

## HSBC Global Investment Funds

# GLOBAL INVESTMENT GRADE SECURITISED CREDIT BOND

Monthly report 30 April 2023 | Share class ACHSGD

### Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide long term capital growth and income by investing in a portfolio of investment grade securitised bonds, while promoting ESG characteristics. The Fund qualifies under Article 8 of SFDR.

### Investment strategy

The Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by a benchmark. In normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 90% of its assets in investment grade securitised bonds that are rated at least BBB- by a credit rating agency; including asset backed securities, commercial mortgage backed securities, collateralised loan obligations and residential mortgage backed securities. The underlying exposures of these assets include, but are not limited to, mortgages, auto-loans, corporate loans, bonds, credit cards, student loans and other receivables. The Fund may also invest in other bonds issued by companies, governments, government related-entities and supranational bodies worldwide. The Fund includes the identification and analysis of a company's ESG Credentials as an integral part of the investment decision making process to reduce risk and enhance returns. The Fund may invest up to 10% in onshore Chinese bonds traded on the China Interbank Bond Market and up to 10% in other funds. The Fund may temporarily, in the event a large subscription is received, invest in cash, money-market instruments issued by governments in developed markets. See the Prospectus for a full description of the investment objectives and derivative usage.

### Main risks

- The Fund's unit value can go up as well as down, and any capital invested in the Fund may be at risk.
- The Fund invests in bonds whose value generally falls when interest rates rise. This risk is typically greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment and the higher its credit quality. The issuers of certain bonds, could become unwilling or unable to make payments on their bonds and default. Bonds that are in default may become hard to sell or worthless.
- The Fund may invest in Emerging Markets, these markets are less established, and often more volatile, than developed markets and involve higher risks, particularly market, liquidity and currency risks.

### Share Class Details

#### Key metrics

NAV per Share	<b>SGD 10.21</b>
Performance 1 month	<b>0.43%</b>

#### Fund facts

UCITS V compliant	<b>Yes</b>
Subscription mode	<b>Cash / SRS (Supplementary Retirement Scheme)</b>

Dividend treatment	<b>Accumulating</b>
Dealing frequency	<b>Daily</b>
Valuation Time	<b>17:00 Luxembourg</b>
Share Class Base Currency	<b>SGD</b>
Domicile	<b>Luxembourg</b>
Inception date	<b>6 December 2018</b>
Fund Size	<b>USD 1,302,922,706</b>
Managers	<b>Andrew John Jackson</b>

#### Fees and expenses

Minimum initial investment (SG) <sup>1</sup>	<b>SGD 1,000</b>
Maximum initial charge (SG)	<b>3.000%</b>
Management fee	<b>0.900%</b>

#### Codes

ISIN	<b>LU1728044386</b>
Bloomberg ticker	<b>HSGACHS LX</b>

<sup>1</sup>Please note that initial minimum subscription may vary across different distributors

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Fund return: NAV-to-NAV basis. For comparison with benchmark

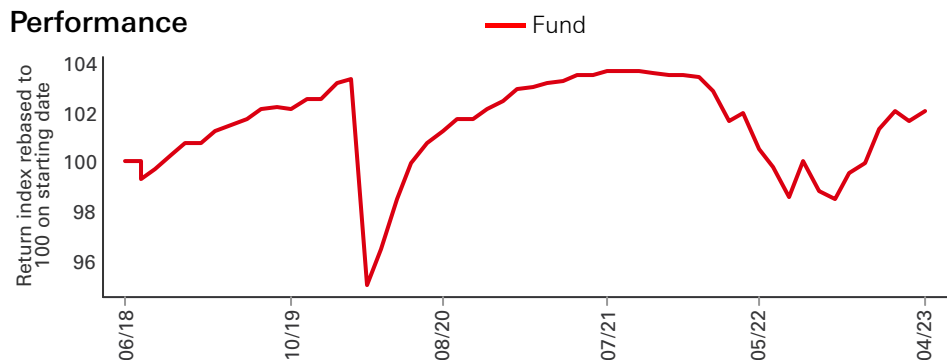
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Until 23 August 2019 the name of the fund was HSBC Global Investment Funds – Global Asset-Backed Bond

Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 30 April 2023

## Performance



Performance (%)	YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years ann	5 years ann	Since inception ann
<b>ACHSGD</b>	<b>2.14</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>3.62</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>1.89</b>	--	<b>0.47</b>
ACHSGD (Net)*	-0.83	-2.49	-2.18	0.61	-2.84	0.90	--	-0.20

Calendar year performance (%)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>ACHSGD</b>	--	<b>3.23</b>	<b>-0.06</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>-3.42</b>
ACHSGD (Net)*	--	0.23	-2.97	-1.93	-6.23

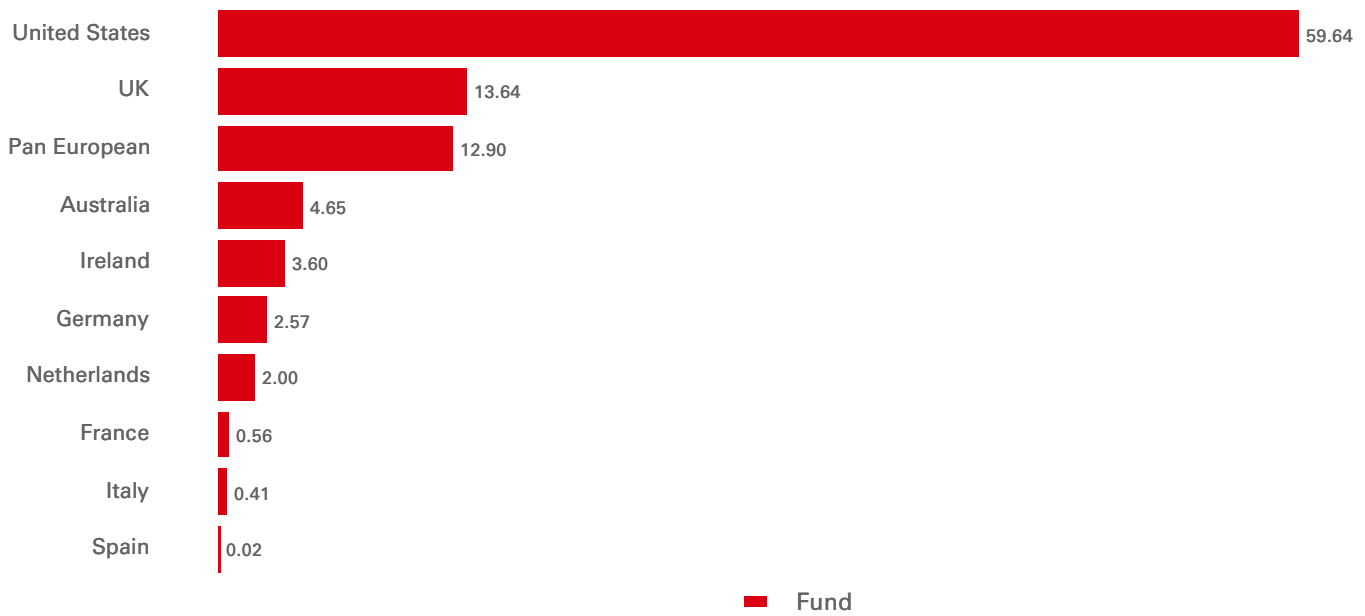
3-Year Risk Measures	ACHSGD	Reference benchmark	5-Year Risk Measures	ACHSGD	Reference benchmark
Volatility	2.63%	--	Volatility	--	--
Sharpe ratio	0.21	--	Sharpe ratio	--	--

Fixed Income Characteristics	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
No. of holdings ex cash	274	--	--
Floating rate weight	86.80	--	--
Modified duration	0.36	--	--
Spread duration	2.31	--	--
Weighted average life	2.56	--	--

Credit rating (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative	Weighted average life (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
AAA	31.10	--	--	0 - 2 years	27.26	--	--
AA	42.04	--	--	2 - 5 years	68.02	--	--
A	22.76	--	--	5 - 10 years	4.72	--	--
Cash	4.10	--	--				

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**Geographical Allocation (%)**



<b>Sector Allocation (%)</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Reference benchmark</b>	<b>Relative</b>
CLO	40.05	--	--
CMBS	30.61	--	--
RMBS non-conforming	12.37	--	--
RMBS prime	6.44	--	--
Whole Business ABS	4.02	--	--
Student Loan ABS	1.33	--	--
Autos	0.61	--	--
Consumer Loans	0.48	--	--
Cash	4.10	--	--

## Monthly performance commentary

### Market Overview

During the month, there were no interest rate decisions/meetings, but the previous month's rises fed through to the underlying floating rate investments. The turmoil in the US Regional bank market appeared solved at the beginning of the month, only to gradually deteriorate into month end, including the First Republic acquisition at month end. Even before the bank shock, the economic backdrop remains weak such that recession is increasingly likely, with the UK clearly the worst of the developed nations and the US least impacted. Given the turmoil, credit spreads initially tightened then widened in every asset class including Securitised credit – broadly ending flat on the month. The new issue market continued to function at low volumes.

Credit performance continues to be fair for Securitised Credit despite an acknowledgement that a recession will cause performance to deteriorate in the second half of 2023. The early signs of deterioration may be appearing. New issue Securitised Credit volumes outside of the US and excluding CLOs was over €32bn in April, but only €8.3bn was distributed to investors as Originators retained over €24bn of deals for future marketing, as the turmoil continued in the market. New issuance was almost all RMBS and Autos dominated by Australia, but with the UK, and EU countries also participating. A rare UK Credit card deal also came to market. The CLO Primary market was more resilient. 17 US CLOs (\$7.6bn) priced in April (28 priced in March). 3 European CLOs (€1.2bn) priced (5 in March). All were new issues with noticeably no refinance activity. US CMBS new issue came in over \$4.5bn compared to close to \$21bn in April 2022. This reflects the specific stress to Commercial Real Estate and debt secured on it.

### Fund Overview

At the end of April, there were 274 securities in 194 securitisations and a cash holding which is available to cover currency hedging collateral. In April, there were no new purchases. The fund sold a European CLO and a US Office CMBS. Amortisations and repayments in the month were as expected. CLOs remain the largest sector exposure on 40% (previous month 40%), ahead of CMBS with 31% (31%) and RMBS is 19% (19%). The major geographic exposure remains the USA at 60%, with the Eurozone on 22% (of which 13% is Pan-European, with exposures in multiple countries). The UK represented 14% and Australia 5%. The portfolio is 13% fixed rate and 87% floating rate at the end of the month, with floating rate income based on SOFR, SONIA, EURIBOR, BBSW (Australia) or another relevant IBOR alternative. Approximately 59% of the instruments are USD-denominated and pay all income and repayments in US Dollars. The remaining 41% is denominated in Sterling, Euro and Australian Dollars. We hedge the full market value and accrued income back to USD each month. This hedge effectively covers all principal repayments. The fund remains invested in highly rated securities, with the weighted average rating of AA at month end an improvement from AA- last month end.

### Outlook


The economic outlook remains uncertain given the headwinds in the global economy, the bank crisis, the continuing situation in Ukraine and continuing shocks coming from rapidly rising rates. Inflation remains elevated. The prospect of global recession remains probable, with many economists having it as a central case, although better news from the US and the reopening of China may see a better result.

There is no direct exposure to Ukraine, Russia, and China in Securitised credit. Fundamental credit quality is strong for all of the exposures in this fund. Most of securitised credit is floating rate and hence where interest rates rise or remain elevated, this should result in high coupon income. Securitised Credit spreads suffer when there is a fall in confidence, as happened with the banking shock. The immediate outlook therefore is a balance between credit shocks from the impending recession and strong income. In the longer term, any resolution or stabilisation to the crisis should result in a rapid recovery. Fundamental credit research is increasingly important to avoid weaker credits and take advantage of emerging opportunities. All of the positions in this fund also enjoy strong credit enhancement, such that at the time of writing, this fund remains well positioned to avoid credit losses. As the crisis and recovery develop, there will be opportunities to reposition the fund to take advantage of new opportunities.

## Risk Disclosure

- Derivatives may be used by the Fund, and these can behave unexpectedly. The pricing and volatility of many derivatives may diverge from strictly reflecting the pricing or volatility of their underlying reference(s), instrument or asset.
- Investment Leverage occurs when the economic exposure is greater than the amount invested, such as when derivatives are used. A Fund that employs leverage may experience greater gains and/or losses due to the amplification effect from a movement in the price of the reference source.
- Investment involves risk. Past performance figures shown are not indicative of future performance. Investors should read the prospectus (including the risk warnings) and the product highlights sheets, before investing. Daily price change percentage is based on bid-bid price.

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## Supplemental information sheet

Performance (%)	YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years ann	5 years ann	Since inception ann
ACHSGD SGD	2.14	0.43	0.75	3.62	0.08	1.89	--	0.47
ACHSGD SGD (Net)*	-0.83	-2.49	-2.18	0.61	-2.84	0.90	--	-0.20
AM2 USD	2.54	0.54	1.07	4.09	0.66	2.26	--	1.02
AM2 USD (Net)*	-0.45	-2.38	-1.88	1.06	-2.27	1.25	--	0.41
AM3HAUD AUD	2.03	0.44	0.72	3.34	-0.39	1.68	--	1.32
AM3HAUD AUD (Net)	-0.94	-2.49	-2.22	0.33	-3.29	0.68	--	0.71
*								
AM3HSGD SGD	2.17	0.43	0.78	3.65	0.09	1.94	--	0.51
AM3HSGD SGD (Net)*	-0.80	-2.49	-2.16	0.63	-2.83	0.94	--	-0.16

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ACHSGD SGD	--	3.23	-0.06	1.02	-3.42
ACHSGD SGD (Net)*	--	0.23	-2.97	-1.93	-6.23
AM2 USD	--	4.40	0.45	1.21	-3.19
AM2 USD (Net)*	--	1.36	-2.48	-1.74	-6.01
AM3HAUD AUD	--	2.94	-0.04	0.88	-3.81
AM3HAUD AUD (Net)*	--	-0.06	-2.96	-2.06	-6.61
AM3HSGD SGD	--	3.26	-0.04	1.10	-3.40
AM3HSGD SGD (Net)*	--	0.25	-2.95	-1.84	-6.22

Share class	Share Class Base Currency	Distribution Frequency	Dividend ex-date	Last Paid Dividend	Annualised Yield based on ex-dividend date
ACHSGD	SGD	--	--	--	--
AM2	USD	Monthly	28 April 2023	0.045030	6.04%
AM3HAUD	AUD	Monthly	28 April 2023	0.034921	4.44%
AM3HSGD	SGD	Monthly	28 April 2023	0.035289	4.66%

Share class	Inception date	ISIN	Share Class Base Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	NAV per Share	Management fee	Distribution type
ACHSGD	6 December 2018	LU1728044386	SGD	USD 5,000	10.21	0.900%	Accumulating
AM2	29 May 2018	LU1728044204	USD	USD 5,000	9.19	0.900%	Distributing
AM3HAUD	29 May 2018	LU1728044626	AUD	USD 5,000	9.63	0.900%	Distributing
AM3HSGD	6 December 2018	LU1728044469	SGD	USD 5,000	9.28	0.900%	Distributing

Different classes may have different performances, dividend yields and expense ratios. For hedged classes, the effects of hedging will be reflected in the net asset values of such classes. Expenses arising from hedging transactions may be significant and will be borne by the relevant hedged classes. Hedged class performs the required hedging on a best efforts basis.

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The above table cites the last dividend paid within the last 12 months only.

Dividend is not guaranteed and may be paid out of capital, which will result in capital erosion and reduction in net asset value. A positive distribution yield does not imply a positive return. Past distribution yields and payments do not represent future distribution yields and payments. Historical payments may comprise of distributed income, capital, or both.

The calculation method of annualised yield prior to August 2019 is the simple yield calculation: (dividend amount / NAV per share or units as of ex-dividend date) x n; The calculation method of annualised yield from August 2019 is the compound yield calculation:  $((1 + (\text{dividend amount} / \text{ex-dividend NAV}))^n) - 1$ , n depends on the distributing frequency. Annually distribution is 1; semi-annually distribution is 2; quarterly distribution is 4; monthly distribution is 12.

The annualised dividend yield is calculated based on the dividend distribution on the relevant date with dividend reinvested, and may be higher or lower than the actual annual dividend yield.

Investors and potential investors should refer to the details on dividend distributions of the Fund, which are available on HSBC Asset Management (Singapore) Limited website.

Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 30 April 2023