

# BOUSSARD & GAVAUDAN HOLDING LIMITED

## AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

### I. COMPANY INFORMATION

General information	
Investment manager	Boussard & Gavaudan Investment Management LLP
Company domicile	Guernsey
Website	<a href="http://www.bgholdingltd.com">www.bgholdingltd.com</a>
Management fee	1.5% p.a.
Performance fee	20% with HWM

	SEDOL	ISIN	Reuters	Bloomberg
EUR Euronext	B1FQG45	GG00B1FQG453	BGHL.AS	BGHL NA
EUR LSE	B28ZZQ1	GG00B1FQG453	BGHL.L	BGHL LN
GBX LSE	B39VMM0	GG00B39VMM07	BGHS.L	BGHS LN
GBX Euronext	B39VMM1	GG00B39VMM07	BGHS.AS	BGHS NA

### II. OVERVIEW

Boussard & Gavaudan Holding Limited (“BGHL”) is a Guernsey closed-ended investment company and is registered with the Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets as a collective investment scheme under article 1:107 of the Dutch Financial Markets Supervision Act. BGHL invests its assets in order to provide exposure to multiple alternative investment strategies managed by the Investment Manager. The investment objective is to seek to produce long-term appreciation of its assets. BGHL seeks to achieve this by investing in BG Fund (“the Fund”). In addition, a proportion of the net assets of BGHL may, at the discretion of the Investment Manager, be invested in other hedge funds and/or other financial assets selected by the Investment Manager. BGHL aims to generate a target annualized return in excess of 10% (net of all fees).



### III. SHARE INFORMATION as of 30 August 2019

Net Asset Value (NAV)	Euro share	Sterling share
Estimated NAV*	€ 22.9797	£20.6935
Estimated month to date return*	1.63%	1.72%
Estimated year to date return*	4.43%	5.34%
Estimated inception to date return*	129.80%	106.94%

Euro share	Amsterdam (AEX)	London (LSE)
Market close	€ 17.00	-
Premium / discount to estimated NAV	-26.02%	-

Sterling share	Amsterdam (AEX)	London (LSE)
Market close	-	£15.00
Premium / discount to estimated NAV	-	-27.51%

	Euro share	Sterling share
Shares issued	28,782,231	608,712
Shares held in treasury	-	-
Shares outstanding	28,782,231	608,712

	BGHL
Total value of the investments of BGHL based on the estimated NAV for the shares outstanding	€ 675 millions
Market capitalisation of BGHL based on the share price for the shares outstanding Amsterdam (AEX) market close for the Euro Share and London (LSE) market close for the Sterling share	€ 499 millions

\* Estimated figures

#### IV. BGHL TRACK RECORD

BGHL Track Record – Historical NAV Returns Summary (Net of Fees)														
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ITD
<b>BGHL EUR NAV</b>														
2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.27%	2.82%	5.15%	5.15%
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%	11.00%
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%	-2.66%
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%	23.77%
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%	37.99%
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%	34.42%
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%	47.12%
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%	67.14%
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%	78.59%
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%	106.55%
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%	121.45%
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%	134.46%
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%	120.05%
2019	-0.41%	-0.58%	1.04%	-0.76%	0.59%	0.95%	1.92%	1.63%*					4.43%*	129.80%*
<b>BGHL GBP NAV</b>														
2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.45%	-0.08%	-9.09%	0.16%	4.51%	3.69%	-2.84%	-2.84%
2009	1.88%	0.16%	0.52%	3.86%	3.22%	0.52%	1.62%	2.72%	2.97%	1.09%	0.28%	0.40%	20.91%	17.48%
2010	1.22%	0.40%	1.58%	0.72%	-1.43%	0.76%	2.01%	-0.36%	0.65%	1.97%	-0.17%	1.89%	9.57%	28.72%
2011	0.68%	0.37%	1.99%	-0.10%	-0.11%	-1.31%	-0.93%	-0.27%	-2.71%	2.37%	-4.46%	-0.45%	-5.00%	22.28%
2012	3.87%	2.14%	-0.32%	0.58%	-0.66%	-0.33%	0.13%	1.01%	0.04%	0.81%	0.39%	1.05%	8.98%	33.26%
2013	0.93%	0.71%	-0.60%	0.22%	1.11%	0.85%	0.94%	0.46%	1.05%	1.45%	2.20%	3.06%	13.04%	50.64%
2014	2.73%	-0.05%	-0.81%	1.60%	1.43%	-0.65%	0.04%	0.43%	-1.08%	-1.00%	2.46%	0.14%	5.29%	58.61%
2015	2.85%	1.10%	-0.41%	1.12%	1.91%	-1.97%	3.04%	0.91%	-1.41%	0.79%	4.31%	1.17%	14.08%	80.95%
2016	0.09%	2.09%	1.24%	0.75%	1.70%	-0.49%	0.84%	0.54%	0.04%	-1.02%	0.07%	1.38%	7.44%	94.40%
2017	0.63%	1.58%	0.13%	3.77%	1.29%	-0.06%	0.51%	-0.04%	-0.50%	-0.08%	-1.10%	0.30%	6.52%	107.08%
2018	0.76%	1.41%	-0.54%	-0.50%	0.09%	-0.19%	-2.78%	0.28%	0.58%	-2.23%	-1.29%	-0.79%	-5.14%	96.44%
2019	-0.29%	-0.47%	1.14%	-0.64%	0.68%	1.05%	2.06%	1.72%*					5.34%*	106.94%*

\* Estimated figures

## V. BGHL COMPOSITION

The proceeds have been invested in BG Fund (net of a certain amount retained by BGHL for working capital requirements and other requirements).

From 2 September 2019, BGHL is exposed to BG Fund up to approximately 109% of its net asset value. BGHL maximum possible exposure to BG Fund is 110% of its net asset value. In addition, BGHL has other investments.

### A. BG FUND

European markets were negative in August, with the Eurostoxx 50<sup>©</sup> down -1.16% for the month. Volatility increased with VStoxx<sup>©</sup> finishing the month at 17.7%, up from 14.4%. iTraxx Crossover (S31) <sup>©</sup> ended August at 252bps (1bp tighter for the month).

In this market context, BG Fund delivered a return of +1.37% in August (USD A share class) driven primarily by equity strategies and trading.

#### Volatility strategies

##### ***Mandatory convertible bond arbitrage***

Mandatory convertible bonds contributed -2bps this month, mainly due to specific mandatories trading lower in a context of limited volumes. There was no primary issuance in August.

##### ***Convertible bond arbitrage***

Convertible bond contribution (excl. mandatories) to the performance of the fund was +1bp in August. As usual during the summer season, volumes were very limited. There were no primary issues during August.

##### ***Volatility Trading***

The contribution of volatility trading was flat in August.

Realised equity volatility in August vs implied fwd at the end of July:

	30d Implied vol level on 31/07/19	Realised vol over the month	Difference
US	16.12	23.57	7.45
EUROPE	14.39	21.56	7.17

Change in implied equity volatility during August:

	Sept. Vol Index Fut as of 31/07/19	Sept. Vol Index Fut as of 30/08/19	Vol move
US	17.18	18.83	1.65
Europe	14.95	17.35	2.40

Performance of the vol portfolio was different across underlying asset classes and also had varying behaviour throughout the month.

The general investment mood shifted dramatically in early August, just after the Fed cut decision at the end of July, triggered by the surprise decision of Trump to announce additional 10% tariffs on another US\$300bn of Chinese goods. Investor fear was also compounded in Europe by renewed concerns of an Italian government crisis and fears mounting again over Brexit uncertainty.

As a consequence, asset prices generally evolved with a more cautious tone albeit with realised volatility very exposed to any surprise changes in news flow or rhetoric.

In equities our long gamma positions performed well, however dispersion positions were a drag on performance given the very macro driven environment.

On the FX side, the volatility reaction was disappointing and more muted, especially on long dated maturities where we currently carry most of our risk.

On rate vol exposure, we experienced some small losses in EUR with the curve bull flattening as some market participants were grabbing yield on the long end despite level of rates at all-time lows on several sovereign and swap curves. Trades structured to benefit from lower interest rates in USD helped to mitigate this loss.

### Equity strategies

August was a positive month for equity strategies, which contributed +65bps.

The portfolio reacted positively to the trade-driven sell-off at the beginning of August, with performance driven by tight hedging and the defensive positioning. Some of our best performing investments were in core European telecoms with these companies viewed as safe investments, especially following a positive earnings season for the industry.

The portfolio also benefited from our regularly mentioned long gamma profile. With low August liquidity, the market reacted more violently than usual to incoming news flow regarding the US/China trade war, and we were able to monetize this over-reaction thanks to the long convexity of our portfolio.

Special situations and risk arbitrage also delivered a positive performance, with several positions converging further to our target levels. Bristol-Myers Squibb announced an agreement for the divestiture of OTEZLA to Amgen, a move that should help pave the way for a closing of their Celgene acquisition by the end of the year. As a consequence, the discount to the offer tightened significantly.

Another positive contributor was Inmarsat, with the stock starting to trade above the current offer from the Apax consortium. This was the result of speculation that the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) might review the Ligado request for spectrum allocation in September. A positive conclusion to this long-lasting uncertainty would represent a material change in the business of Inmarsat and could trigger a renegotiation of the terms of the Apax deal.

We benefited as well from solid performance by Innogy as the stock kept grinding higher. As we get closer to completion of their acquisition by EON, the market is beginning to anticipate the second phase of the transaction where they are likely to try to buy out minorities.

On the negative side, the aggressive move in the yield curve along with macro-political risk (Brexit, Hong Kong protest) caused a material underperformance of some of our longstanding insurance positions, in particular Prudential. However the de-merger of its UK business, M&G, is now scheduled for Q4 2019, and we expect it to be a first step to crystallize the current deep discount to its sum-of-the-parts valuation.

We are continuing to deploy capital in equity strategies and, given the ongoing macro uncertainty, we continue to maintain our long gamma profile and try to be as well hedged as possible.

### Credit strategies

#### ***Capital Structure Arbitrage***

Capital Structure arbitrage was flat this month.

Overall both asset classes evolved slightly negatively with high correlation in a very quiet environment. There was no change in our portfolio, with the only notable story regarding Rallye/Casino. Renewed worries re-emerged about the sustainability of the high levels of debt, although there was nothing specifically new on the story itself. Sentiment was mainly generated by sell-side analysts highlighting recurrent concerns in new research publications. In very poor summer liquidity, this was immediately translated into a significant spread widening and a fall in the equity. We managed to trade around our existing positions, slightly growing our exposure.

#### ***Credit long / short***

Credit long / short made a positive contribution this month (+12bps).

Credit markets reported a marginally positive month in August, and although credit spreads widened slightly particularly for trade war exposed names, cash indices finished the month positively overall. This performance was driven by several factors: a sharp rally in government bonds which is taking more and more paper into negative yield territory, anticipation of a renewed ECB corporate debt purchase program and supportive technical dynamics (positive inflows into credit versus bond redemptions and limited primary summer activity).

The positive performance of our portfolio nevertheless came primarily from idiosyncratic moves. In particular our long position in French retailer Casino short-term credit outperformed following the plan to sell an additional €2bn in assets in France by the end of Q1 2021. The new asset sales are in addition to the company's existing plan to sell €2.5bn of assets by end of Q1 2020. The plan will help Casino to reduce its debt and alleviate market concerns on their ability to refinance or reimburse upcoming maturities in 2020 and 2021.

#### ***Credit special situations***

Credit special situations has a flat contribution this month.

#### **Trading**

Trading strategies returned +62bps this month. The decline in rates remained a key driver for the market, as did trade tensions which largely drove the large decline in equity indices at the beginning of the month. This combination of moves was beneficial both to the defensive positioning of the equity quantitative trading strategy and also to the trend-following strategy which made most of its profits from rates. In line with our prudent money management approach, and following a strong run in performance, we have taken our profits and slightly decreased exposure to our best performing trading strategies.

## **B. DIRECT INVESTMENTS OTHER THAN BG FUND**

On top of its investment in BG Fund, BGHL has other investments. As of 30 August 2019, the net asset value of these investments represents about 1% of the net asset value of BGHL.

#### **Rasaland Investors ("RLI")**

RLI is a Malta-based holding company structured as a private equity fund in terms of fees and organisation and managed by BK Partners. RLI is dedicated to investing in land, hotels and high-end resort developments in Mexico.

RLI main asset is a majority interest in ACTUR its private subsidiary. ACTUR's other shareholders are Mexican public institutions. ACTUR owns land developing assets (Mandarina and Xala projects) and a minority interest in the publicly-traded company RLH Properties (ticker: RLHA:MM). RLH Properties owns majority interests in the Four Seasons hotel in Mexico City and in four hotels in Cancun (Fairmont hotel, Rosewood hotel, Banyan Tree and the Hyatt Andaz hotels and the Camaleon PGA Golf Course) and RLH Properties owns land lots in the Mandarin area on which the One & Only hotel and the Rosewood hotel are being developed.

Based on recent indications that BGHL would only be able to exit at a material discount to RLI's NAV, BGHL decided to mark down the position by -50% in May 2017. The position is valued at 50% of the NAV calculated by RLI's administrator.

In July 2017, BGHL purchased 9,075,135 shares of Rasaland. BGHL currently holds 19,075,103 shares which represents approximately 10.1% of the share capital of RLI.

## **VI. BOUSSARD & GAVAUDAN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

### **A. TRANSACTION IN THE COMPANY'S SECURITIES**

Please note that transactions in the Company's securities that have been performed by officers, directors and persons referred to in the section 5:60 of the Financial Supervision Act ("Wft") are reported:

- directly on the AFM website: [www.afm.nl](http://www.afm.nl) (professionals > registers > notifications > insider-transactions 5:60 wft);

- on the Company's website through a link to the AFM notification: [www.bgholdingltd.com](http://www.bgholdingltd.com) (Investment Manager > Regulatory information).

Transactions in the Company's own securities are also reported on:

- the AFM website: [www.afm.nl](http://www.afm.nl) (professionals > registers > notifications > price-sensitive press releases);
- the Company's website: [www.bgholdingltd.com](http://www.bgholdingltd.com) (Investor Relations > Financial announcements).

## B. BGIM'S AUM

As of 2 September 2019, BG Fund assets under management are €2.80bn.

Sincerely,

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## VII. ANNEXES ON BG FUND

Annex 1: Greeks		
Delta	5.2%	5.2 bps P&L variation for market +1%
Gamma	2.7%	delta variation for market +1%
Vega	11 bps	by vol point
Theta	-30 bps	by 30 days
Optional theta	-37 bps	by 30 days
Rho	-1.8 bps	for 1 bp of interest rates increasing
Credit sensitivity	-2 bps	for 1% of credit spreads widening (in relative)

Annex 2: Performance Attribution *	
<b>Volatility Strategies</b>	<b>-1 bps</b>
Mandatory convertible bond arbitrage	-2 bps
Convertible bond arbitrage (incl. credit convertible bonds)	1 bps
Volatility trading	0 bps
Warrant arbitrage	0 bps
<b>Equity Strategies</b>	<b>65 bps</b>
Risk arbitrage / Special situations	40 bps
Long / short trading with short-term catalyst & Value	25 bps
<b>Credit Strategies</b>	<b>12 bps</b>
Credit long / short	12 bps
Capital structure arbitrage	0 bps
Credit special situations	0 bps
<b>Trading</b>	<b>62 bps</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>137 bps</b>

Annex 3: Equity at Risk	
<b>Volatility Strategies</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
Mandatory convertible bond arbitrage	1.8%
Convertible bond arbitrage (incl. credit convertible bonds)	0.7%
Volatility trading	1.0%
Warrant arbitrage	0.9%
<b>Equity Strategies</b>	<b>33.2%</b>
Risk arbitrage / Special situations	15.5%
Long / short trading with short-term catalyst & Value	17.8%
<b>Credit Strategies</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
Credit long / short	6.8%
Capital structure arbitrage	0.0%
Credit special situations	0.5%
<b>Trading</b>	<b>18.5%</b>
Quantitative equity trading	5.9%
Systematic trend following	2.1%
Index Rebalancing Arbitrage	7.4%
Trading using A.I	0.5%
Other	2.6%
<b>Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>65.4%</b>

\* Estimated figures for USD A share class



**Annex 4: Gross Exposure (in % of AUM) \***

<b>Volatility Strategies</b>		
	Long	17.0%
Mandatory convertible bond arbitrage	Short equity	15.8%
	Short credit	0.0%
	Long	6.1%
Convertible bond arbitrage (incl. credit convertible bonds)	Short equity	0.1%
	Short credit	0.0%
	Long	50.4%
Volatility trading	Short	45.2%
	Long	2.0%
Warrant arbitrage	Short	0.0%
	<b>Equity Strategies</b>	
Risk Arbitrage / Special Situations	Long	57.6%
	Short	33.5%
Long / Short trading with short-term catalyst / Value	Long	77.7%
	Short	71.3%
<b>Credit Strategies</b>		
Credit long / short	Long	12.1%
	Short	4.4%
Capital structure arbitrage	Long	0.0%
	Short	0.0%
Credit special situations	Long	0.7%
	Short	0.0%
<b>Trading</b>		
Quantitative equity trading	Long	29.4%
	Short	28.1%
Systematic trend following	Long	54.3%
	Short	16.1%
Index Rebalancing Arbitrage	Long	39.3%
	Short	39.3%
Trading using A.I	Long	3.2%
	Short	1.4%
Other	Long	35.7%
	Short	38.5%
<b>Gross Exposure</b>		<b>679.2%</b>

	<b>Long</b>	<b>Short</b>
Mandatory convertible bond arbitrage and Convertible bond arbitrage	$\sum$ market value long	Abs( $\sum$ [delta equity + options]) + $\sum$ notional long for CDS
Volatility Trading	$\sum$ Abs (delta equity)	$\sum$ Abs (delta equity)
Warrant Arbitrage	$\sum$ delta long	$\sum$ Abs(delta short)
Equity Strategies and Trading	$\sum$ delta long	$\sum$ Abs(delta short)
Credit Strategies	$\sum$ market value long + $\sum$ Abs (notional short for CDS)	$\sum$ Abs(market value short) + $\sum$ notional long for CDS

\* Some trades initially in Credit long / short are now reported in Credit special situations

## Annex 5: Investment Manager's Track Record – Historical Returns Summary (Net of Fees)

### USD A Share Class

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ITD <sup>(4)</sup>
<b>Sark Fund</b>														
2003	-	-	0.67%	0.70%	0.77%	0.94%	0.84%	0.97%	1.15%	1.46%	1.01%	0.15%	9.00%	<b>9.00%</b>
2004	1.00%	-0.17%	0.96%	0.13%	0.07%	-0.35%	-0.47%	-0.47%	-0.24%	-0.59%	1.16%	1.06%	2.08%	<b>11.27%</b>
2005	1.66%	1.08%	1.09%	-0.64%	0.31%	1.30%	1.22%	0.62%	1.06%	-0.32%	0.81%	0.89%	9.45%	<b>21.79%</b>
2006	-0.01%	1.64%	1.78%	1.08%	-0.29%	1.49%	0.56%	1.74%	2.83%	3.06%	2.64%	3.01%	21.29%	<b>47.72%</b>
2007	3.19%	1.58%	4.82%	0.89%	1.45%	-2.15%	0.97%	-2.12%	-0.22%	1.92%	-2.13%	-1.17%	6.97%	<b>58.02%</b>
2008	-2.12%	-0.07%	-2.57%	1.02%	0.98%	-2.52%	-1.50%	0.21%	-10.63%	0.16%	-2.97%	0.22%	-18.56%	<b>28.69%</b>
2009	1.71%	-0.31%	0.84%	4.87%	4.29%	0.72%	2.01%	3.26%	3.48%	1.11%	0.21%	0.46%	24.96%	<b>60.81%</b>
<b>BG Fund</b>														
2010	1.24%	0.36%	1.58%	0.73%	-1.41%	0.77%	2.16%	-0.33%	0.67%	2.05%	-0.15%	1.88%	9.92%	<b>76.77%</b>
2011	0.65%	0.35%	1.93%	-0.15%	-0.12%	-1.35%	-1.00%	-0.30%	-2.72%	2.56%	-4.41%	-0.40%	-5.04%	<b>67.86%</b>
2012	4.03%	2.13%	-0.23%	0.49%	-0.66%	-0.26%	0.14%	1.08%	0.01%	0.87%	0.46%	0.20%	8.49%	<b>82.12%</b>
2013	0.84%	0.65%	-0.69%	0.28%	1.19%	0.73%	1.02%	0.48%	1.16%	1.23%	1.97%	2.17%	11.56%	<b>103.17%</b>
2014	2.41%	0.06%	-1.01%	0.60%	1.18%	-1.07%	0.20%	0.85%	-0.69%	-0.34%	1.76%	0.25%	4.23%	<b>111.75%</b>
2015	2.10%	0.87%	-0.20%	1.01%	1.76%	-1.72%	2.60%	0.81%	-0.97%	0.51%	2.47%	1.12%	10.77%	<b>134.56%</b>
2016	0.05%	2.04%	1.35%	0.86%	1.64%	-0.55%	1.16%	0.52%	0.14%	-0.81%	0.03%	1.35%	8.03%	<b>153.39%</b>
2017	0.63%	1.59%	0.38%	3.93%	1.42%	0.09%	0.34%	0.05%	-0.36%	0.01%	-0.96%	0.41%	7.73%	<b>172.97%</b>
2018	0.82%	1.37%	-0.34%	-0.35%	0.24%	-0.03%	-2.20%	0.42%	0.56%	-1.74%	-1.04%	-0.48%	-2.80%	<b>165.33%</b>
2019	-0.10%	-0.28%	1.19%	-0.42%	0.82%	1.13%	1.69%	1.37%*					5.52%*	<b>179.98%*</b>

\* Estimated figures

<sup>(4)</sup> Inception to date figures starting 2010 combine Sark Fund, Boussard & Gavaudan Fund and BG Fund performances.

## EUR A Share Class

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ITD <sup>(4)</sup>
<b>Sark Fund</b>														
2003	-	-	0.75%	0.76%	0.82%	1.04%	0.93%	1.06%	1.18%	1.55%	1.05%	0.17%	9.69%	<b>9.69%</b>
2004	1.07%	-0.12%	1.03%	0.22%	0.14%	-0.29%	-0.42%	-0.42%	-0.19%	-0.49%	1.18%	1.07%	2.81%	<b>12.77%</b>
2005	1.70%	1.06%	1.09%	-0.69%	0.27%	1.27%	1.16%	0.50%	1.00%	-0.44%	0.71%	0.77%	8.70%	<b>22.58%</b>
2006	-0.18%	1.56%	1.64%	0.86%	-0.47%	1.35%	0.40%	1.56%	2.73%	2.90%	2.34%	2.91%	18.99%	<b>45.85%</b>
2007	3.14%	1.46%	4.67%	0.74%	1.39%	-2.24%	0.87%	-2.20%	-0.31%	1.83%	-2.15%	-1.24%	5.85%	<b>54.38%</b>
2008	-2.08%	-0.01%	-2.35%	1.10%	1.13%	-2.33%	-1.39%	0.21%	-10.93%	-0.44%	-2.86%	0.18%	-18.58%	<b>25.69%</b>
2009	1.92%	-0.28%	0.90%	4.88%	4.10%	0.73%	1.99%	3.21%	3.48%	1.13%	0.22%	0.48%	25.13%	<b>57.27%</b>
<b>BG Fund</b>														
2010	1.26%	0.37%	1.60%	0.74%	-1.49%	0.74%	2.01%	-0.34%	0.62%	2.02%	-0.14%	1.85%	9.56%	<b>72.31%</b>
2011	0.65%	0.38%	1.94%	-0.09%	-0.07%	-1.27%	-0.95%	-0.24%	-2.86%	2.47%	-4.50%	-0.49%	-5.08%	<b>63.56%</b>
2012	4.01%	2.12%	-0.28%	0.47%	-0.71%	-0.26%	0.10%	1.03%	-0.01%	0.84%	0.43%	0.17%	8.12%	<b>76.84%</b>
2013	0.80%	0.65%	-0.71%	0.25%	1.19%	0.71%	0.99%	0.48%	1.11%	1.22%	1.97%	2.14%	11.31%	<b>96.85%</b>
2014	2.47%	0.05%	-1.01%	0.61%	1.21%	-1.06%	0.20%	0.86%	-0.71%	-0.36%	1.75%	0.27%	4.29%	<b>105.30%</b>
2015	2.22%	0.85%	-0.21%	0.93%	1.79%	-1.73%	2.58%	0.78%	-1.01%	0.47%	2.59%	0.96%	10.60%	<b>127.06%</b>
2016	0.00%	1.98%	1.21%	0.79%	1.62%	-0.65%	1.07%	0.43%	0.03%	-0.92%	-0.03%	1.21%	6.91%	<b>142.74%</b>
2017	0.51%	1.53%	0.26%	3.75%	1.24%	-0.06%	0.19%	-0.10%	-0.47%	-0.11%	-1.08%	0.22%	5.97%	<b>157.24%</b>
2018	0.67%	1.24%	-0.55%	-0.53%	0.04%	-0.22%	-2.66%	0.18%	0.46%	-2.14%	-1.27%	-0.78%	-5.49%	<b>143.11%</b>
2019	-0.36%	-0.52%	0.96%	-0.69%	0.55%	0.88%	1.79%	1.51%*					4.16%*	<b>153.22%*</b>

## GBP A Share Class

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ITD
<b>BG Fund</b>														
2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.03%	1.26%	1.29%	<b>1.29%</b>
2017	0.57%	1.57%	0.32%	3.74%	1.37%	0.01%	0.26%	-0.01%	-0.46%	-0.06%	-1.02%	0.29%	6.68%	<b>8.05%</b>
2018	0.72%	1.32%	-0.46%	-0.46%	0.10%	-0.16%	-2.51%	0.29%	0.56%	-2.03%	-1.14%	-0.69%	-4.44%	<b>3.25%</b>
2019	-0.24%	-0.41%	1.06%	-0.58%	0.66%	0.99%	1.92%	1.52%*					4.98%*	<b>8.40%*</b>

\* Estimated figures

<sup>(4)</sup> Inception to date figures starting 2010 combine Sark Fund, Boussard & Gavaudan Fund and BG Fund performances.

## General Stress Tests

	Scenario	Description	Impact % of NAV
1	Delta - spot up	Spot : 10% ; Credit : 0% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0	2.05%
2	Delta - spot down	Spot : -10% ; Credit : 0% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0	0.29%
3	Vega - vol up	Spot : 0% ; Credit : 0% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 0	0.09%
4	Vega - vol down	Spot : 0% ; Credit : 0% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0	-0.08%
5	Credit spread widen	Spot : 0% ; Credit : 25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0	-0.33%
6	Credit spread tighten	Spot : 0% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0	0.36%
7	Market crash 0.5	Spot : -5% ; Credit : 25% ; Vol : 15% ; Rates : 0	-0.29%
8	Market crash 1	Spot : -10% ; Credit : 50% ; Vol : 30% ; Rates : 0	-0.22%
9	Market crash 2	Spot : -20% ; Credit : 75% ; Vol : 50% ; Rates : 0	0.66%
10	Market crash 3	Spot : -30% ; Credit : 100% ; Vol : 70% ; Rates : 0	1.90%
11	Market crash, rates down 1	Spot : -10% ; Credit : 50% ; Vol : 30% ; Rates : -0.5	0.59%
12	Market crash, rates down 2	Spot : -20% ; Credit : 75% ; Vol : 50% ; Rates : -0.5	1.44%
13	Market crash, rates down 3	Spot : -30% ; Credit : 100% ; Vol : 70% ; Rates : -0.5	2.66%
14	Market crash, rates up 1	Spot : -10% ; Credit : 50% ; Vol : 30% ; Rates : 0.5	<b>-0.54%</b>
15	Market crash, rates up 2	Spot : -20% ; Credit : 75% ; Vol : 50% ; Rates : 0.5	0.39%
16	Market crash, rates up 3	Spot : -30% ; Credit : 100% ; Vol : 70% ; Rates : 1	2.07%
17	Equity Credit decorrelation 1	Spot : 5% ; Credit : 25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0	0.35%
18	Equity Credit decorrelation 2	Spot : 5% ; Credit : 25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 0	0.44%
19	Equity Credit decorrelation 3	Spot : 5% ; Credit : 25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0	0.26%
20	Equity Credit decorrelation 4	Spot : -5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 0	0.37%
21	Equity Credit decorrelation 5	Spot : -5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0	0.26%
22	Equity Credit decorrelation 6	Spot : 0% ; Credit : 25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 0	-0.24%
23	Equity Credit decorrelation 7	Spot : 0% ; Credit : 25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0	-0.41%
24	Market rally 1	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0	0.95%
25	Market rally 2	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0	1.04%
26	Market rally 3	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 0	1.13%
27	Market rally 4	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0	2.35%
28	Market rally 5	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0	2.41%
29	Market rally 6	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 0	2.49%
30	Market rally, Inflation 1	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0.5	0.50%
31	Market rally, Inflation 2	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0.5	0.62%
32	Market rally, Inflation 3	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 0.5	0.76%
33	Market rally, Inflation 4	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0.5	1.90%
34	Market rally, Inflation 5	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 1	2.25%
35	Market rally, Inflation 6	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 1	2.39%
36	Market rally, Inflation 7	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 1	0.70%
37	Market rally, Inflation 8	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 1	0.86%
38	Market rally, Inflation 9	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 2	1.59%
39	Market rally, Inflation 10	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 2	2.68%
40	Market rally, Inflation 11	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 2	2.82%
41	Market rally, Inflation 12	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 2	2.97%
	<b>Worst</b>		<b>-0.54%</b>

\* We changed our methodology for bumping rate curve to be more in line with the market reality

## Hedge Funds Liquidation Stress Tests

Stress tests' scenarios have been improved in order to take into account liquidity issues. This scenario aims at reflecting, to some extent, how the fund would react in distressed market environment (as was the case in late 2008). These stress tests combine the three following adjustments:

- Small, Mid and Large caps adjustment

In certain market conditions, beta may become much higher than its level in normal market conditions and thus the hedging of such positions may not be effective. To address this kind of circumstance we apply a corrective factor to the beta of small, mid and large caps respectively. Since April 2019, the corrective factors have been calibrated on the amplitude of the stresses by looking at worst historical scenario since 1987.

	-5%	-10%	-20%	-30%
<b>Small (&lt;1bn)</b>	2.00	1.75	1.50	1.30
<b>Mid (1bn-5bn)</b>	1.50	1.50	1.25	1.20
<b>Large (5bn-20bn)</b>	1.20	1.15	1.10	1.05
<b>Mega (&gt;20bn)</b>	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

- Risk arbitrage adjustment

The risk of risk arbitrage positions is taken into account differently in case the market drops by more than 10%. We consider that one third of risk arbitrage positions will collapse.

- Liquidity adjustment

An average discount (realized in 2008) is applied to bond, convertible bond (including mandatory convertible bond) and loan prices in case credit spreads widen by more than 25%.

Mandatories: Adj. price = Max(Shifted Price – 5% \* Max(Credit spread shift – 25%, 0), Parity)

Others: Adj. price = Max(Shifted Price – 5% \* Max(Credit spread shift – 25%, 0), 0)

	Scenario	Description	Impact % of NAV
1	Delta - spot up	Spot : 10% ; Credit : 0% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0	2.40%
2	Delta - spot down	Spot : -10% ; Credit : 0% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0	-3.44%
3	Vega - vol up	Spot : 0% ; Credit : 0% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 0	0.09%
4	Vega - vol down	Spot : 0% ; Credit : 0% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0	-0.08%
5	Credit spread widen	Spot : 0% ; Credit : 25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0	-0.33%
6	Credit spread tighten	Spot : 0% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0	0.36%
7	Market crash 0.5	Spot : -5% ; Credit : 25% ; Vol : 15% ; Rates : 0	-2.39%
8	Market crash 1	Spot : -10% ; Credit : 50% ; Vol : 30% ; Rates : 0	-4.20%
9	Market crash 2	Spot : -20% ; Credit : 75% ; Vol : 50% ; Rates : 0	-8.35%
10	Market crash 3	Spot : -30% ; Credit : 100% ; Vol : 70% ; Rates : 0	<b>-9.90%</b>
11	Market crash, rates down 1	Spot : -10% ; Credit : 50% ; Vol : 30% ; Rates : -0.5	-3.39%
12	Market crash, rates down 2	Spot : -20% ; Credit : 75% ; Vol : 50% ; Rates : -0.5	-7.57%
13	Market crash, rates down 3	Spot : -30% ; Credit : 100% ; Vol : 70% ; Rates : -0.5	-9.13%
14	Market crash, rates up 1	Spot : -10% ; Credit : 50% ; Vol : 30% ; Rates : 0.5	-4.52%
15	Market crash, rates up 2	Spot : -20% ; Credit : 75% ; Vol : 50% ; Rates : 0.5	-8.62%
16	Market crash, rates up 3	Spot : -30% ; Credit : 100% ; Vol : 70% ; Rates : 1	-9.73%
17	Equity Credit decorrelation 1	Spot : 5% ; Credit : 25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0	0.54%
18	Equity Credit decorrelation 2	Spot : 5% ; Credit : 25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 0	0.63%
19	Equity Credit decorrelation 3	Spot : 5% ; Credit : 25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0	0.45%
20	Equity Credit decorrelation 4	Spot : -5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 0	-1.73%
21	Equity Credit decorrelation 5	Spot : -5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0	-1.83%
22	Equity Credit decorrelation 6	Spot : 0% ; Credit : 25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 0	-0.24%
23	Equity Credit decorrelation 7	Spot : 0% ; Credit : 25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0	-0.41%
24	Market rally 1	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0	1.14%
25	Market rally 2	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0	1.23%
26	Market rally 3	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 0	1.32%
27	Market rally 4	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0	2.70%
28	Market rally 5	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0	2.76%
29	Market rally 6	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 0	2.84%
30	Market rally, Inflation 1	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0.5	0.69%
31	Market rally, Inflation 2	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 0.5	0.81%
32	Market rally, Inflation 3	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 0.5	0.95%
33	Market rally, Inflation 4	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 0.5	2.25%
34	Market rally, Inflation 5	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 1	2.60%
35	Market rally, Inflation 6	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 1	2.74%
36	Market rally, Inflation 7	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 1	0.89%
37	Market rally, Inflation 8	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 1	1.05%
38	Market rally, Inflation 9	Spot : 5% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 2	1.78%
39	Market rally, Inflation 10	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : -10% ; Rates : 2	3.02%
40	Market rally, Inflation 11	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 0% ; Rates : 2	3.16%
41	Market rally, Inflation 12	Spot : 10% ; Credit : -25% ; Vol : 10% ; Rates : 2	3.28%
	<b>Worst</b>		<b>-9.90%</b>

**Annex 7: IFRS 13 Classification as of 31 July 2019**

	<b>% of NAV</b>	<b>Number of positions</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Level 1	49.4%	184
Level 2	30.1%	2542
Level 3	5.6%	70
Cash & cash equivalents	41.6%	38
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>126.7%</b>	<b>2834</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Level 1	-23.4%	146
Level 2	-3.2%	128
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>-26.7%</b>	<b>274</b>
<b>Total Assets + Liabilities</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3108</b>

	<b>% of NAV</b>
• Encumbered cash and cash equivalents	
- Cash - Derivatives Clearing Organisation	4.2%
- Cash - Counterparties	2.5%
- Money market fund	2.3%
- Cash covering a short market value	24.9%
• Unencumbered cash and cash equivalents	
- Cash covering a short market value	0.0%
- Short-term papers < 90 days	13.5%
- Excess cash	0.0%
<b>Total Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>47.4%</b>

In compliance with AIFMD, BGIM will report in the newsletter the information hereafter:

- The percentage of assets which are subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature:

Nothing to report

- Any new arrangements for managing the liquidity of the AIF:

Nothing to report

- The current risk profile of the AIF and a description of the risk management systems employed by BGIM to manage market risk, liquidity risk, counterparty risk and other risks, including operational risk:

Please refer to this newsletter for the current risk profile of the Fund.

The backbone of the portfolio and risk management systems at BGIM relies on several components all interfaced together to ensure a full Straight Through Processing. The main system is FusionInvest provided by Misys used for position keeping and risk management. FusionInvest is interfaced to a real time market data vendor for real time P&L and risk calculation. Another key system is Trade Smart, the Execution Management System provided by Trading Screen that is interfaced to an in-house implemented Order Management System, itself connected in real time to FusionInvest. All figures used for qualitative and quantitative risk management are produced out of FusionInvest.

- The gross investment exposure of the Company at any time may represent a maximum of 2 times the Net Asset Value at the time of investment.

	Maximum limit	Current usage
Commitment method	200%	110%
Gross method	200%	110%

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