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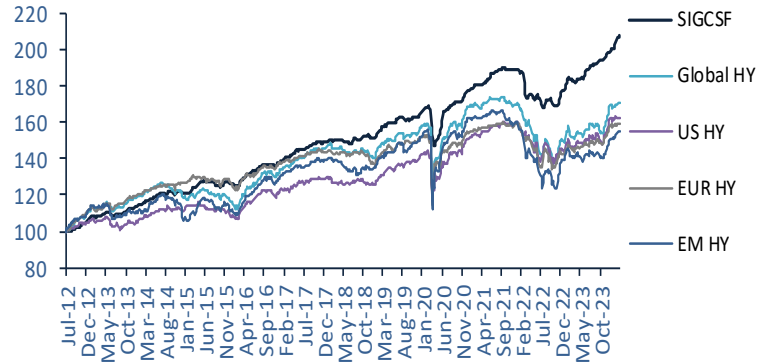
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## GLOBAL CREDIT STRATEGIES FUND

### Monthly Performance

Class F (USD): MTD return: 1.64%    2024 return: 3.86%    NAV per Share: 208.14  
 Class D (EUR): MTD return: 1.52%    2024 return: 3.63%    NAV per Share: 174.04  
 Class E (GBP): MTD return: 1.63%    2024 return: 3.84%    NAV per Share: 150.85

|                              | YtD         | 3 Years     |            | Since Inception |            |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
|                              | Return      | Return *    | Sharpe     | Return *        | Sharpe     |
| <b>SIGCSF Class F (US\$)</b> | <b>3.9%</b> | <b>4.7%</b> | <b>0.4</b> | <b>6.5%</b>     | <b>1.4</b> |
| Bloomberg Global HY          | 0.6%        | 0.3%        | -0.3       | 4.7%            | 0.5        |
| US HY (etf: SPHY US)         | 0.5%        | 2.0%        | -0.1       | 4.2%            | 0.4        |
| EUR HY (etf: SYBJ GY)        | 0.1%        | 0.8%        | -0.3       | 4.1%            | 0.3        |
| EM HY (etf: HYEM US)         | 2.6%        | -1.6%       | -0.5       | 3.8%            | 0.2        |
| Bloomberg Global Agg         | -2.6%       | -5.4%       | -1.1       | 0.1%            | -0.2       |



Fund Inception: July 2012  
 Source: SphereInvest Group; Bloomberg  
 \*Annualized Weekly Returns and Sharpe Ratios

The UCITS is actively managed by SphereInvest Group Limited. It is not managed with reference to any benchmark, the above comparisons are provided for information purposes only.

### Portfolio and Market Commentary

In February, Growth, Earnings and Risk Assets globally continued their magical ascent. Rates and the Fed stayed out of the way. Although US employment continues to weaken ever so slightly, markets seem not to need the extra shot of cuts just yet (especially crypto) although the AI hopes seem to have reached a peak, if not a plateau.

Two interesting data points on US employment -, 100% of job growth from 2018-2023 has been from non-citizen immigration, while 100% of growth the past twelve months has been in just three low productivity categories - Government, Healthcare and Leisure.

As Inflation has gently come off the post-pandemic supply chain disruption boil, assisted by China's deflationary subsidies, from here, will it remain sticky, with services, gasoline and rents up; or sweet, with wheat, meats, iron ore and hourly earnings subdued, if in manufacturing more than services?

It's difficult to see how debt-fuelled growth leads us to a return to rock-bottom core inflation. US Gov't borrowing continues to both juice and outstrip real expansion. At roughly a trillion per quarter clips, it now takes 1.5x borrowing per unit of growth. With no incentive to change course, this can continue through the November election - but for how long before the bill comes due? The same goes for commercial real estate, the slow burn of banks' balance sheets. At least the carbon pendulum seems to have reached an extreme, now heading in a saner direction.

While credit spreads have tightened meaningfully the past six month, more positively, high nominal yields continue to cushion volatility, providing significant protection, as a baseline supporting total returns. Having taken profit in several positions the past few months, tactically allowing our risk free yet well yielding asset exposure to increase, we remain focused yet patient to reinvest in attractive credit opportunities. Themes we'll be adding to continue across the energy (Nordic DNO), shipping (Danish/US Torm) and other more idiosyncratic stories. With events driving China's Ehi-Car and the Brazil Gol bonds higher, we continue to take profit.

The Fund maintains significant value across other positions which have yet to reprice, such as Trans-Oil, the Eastern-European ag commodity trader, and IHS, the Nigerian telecom infrastructure company, and we remain focused on exploring similar opportunities.

## Monthly Performance since Inception

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

|             | Jan    | Feb    | Mar     | April  | May    | Jun    | July   | Aug    | Sep    | Oct    | Nov    | Dec    | YTD           |
|-------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|
| <b>2024</b> | 2.18%  | 1.64%  |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | <b>3.86%</b>  |
| <b>2023</b> | 4.29%  | -0.94% | -0.51%  | 1.05%  | 0.39%  | 2.45%  | 0.93%  | 0.46%  | 1.47%  | 0.14%  | 1.55%  | 1.13%  | <b>13.06%</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>2024</b> | 2.08%  | 1.52%  |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | <b>3.63%</b>  |
| <b>2023</b> | 3.99%  | -1.12% | -0.67%  | 0.93%  | 0.22%  | 2.27%  | 0.81%  | 0.31%  | 1.42%  | -0.03% | 1.46%  | 0.98%  | <b>10.97%</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>2024</b> | 2.17%  | 1.63%  |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | <b>3.84%</b>  |
| <b>2023</b> | 4.18%  | -1.01% | -0.57%  | 1.00%  | 0.33%  | 2.34%  | 0.97%  | 0.45%  | 1.53%  | 0.12%  | 1.51%  | 1.10%  | <b>12.53%</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> |

Past performance does not predict future returns.

### Fund Information as of February, 2024

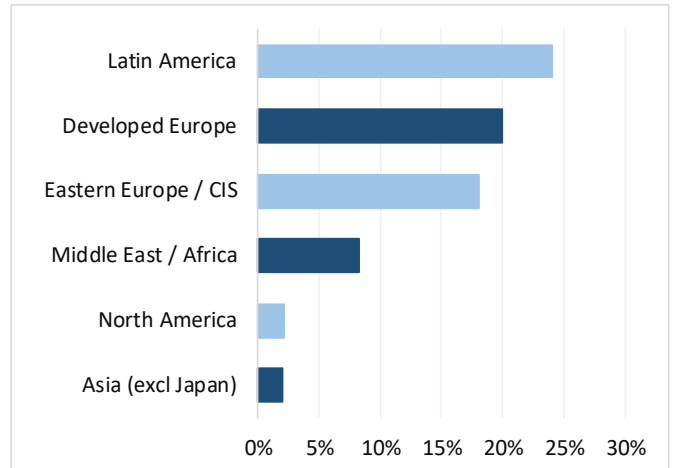
|                                       | Avg Rating | NAV (%) | Price | Duration | Curr Yield | YtM    | Spread |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---------|-------|----------|------------|--------|--------|
| SphereInvest Global Credit Strategies | BB         | 100 %   | 95.3  | 1.8      | 7.1 %      | 10.0 % | 637    |
| Cash and Equivalents                  | AA+        | 25 %    |       |          |            |        |        |

Ratings by S&P/Fitch/Moody's; remaining data calculated by SphereInvest.

#### Top 10 Holdings (in % of NAV, 29/02/24)

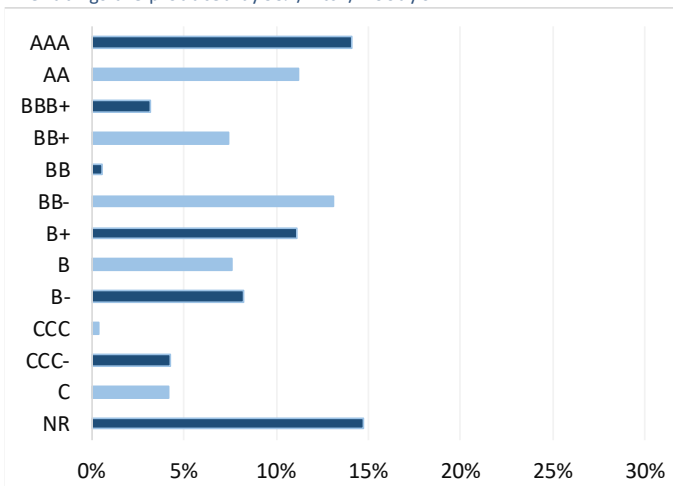
| Bond                             | %    |
|----------------------------------|------|
| 10.775% TBC Bank, PERPS          | 3.9% |
| 8.45% Trans-Oil, 2026            | 3.8% |
| 12.00% Quiport, 2033             | 3.8% |
| 6.75% Bracken, 2027              | 3.6% |
| 8.50% Danaos, 2028               | 3.4% |
| 8.50% Brooge Petroleum, 2025     | 3.4% |
| 9.50% WE Soda, 2028              | 3.1% |
| 13.25% NewDay, 2026              | 2.8% |
| 7.50% Banorte, PERPS             | 2.8% |
| 7.25% MC Brazil Downstream, 2031 | 2.8% |

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

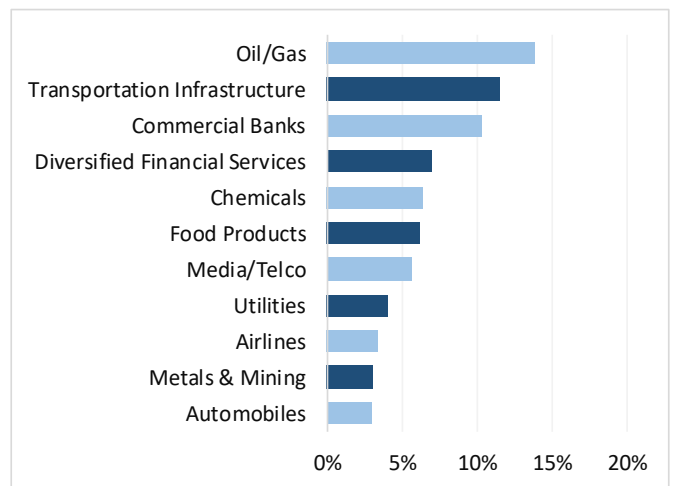


#### Credit Quality

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)<br>Institutional = 200,000 (GBP,EUR,USD,CAD,CHF,NOK)                               |                         |                                      |

### **Key Risks**

The value of shares in the UCITS and income received from it can go down as well as up and investors may not get back the full amount invested. Performance may also be affected by currency fluctuations.

The UCITS seeks to achieve its investment objective by principally investing in a diversified portfolio of publicly-issued bonds. The UCITS may utilise financial derivative instruments for hedging, efficient portfolio management and/or investment purposes.

Bonds or other debt securities involve credit risk represented by the possibility of default by the issuer. In the event that any issuer experiences financial or economic difficulties, this may affect the value of the relevant securities and any amounts paid on such securities. This may in turn affect the Net Asset Value per Share of the UCITS.

Investment instruments have historically been subject to price movements that may occur due to market or issue-specific factors. As a result, the performance of the UCITS can fluctuate over time.

Other significant risks include: liquidity risk and operational risk. For full details of the risks applicable to the UCITS, please refer to the 'Risk Factors' sections in the current Prospectus of SphereInvest Global UCITS ICAV and the Offering Supplement of the UCITS sub-fund - SphereInvest Global Credit Strategies Fund.

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Share Class monthly performance information is being disclosed to enable investors to see actual returns achieved since inception in various currency share classes.