

**OVERVIEW**

**Estimated AUM** €336m

**Firm AUM** €2.5bn

**Share price** €16.50  
(discount to NAV: 29%)

BGHL is a closed-ended investment company which invests in BG Fund, Boussard & Gavaudan's flagship fund with 17 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 "capitalized EONIA".

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.

**NAV PERFORMANCE**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2020	1.12%	2.55%	-10.12%	4.98%	1.41%	1.70%	1.25%	-0.36%*					<b>1.80%*</b>
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%	<b>4.07%</b>
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%	<b>-6.15%</b>
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%	<b>5.87%</b>
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%	<b>7.22%</b>
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%	<b>15.65%</b>
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%	<b>6.85%</b>
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%	<b>13.60%</b>
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%	<b>9.45%</b>
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%	<b>-2.58%</b>
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%	<b>11.49%</b>
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%	<b>27.15%</b>
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%	<b>-12.30%</b>
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%	<b>5.56%</b>
2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.27%	2.82%	<b>5.15%</b>

**Annualized Performance**  
**+6.31%\*** since inception

**Annualized Volatility**  
**5.21%\*** since inception

**Sharpe Ratio**  
**1.08\*** since inception

**Beta to Euro Stoxx 50®**  
**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 -0.36% (EUR share class) and -0.03% (USD A share class) respectively vs Eurostoxx 50® (+3.09%).

		Equity Strategies Special Situations	Equity Strategies Catalyst & Value	Credit Strategies	Volatility Strategies	Trading Strategies
<b>BG Fund Capital Allocation</b>		22%	35%	19%	15%	9%
<b>BG Fund Performance</b>	August 2020	0.01%	-0.79%	0.23%	0.37%	0.14%
<b>Attribution</b>	Year-to-date	0.75%	-3.89%	-0.63%	1.44%	3.90%

**CORPORATE UPDATE**

Since the restart of the share buyback program on 17 December 2019, the firm has bought back 1,091,987 shares. The current number of shares outstanding excluding treasury shares for both the EUR and GBP share classes is 14,411,859.

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**Source:** Bloomberg, Boussard & Gavaudan.

## HIGHLIGHTS

In August, the Eurostoxx 50<sup>®</sup> total return index rose by +3.2%, volatility remained broadly stable with VStoxx finishing the month at 26.7% and credit tightened with iTraxx Crossover (S33) ending the month at 324bps (53bps tighter than July).

In this context, BG Fund was roughly flat returning -0.03% (USD A estimate) for August. Convertible and mandatory convertible bonds had a strong month along with credit and trading strategies however these gains were offset by theta drag in the equity book.

August saw its usual low volumes in equity and credit markets along with the expected slower levels of capital markets activity. BG Fund remained well hedged going into the month and, while typically any exogenous shock in August will greatly exacerbate market moves, 2020 summer markets remained benign with low realised volatility which impacted performance.

Value overall has continued to lag momentum stocks and while this trend has been persistent there is a potential for a reversal. While this continued trend has created some underperformance in the fundamental book, this has been offset to some extent by the trading strategies.

Headline economic data seems to be supportive of markets for the moment, however the concentration of market performance into a relatively small number of stocks and the emergence of real structural damage to the economy could well see volatility re-emerge into the Autumn which should be helpful for the fund. As we move into September capital markets activity is already picking up, new M&A deals are starting to be announced and we anticipate a number of catalysts on our existing holdings should occur in the coming weeks.

The investment team remain very constructive on the existing portfolio and opportunity set and will continue to focus on delivering well-hedged idiosyncratic alpha rather than chasing liquidity-driven asset price inflation.

### **Important Information**

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