

OVERVIEW

Estimated AUM €357m

Firm AUM €1.6bn

Share price €27.20
(discount to NAV: 5%)

BGHL is a closed-ended investment company which invests in BG Fund, Boussard & Gavaudan’s flagship fund with 20 years of track record.

BGHL’s investment objective is to deliver an annual return, net of fees, of 400 to 600 basis points above the risk-free rate over the business cycle, irrespective of market performance. The risk-free rate is “Compounded euro short-term rate index” ⁽¹⁾.

BG Fund is driven by bottom-up fundamental and event catalyst research, combined with extensive multi-asset arbitrage and derivative expertise. Typically, investment ideas are catalyst driven with a focus on special situations and events.

Capital is dynamically allocated to the firm’s best ideas and these ideas are categorized into four main types of strategies: Equity, Volatility, Credit and Trading strategies.

⁽¹⁾ The risk-free rate is the combination of the Eonia Capitalization index 7 day (EONCAPL7 Index) from 11/2006 to 09/2019 and the Compounded Euro short-term rate index (ESTR OIS Index) from 10/2019 onwards.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2024	0.66%	-0.46%	-0.18%	0.49%	1.24%	1.08%	1.11%	0.26%*					4.25%*
2023	-1.82%	0.08%	-2.36%	1.66%	-1.33%	0.20%	-1.61%	1.72%	0.28%	-1.33%	3.51%	0.37%	-0.80%
2022	-3.11%	0.55%	-0.07%	1.42%	-1.36%	-0.68%	-3.07%	4.10%	-0.88%	-0.49%	-2.23%	1.03%	-4.90%
2021	0.99%	0.57%	0.04%	2.81%	-0.24%	0.23%	0.45%	0.80%	1.72%	2.71%	1.80%	0.11%	12.59%
2020	1.12%	2.55%	-10.12%	4.98%	1.41%	1.70%	1.25%	-0.25%	1.93%	1.45%	4.37%	2.98%	13.26%
2019	-0.41%	-0.58%	1.04%	-0.76%	0.59%	0.95%	1.92%	1.57%	-1.66%	-0.54%	0.79%	1.14%	4.07%
2018	0.70%	1.34%	-0.60%	-0.58%	0.03%	-0.25%	-2.92%	0.18%	0.49%	-2.35%	-1.40%	-0.88%	-6.15%
2017	0.59%	1.55%	0.08%	3.78%	1.16%	-0.07%	0.43%	-0.11%	-0.52%	-0.13%	-1.16%	0.22%	5.87%
2016	0.48%	2.02%	1.18%	0.70%	1.68%	-0.59%	0.78%	0.47%	-0.01%	-1.08%	0.09%	1.32%	7.22%
2015	2.96%	1.15%	-0.36%	1.12%	2.06%	-1.92%	3.56%	0.87%	-1.47%	0.80%	4.80%	1.25%	15.65%
2014	2.81%	-0.01%	-0.74%	1.62%	1.53%	-0.58%	0.08%	0.52%	-1.08%	-0.93%	3.16%	0.37%	6.85%
2013	0.89%	0.74%	-0.59%	0.24%	1.27%	0.83%	0.96%	0.47%	1.07%	1.57%	2.28%	3.14%	13.60%
2012	3.90%	2.01%	-0.16%	0.54%	-0.61%	-0.32%	0.12%	1.29%	0.04%	0.83%	0.42%	1.08%	9.45%
2011	0.71%	0.57%	2.16%	0.01%	-0.05%	-0.85%	-0.80%	-0.20%	-2.17%	2.49%	-3.92%	-0.39%	-2.58%
2010	1.35%	0.59%	1.62%	0.81%	-1.10%	1.00%	2.11%	-0.32%	0.79%	2.11%	0.04%	1.97%	11.49%
2009	3.34%	-0.17%	1.20%	5.01%	4.17%	0.92%	1.91%	2.63%	2.92%	1.47%	0.30%	0.69%	27.15%
2008	-2.10%	-0.01%	-2.32%	0.78%	1.29%	-2.98%	-1.19%	0.32%	-10.49%	1.67%	1.55%	1.09%	-12.30%
2007	3.13%	1.45%	4.68%	0.73%	1.38%	-2.27%	0.85%	-2.21%	-0.32%	1.82%	-2.16%	-1.38%	5.56%
2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.27%	2.82%	5.15%

Annualized Performance
6.09%* since inception

Annualized Volatility
5.69%* since inception

Sharpe Ratio
0.93* since inception

**Beta to Euro Stoxx 50®
(Total Return)**
0.04* since inception

*Performance displayed is for EUR share class net of fees with income reinvested. Performance data is estimated and unaudited.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

BGHL and BG Fund ended the month up 0.26% (EUR share class) and 0.34% (USD A share class) respectively vs Euro Stoxx 50® Total Return (1.79%).

	Equity Strategies Special Situations	Equity Strategies Catalyst & Value	Credit Strategies	Volatility Strategies	Trading Strategies
BG Fund Capital Allocation	12%	4%	37%	34%	13%
BG Fund Performance					
Aug 2024	0.14%	0.22%	-0.07%	0.40%	-0.35%
Attribution					
Year-to-date	-0.46%	1.12%	0.99%	1.37%	1.67%

CORPORATE UPDATE

Since the restart of the share buyback program on 17 December 2019, the firm has bought back 3,634,338 shares. The current number of shares outstanding excluding treasury shares for both the EUR and GBP share classes is 12,422,606.

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Source: Bloomberg, Boussard & Gavaudan.

HIGHLIGHTS

Global equity markets exhibited a sharp sell-off in early August, before steadily recovering to finish the month up. Both the S&P500[®] and EuroStoxx 50[®] Total return fell by over -6% in the first few trading days while the Nikkei 225[®] dropped by nearly -20% demonstrating the potential fragility in markets. The Japanese stock market was impacted by an abrupt unwind of yen carry trades when investors panicked after the Japanese central bank issued an unexpected rate rise in late July.

The associated sell-off caused contagion into other global markets, however major European and US equity indices had more than recovered their losses over the rest of August. The EuroStoxx 50[®] Total Return finished the month up +1.79% and the S&P500[®] Total Return up +2.43% overall, while even the Nikkei managed to recover in August to show just a -1.16% decline for the month.

The market implied volatility measure VStoxx[®] spiked hugely in the first week jumping from an opening 15.7% to a peak of 31.1% before steadily decreasing to finish the month at 15.3%. Credit followed a similar but slightly more subdued path with the iTraxx Crossover[®] (S39) moving from 295bps to 341bps before falling back to 288bps at the end of the month.

Against this market backdrop, BG Fund navigated the volatility smoothly with the embedded portfolio protection playing its part as expected.

Overall, BG Fund was up +34bps (USD A shares) during the month with notable positive performance from volatility and equity strategies.

Important Information

The Company is established as a closed-ended investment company domiciled in Guernsey. The Company has received the necessary approval of the Guernsey Financial Services Commission and the States of Guernsey Policy Council. The Company is registered with the Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets as a collective investment scheme pursuant to article 2:73 in conjunction with 2:66 of the Dutch Financial Supervision Act (Wet op het financieel toezicht). The shares of the Company (the "Shares") are listed on Euronext Amsterdam. The Shares are also listed on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange plc's main market for listed securities.

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