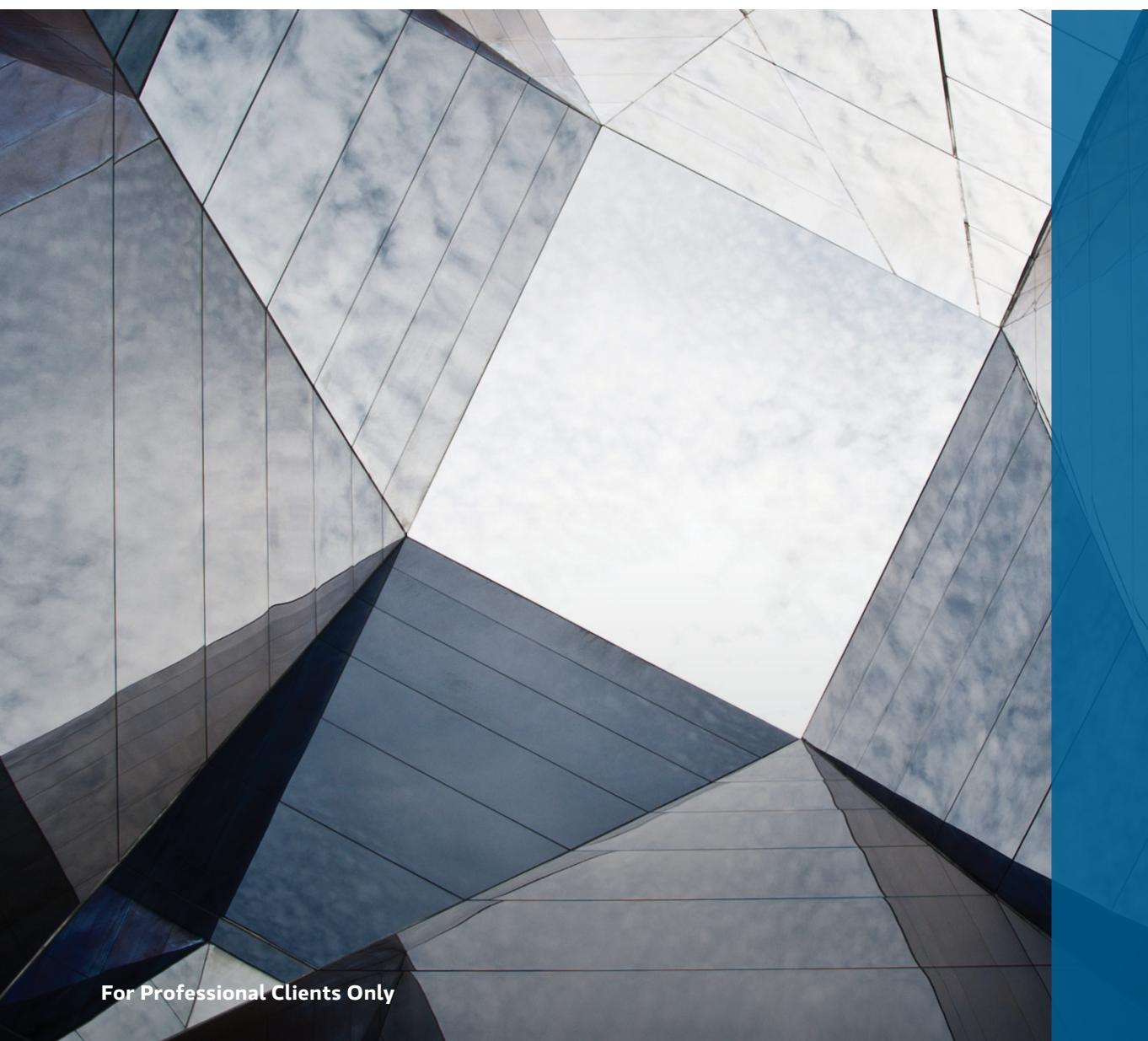


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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Morgan Stanley Investment Funds (MS INV)

# European Currencies High Yield Bond Fund



For Professional Clients Only

# An Actively Managed Approach to High Yield Investing that Seeks to Identify the Best Value Opportunities Within the European Markets

*The European high yield market is a growing asset class, with an increasing number of issuers and issues.*

The Morgan Stanley Investment Funds European Currencies High Yield Bond Fund offers investors the opportunity to participate in the improving conditions in the European corporate landscape with dedicated exposure to the European high yield market, providing diversification from a typical global high yield portfolio, where U.S. high yield is a significant constituent.<sup>1</sup>

## The Opportunity for European High Yield

The low interest rate environment, and tighter credit spreads than after the crisis, present a challenging backdrop to investors. However, these market conditions have been valuable to the high yield sector over recent years, providing issuers with the opportunity to extend their repayment schedule and repay higher coupon debt, thereby reducing refinancing risk. The sector has experienced a period of relatively low default rates, which has helped sustain investor demand and generate excess returns. We expect default rates to remain low, but remain alert to factors that may lead to a change in this view.

The size of European high yield market has grown to over USD 335 billion, creating opportunities for active managers to build a diversified product.<sup>2</sup> In addition, increased investor demand and a growing supply of high yield bonds have created further opportunities for active managers. We believe regulatory requirements will drive banks to raise additional tier 1 capital, through new issuance, to strengthen their balance sheets.

The new issues are generally high yield and are likely to be priced attractively compared to existing issues, providing an opportunity for unconstrained investors, like ourselves, to generate excess returns, subject to passing our rigorous credit analysis.

Furthermore, the continuing accommodative monetary policy stance from the ECB, with the quantitative easing programme being the latest example, provides strong technical support to the market. A key transmission mechanism to support the high yield market is what President Draghi refers to

as the “Portfolio Rebalancing Effect” where investors are encouraged to move into higher yielding assets to maintain reasonable returns.

## An Active Approach<sup>3</sup>

A passive approach to high yield investing can expose investors to idiosyncratic risk. We seek to avoid this, adopting an active approach to portfolio management, focused on rigorous credit analysis. We believe that this approach is particularly important in the current environment (characterised by low yields) in order to avoid capital losses. We also believe that an active approach is required to navigate successfully the constantly changing macroeconomic backdrop.

We combine top-down macroeconomic assessment with market specific valuation analysis in order to determine the optimal beta positioning for the portfolio. This is complemented by our rigorous approach to bottom-up fundamental analysis, which seeks to identify individual undervalued securities where the potential for price appreciation, combined with an attractive yield, can provide superior total returns over the entire market cycle. Following the broader tightening of credit spreads post crisis, we believe our expertise in individual security selection is now of greater importance in finding opportunities to generate excess returns.

Our credit team covers both high yield and investment grade credit, in order to understand the entire credit universe, providing a comprehensive view of industry fundamentals that helps to pinpoint industry trends, such as potential mergers and acquisitions activity.

## Well Positioned Team

The MS INVF European Currencies High Yield Bond Fund is managed by Leon Grenyer, lead Portfolio Manager, Head of European High Yield and Head of European Credit Research, and Alice la Trobe Weston. Leon and Alice are complemented by input from the wider Global Fixed Income team, a well-resourced and experienced global credit team.

<sup>1</sup> Benchmark for the MS INVF Global High Yield Bond Fund is the Barclays Global High Yield — Corporate Index, United States Market Value- 51.66%, data as of 29 August 2014.

<sup>2</sup> **SOURCE:** Morgan Stanley Investment Management, as at 31 December 2015.

<sup>3</sup> This represents how the portfolio management team generally implements its investment process under normal market conditions included here for informational purposes only.

## Investment Team and Years of Experience

LEON GRENYER  
MANAGING DIRECTOR, 20 YEARS

SARAH HARRISON  
VICE PRESIDENT, 8 YEARS

Team members are subject to change from time to time without notice.

## Morningstar Overall Rating

CLASS I SHARES



EAA Fund EUR High Yield Bond  
Out of 397 Funds. Based on Risk Adjusted Return.



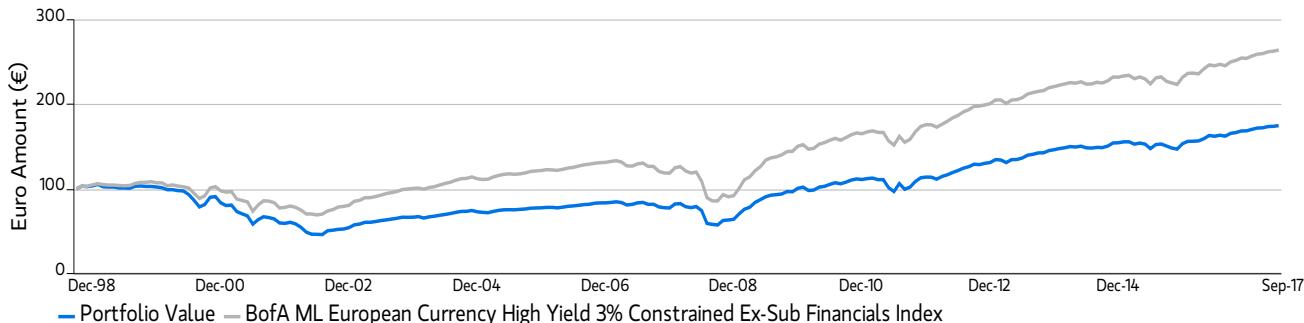
## WHY INVEST?

1. Dedicated Exposure to the European HY Markets  
We seek to uncover the best value opportunities within the European high yield markets.
2. Global Approach  
Our global approach to investing helps to understand the entire spectrum of high yield credit.
3. Growing Asset Class  
The European high yield market is an asset class of growing significance characterised by an increased quantity of issues.
4. Comprehensive Approach  
Analysis of both high yield and investment grade credit provide the opportunity to assess the entire global credit universe and pinpoint market trends.
5. Experienced Team  
Our lead Portfolio Managers bring significant market experience and leading track records. Our optimal size allows for efficient execution, providing the ability to navigate the markets with minimal impact on market liquidity.

## MS INVF European Currencies High Yield Bond Fund Performance Information\*

	QTD	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEARS (Annualised)	5 YEARS (Annualised)	10 YEARS (Annualised)	SINCE INCEPTION (Annualised)
MS INVF EUROPEAN CURRENCIES HIGH YIELD BOND FUND	1.51%	5.54%	7.70%	5.57%	7.47%	7.65%	3.02%
BOFA ML EUROPEAN CURRENCY HIGH YIELD 3% CONSTRAINED EX-SUB FINANCIALS INDEX	1.62%	5.62%	7.55%	5.67%	7.14%	7.37%	5.30%
OUTPERFORMANCE	-0.11%	-0.08%	0.15%	-0.10%	0.33%	0.28%	-2.28%

## Growth of €100 Investment in the MS INVF European Currencies High Yield Bond Fund Since Inception\*



\*SOURCE: Morgan Stanley Investment Management, data as at 30 September 2017. "I" Share Class data (inception: 1 December 1998) is shown in the fund's base currency (Euro). Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. All performance data is calculated NAV to NAV, net of fees, and does not take account of commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

## General Fund Information

**FUND LAUNCH DATE:** December 1998

**BASE CURRENCY:** EUR

**CURRENCIES AVAILABLE:** EUR, USD

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