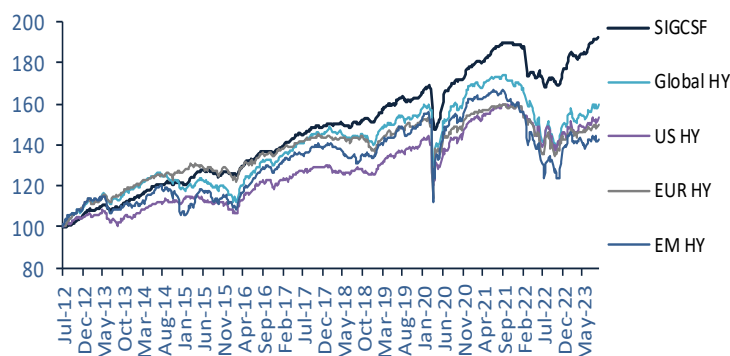


## GLOBAL CREDIT STRATEGIES FUND

### Monthly Performance

Class F (USD): MTD return: 0.46% 2023 return: 8.33% NAV per Share: 192.03  
 Class D (EUR): MTD return: 0.31% 2023 return: 6.84% NAV per Share: 161.69  
 Class E (GBP): MTD return: 0.45% 2023 return: 7.88% NAV per Share: 139.27

	YtD	3 Years		Since Inception	
	Return	Return *	Sharpe	Return *	Sharpe
<b>SIGCSF Class F (US\$)</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Bloomberg Global HY	6.7%	0.0%	-0.3	4.2%	0.4
US HY (etf: SPHY US)	7.0%	2.2%	0.0	3.9%	0.4
EUR HY (etf: SYBJ GY)	5.1%	0.3%	-0.3	3.7%	0.3
EM HY (etf: HYEM US)	2.7%	-2.3%	-0.5	3.2%	0.2
Bloomberg Global Agg	0.7%	-5.8%	-1.1	-0.1%	-0.2



Fund Inception: July 2012

Source: SphereInvest Group; Bloomberg

\*Annualized Weekly Returns and Sharpe Ratios

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### Portfolio and Market Commentary

After throwing so many curveballs at investors, we suspect 2023 may bequeath next year clarity at long last on growth, inflation, and monetary policy. Among many head fakes and faulty narratives, 2023 could still leave one long-lasting mark: international investors appear to have lost all confidence in China’s outlook and leadership. As often when investors have a collective epiphany, the main surprise is why it took them so long. The Politburo’s reputation for economic proficiency never fully recovered from 2015’s botched Yuan devaluation, while the ham-fisted crackdown on the country’s education and technology champions or the senseless “covid zero” policy left little doubt whether Xi’s China was an auspicious investment destination. We were surprised to read commentators lament the recent suspension of youth unemployment statistics played a part in turning investors off China – although investors didn’t mind relying on the “Li Keqiang index” for many years after the former prime minister himself warned about official data. In the same vein, a lot of attention is being dedicated anew to the overblown Chinese property market. To be sure, the crisis is still simmering: investors worried about it are not exactly fighting 2021’s war. Still, it is late to wake-up to a 3-year battle where most participants have already taken their losses, at least in the international investors' community.

While there is never shortage of ex-post explanations for every market turn, the confusion about what triggered the sharp deterioration of investor confidence in China is striking. After all, China is still growing faster than all major economies: a feat for such a giant economy. Chinese policymakers still have fiscal and monetary room most policymakers, in DM and EM alike, can only dream of. Many signs, such as iron ore prices holding up well above \$100 per ton, indicate they are doing again what they always do when the country is slowing down: invest in infrastructure. For many years, that suited investors just fine. What has changed?

Most investors are primarily concerned about short-term cycles. Structural challenges, be they demographic decline, over-indebtedness, or geopolitical tensions, can be ignored if they are worries for tomorrow only. Had Chinese consumers gone on a revenge-spending spree after covid lockdowns were lifted, investors in Chinese assets would have had a banner year, and left their concerns about Xi’s leadership, his intentions about Taiwan, or lurking holes in the shadow banking system to be dealt with another day. When short-term returns disappoint, however, the only thing left is to worry – and tomorrow’s concerns crystalize to become today’s. In short, we believe China isn’t growing fast enough anymore for investors to cast aside structural concerns. It is telling, international investors have been mainly clamouring

for cyclical stimulus to address the current situation. While we see some justification it could help avoid self-reinforcing damage to domestic confidence, we are doubtful, in the absence of structural reforms and a recovery in the property market, tax cuts or writing checks to households would be enough. Yet, cyclical stimulus was investors' price to remain engaged while waiting for structural reforms. As it is, Xi seems unwilling to provide either stimulus, or reforms. So, investors went for the exit.

Year-to-date developments in China have been intriguing for our Fund. We have long held what would be an extreme "underweight" position in China if we were benchmarked against a global credit index. By choice or necessity, we have held virtually no exposure to the fastest-growing large economy through much of the Fund's existence. We stopped investing in the Chinese property sector around 2018, a purposeful stance, and performance headwind for a while, which has long since been vindicated. Our unwillingness to invest in other sectors, however, was more a matter of pricing: Chinese HY issuers often seemed of poorer quality than priced-in by investors, while IG private issuers have such strong business models and balance sheets, they still can fund at yields below the Fund's targets. For international investors, the perception of risk and reward investing in China has now likely structurally deteriorated.

We usually welcome such wholesale asset re-ratings, since they tend to be independent of issuer-specific credit quality and provide better investment opportunities for the Fund. We aren't there yet, however. Offshore credit markets in China remain dysfunctional and may take time to normalize, leaving the investable universe to shrink, as bonds mature, refinanced away from public debt markets, or default. HY markets will only reopen once Chinese issuers are both in need of growth capital, although unable to get it from cheaper sources, and in sectors identified by investors as sheltered from the CCP's security concerns: a difficult equilibrium to reach, for now. Meanwhile, we remain comfortable with our sole direct exposure to the country, through our position in EHI Car. Recent data from Chinese rental car markets as well as earnings already published by peers continue to point to strong operating conditions, as domestic tourism thrives, and Chinese consumers turn away from public transport out of sanitary concerns. Our position's valuation remains depressed, as investors ignore fundamentals to mostly reward issuers' ability to refinance while public debt markets remain shut. EHI Car's management has several times expressed their confidence they have access to alternative sources of capital, although this may be pushing to next year the eventual re-rating of the bonds we hold.

## Monthly Performance since Inception

### Share Class F (USD, ISIN: IE00BKXBBV70)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>2023</b>	4.29%	-0.94%	-0.51%	1.05%	0.39%	2.45%	0.93%	0.46%					<b>8.33%</b>
<b>2022</b>	-1.04%	-3.08%	-3.57%	-0.40%	0.20%	-1.62%	-1.96%	2.08%	-0.74%	-1.01%	3.55%	1.37%	<b>-6.28%</b>
<b>2021</b>	0.54%	0.85%	0.02%	0.96%	0.85%	1.79%	0.41%	0.81%	0.10%	-0.04%	-0.52%	0.26%	<b>6.25%</b>
<b>2020</b>	1.09%	0.05%	-12.07%	2.67%	4.24%	5.53%	1.06%	0.81%	1.00%	-0.05%	2.69%	1.16%	<b>7.31%</b>
<b>2019</b>	2.34%	1.46%	0.60%	1.06%	0.22%	1.08%	0.93%	-1.43%	0.12%	1.01%	0.14%	1.69%	<b>9.59%</b>
<b>2018</b>	0.49%	-0.09%	-0.08%	0.39%	-0.71%	-0.75%	1.98%	-0.54%	0.87%	0.46%	-0.81%	0.07%	<b>1.26%</b>
<b>2017</b>	1.12%	1.30%	0.50%	0.98%	1.28%	-0.10%	0.66%	0.94%	0.48%	0.63%	-0.19%	0.44%	<b>8.33%</b>
<b>2016</b>	-0.34%	0.03%	2.86%	2.12%	0.55%	0.03%	1.96%	1.18%	-0.14%	0.36%	-0.72%	1.36%	<b>9.56%</b>
<b>2015</b>	-0.22%	1.80%	1.38%	1.66%	0.93%	-0.54%	-0.19%	-1.19%	-1.27%	1.82%	0.73%	-0.99%	<b>3.91%</b>
<b>2014</b>	0.84%	1.08%	0.84%	1.10%	1.20%	1.04%	-0.20%	0.91%	-0.51%	0.14%	0.66%	-0.71%	<b>6.56%</b>
<b>2013</b>	0.97%	0.11%	0.54%	1.64%	-0.04%	-2.16%	1.11%	-0.06%	1.70%	1.66%	0.14%	0.67%	<b>6.40%</b>
<b>2012</b>							0.15%	0.72%	0.78%	2.11%	1.24%	1.72%	<b>6.90%</b>

### Share Class D (EUR, ISIN: IE00BKXBS42)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>2023</b>	3.99%	-1.12%	-0.67%	0.93%	0.22%	2.27%	0.81%	0.31%					<b>6.84%</b>
<b>2022</b>	-1.07%	-3.16%	-3.74%	-0.49%	0.01%	-1.66%	-2.29%	1.71%	-0.88%	-1.24%	3.26%	1.10%	<b>-8.33%</b>
<b>2021</b>	0.48%	0.80%	-0.06%	0.89%	0.79%	1.76%	0.35%	0.73%	0.07%	-0.08%	-0.57%	0.15%	<b>5.46%</b>
<b>2020</b>	0.89%	-0.10%	-12.52%	2.54%	4.12%	5.42%	0.99%	0.75%	0.92%	-0.11%	2.62%	1.05%	<b>5.55%</b>
<b>2019</b>	2.14%	1.22%	0.30%	0.77%	0.02%	0.94%	0.63%	-1.70%	-0.12%	0.73%	-0.05%	1.45%	<b>6.45%</b>
<b>2018</b>	0.32%	-0.36%	-0.32%	0.19%	-1.04%	-0.99%	1.75%	-0.66%	0.68%	0.19%	-1.08%	-0.20%	<b>-1.56%</b>
<b>2017</b>	0.82%	1.05%	0.40%	0.85%	1.13%	-0.23%	0.50%	0.78%	0.34%	0.42%	-0.29%	0.22%	<b>6.15%</b>
<b>2016</b>	-0.42%	-0.01%	2.57%	1.92%	0.39%	-0.08%	1.81%	0.98%	-0.25%	0.15%	-1.01%	1.23%	<b>7.44%</b>
<b>2015</b>	-0.29%	1.82%	1.33%	1.55%	0.97%	-0.63%	-0.20%	-1.27%	-1.46%	1.77%	0.91%	-1.13%	<b>3.35%</b>
<b>2014</b>	0.85%	1.06%	0.77%	1.09%	1.25%	1.01%	-0.21%	0.92%	-0.62%	0.12%	0.59%	-0.79%	<b>6.18%</b>
<b>2013</b>	0.87%	0.12%	0.54%	1.54%	-0.06%	-2.22%	1.16%	-0.07%	1.67%	1.66%	0.13%	0.65%	<b>6.11%</b>
<b>2012</b>							0.20%	0.66%	0.70%	2.04%	1.20%	1.62%	<b>6.59%</b>

### Share Class E (GBP, ISIN: IE00BKXBBT58)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>2023</b>	4.18%	-1.01%	-0.57%	1.00%	0.33%	2.34%	0.97%	0.45%					<b>7.88%</b>
<b>2022</b>	-1.01%	-3.14%	-3.56%	-0.39%	0.18%	-1.55%	-2.08%	1.88%	-0.86%	-0.95%	3.42%	1.26%	<b>-6.81%</b>
<b>2021</b>	0.53%	0.81%	0.00%	0.95%	0.83%	1.82%	0.39%	0.81%	0.09%	-0.05%	-0.47%	0.19%	<b>6.10%</b>
<b>2020</b>	1.00%	-0.04%	-12.48%	2.59%	4.23%	5.50%	1.04%	0.81%	0.98%	-0.06%	2.65%	1.11%	<b>6.34%</b>
<b>2019</b>	2.26%	1.33%	0.39%	0.82%	0.03%	1.01%	0.89%	-1.60%	0.00%	0.86%	0.09%	1.54%	<b>7.84%</b>
<b>2018</b>	0.39%	-0.24%	-0.23%	0.30%	-0.84%	-1.09%	1.80%	-0.74%	0.89%	0.34%	-1.02%	-0.66%	<b>-1.14%</b>
<b>2017</b>	1.01%	1.21%	0.40%	0.94%	1.21%	-0.18%	0.56%	0.85%	0.33%	0.57%	-0.24%	0.29%	<b>7.17%</b>
<b>2016</b>	-0.39%	-0.08%	2.79%	2.07%	0.48%	0.03%	1.95%	1.01%	-0.22%	0.29%	-0.94%	1.30%	<b>8.55%</b>
<b>2015</b>					0.69%	-0.51%	-0.17%	-1.21%	-1.29%	1.86%	0.68%	-1.02%	<b>-1.01%</b>

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### Fund Information as of August, 2023

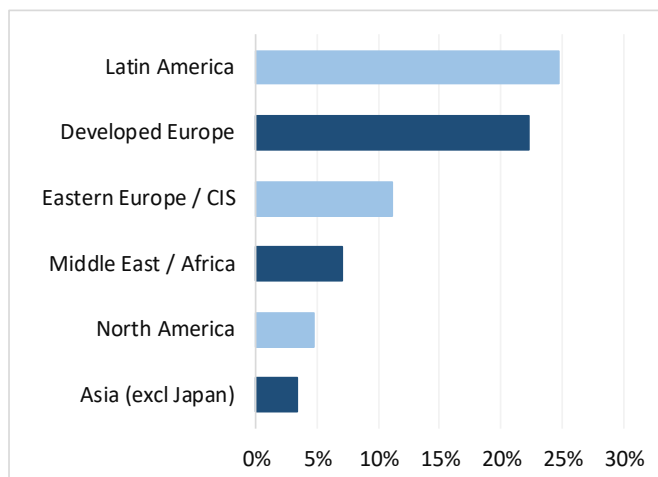
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#### Top 10 Holdings (in % of NAV, 31/08/23)

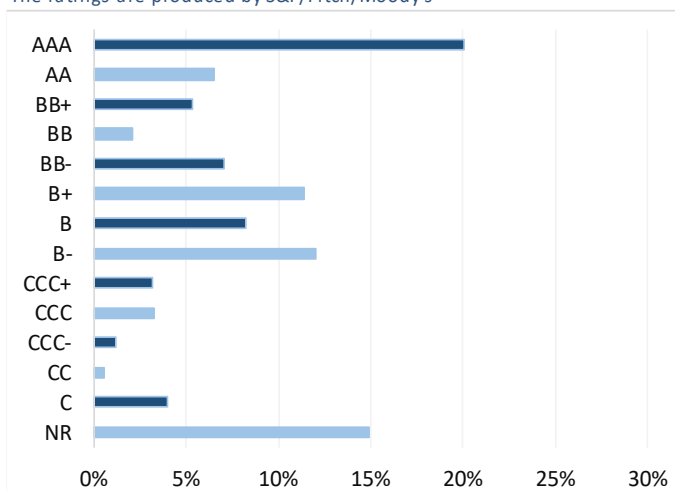
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#### Regional Allocation (incl cash & equiv)

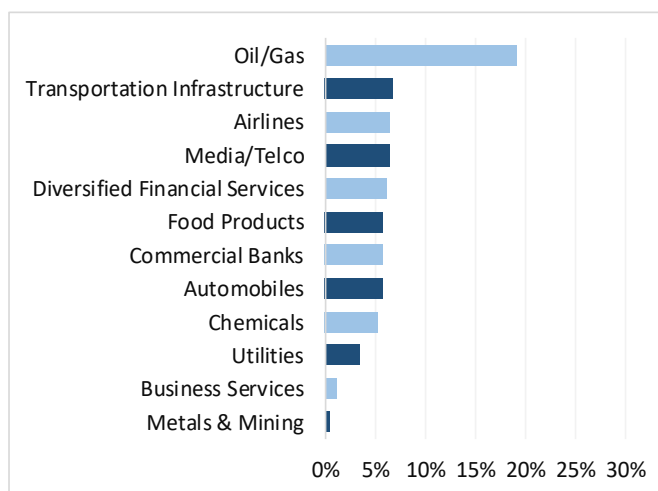


#### Credit Quality

The ratings are produced by S&P/Fitch/Moody’s



#### Sector Allocation (incl cash & equiv)



### Fund Terms

<b>Regulatory</b>	UCITS V	<b>Domicile</b>	Ireland
<b>Liquidity</b>	Daily Pricing / Weekly dealing	<b>Global Custodian</b>	Citibank N.A., London
<b>Start Date</b>	2nd July 2012	<b>Auditor</b>	Deloitte (Ireland) LLP
<b>Management Fee</b>	1.5% p.a. (Retail), 1% p.a. (Institutional)	<b>Legal Counsel</b>	Eversheds Sutherland
<b>Performance Fee</b>	5% p.a. of the increase in the Net Asset Value per Share on each Valuation Day, above the high-water mark, payable annually.	<b>Administrator</b>	Apex Fund Services (Ireland) Limited
<b>Minimum Investment</b>	Retail = 25,000 (GBP,EUR,USD,CAD,CHF,NOK) Institutional = 200,000 (GBP,EUR,USD,CAD,CHF,NOK)		

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