. Prior to 6/30/2018 Alpha was calculated as the excess return of the fund versus benchmark. Average yield to maturity measures the annual return on interest-bearing securities. In this it is assumed that they will be held to maturity. This metric includes both the coupon payments received during the term of the security and the repayment of the capital on maturity. Beta is a measure of the relative volatility of a fund to the market's upward or downward movements. A beta greater than 1.0 identifies an issue or fund that will move more than the market, while a beta less than 1.0 identifies an issue or fund that will move less than the market. The Beta of the Market is always

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#### INDEX INFORMATION

The **Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Index** is the corporate component of the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate index, which provides a broad-based measure of the global investment-grade fixed income markets.

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