

### **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2020**

**Estimated NAV** 

BGHL NA € 25.20 BGHS LN £ 22.22

# **OVERVIEW**

Estimated AUM €355m

Firm AUM €2.5bn

Share price €18.90 (discount to NAV: 25%) 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	A 11 10 f
2020	1.12%	2.55%	-10.12%	4.98%	1.41%	1.70%	1.25%	-0.25%	1.93%	1.45%	4.44%*		10.06%*	Annualized Performance
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%	+6.78%* since inception
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%	Annualized Volatility
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%	<b>5.22</b> %* since inception
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%	Charrie Batia
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%	Sharpe Ratio
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%	<b>1.18</b> * since inception
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%	Beta to Euro Stoxx 50®
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%	(Total Return)
2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.27%	2.82%	5.15%	<b>0.04</b> * since inception

<sup>\*</sup>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 +4.44% (EUR share class) and +4.39% (USD A share class) respectively vs Euro Stoxx 50® Total Return (+18.09%).

		Equity Strategies Special Situations	Equity Strategies Catalyst & Value	Credit Strategies	Volatility Strategies	Trading Strategies
<b>BG Fund Capital Allocation</b>		23%	38%	19%	14%	6%
<b>BG Fund Performance</b>	Nov 2020	2.32%	1.76%	0.32%	0.62%	-0.63%
Attribution	Year-to-date	4.82%	-2.22%	0.19%	3.08%	3.68%

## **CORPORATE UPDATE**

Since the restart of the share buyback program on 17 December 2019, the firm has bought back 1,429,532 shares. The current number of shares outstanding excluding treasury shares for both the EUR and GBP share classes is 14,074,314.

# CONTACT

**Risk warning**: Past performance is no guide to future performance. The value of holdings may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back their initial investment. Performance displayed is for the EUR share class net of fees with income reinvested and is calculated on a NAV to NAV basis. Performance data is estimated and unaudited. All figures are correct as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 unless otherwise stated. **Source**: Bloomberg, Boussard & Gavaudan.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

BG Fund had a very strong month in November, bringing YTD returns to 9.55% (USD A estimate). BG's returns primarily came from a plethora of idiosyncratic events within the equity special situations, risk arbitrage and value catalyst strategies, along with strong performance from volatility. The past few weeks have seen a burst of M&A activity, which we expect to continue across European industries and geographies into 2021 and beyond.

The Euro Stoxx 50® Total Return returned 18.09% in November although the European equity market remains in negative territory for the year with the SX5T down -4.89% year to date. During the month credit markets tightened with iTraxx Crossover (S33) finishing the month at 265bps (tighter by 104bps or -28.2% down in one month), and volatility decreased as well with VStoxx ending the month at 22.9%, down -35.17% (from 35.3%) as sentiment improved.

Despite the continued spread of Covid, and many Western economies still in partial lockdown, with multiple promising Covid vaccines on the near horizon, equity markets are now looking through the crisis and anticipating a strong recovery in 2021. Markets continue to discount uncertainty around Brexit, however with the new US administration all-but confirmed and a global trade-friendly outlook, we anticipate a very positive tail-wind for European markets – something that hasn't been seen in many years.

Deal pipelines started to come alive over the summer and have significantly increased into year end. The COVID-19 pandemic and potential vaccines have brought a new dynamic to the economic equation. Corporates are having to evolve quickly, and address vulnerabilities, gaps and opportunities that have been exposed. This will continue to accelerate the need for M&A, asset disposal and spin offs. With equity, debt and hybrid financing readily available, low interest rates and private equity firms with significant dry powder corporate activity will remain heightened for the next several years. We expect this backdrop to provide a very favourable environment for BG Fund.

### **Important Information**

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