

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MAY 2020

Estimated NAV BGHL NA € 22.75 BGHS LN £ 20.21

OVERVIEW

Estimated AUM €333m

Firm AUM €2.9bn

Share price €16.75 (discount to NAV: 26%) BGHL is a closed-ended investment company which invests in BG Fund, Boussard & Gavaudan's flagship fund with 17 years of track record.

BG Fund aims to deliver a net return of Eonia capitalized +400 to 600 bps over the business cycle irrespective of the market performance.

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%	1.53%*								-0.66%*	Annualized Perform		
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%	+6.24 %* since ince		
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 Volatilit		
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%	5.20%* since incept		
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%	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%	1.07* since inceptio		
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 !		
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%	0.04 * since inceptio		
2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.27%	2.82%	5.15%			

^{*}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 +1.53% (EUR share class) and +1.54% (USD A share class) respectively vs Eurostoxx 50© (+4.18%).

		Equity Strategies Special Situations	Equity Strategies Catalyst & Value	Credit Strategies	Volatility Strategies	Trading Strategies
BG Fund Capital Allocation		20%	38%	19%	15%	8%
BG Fund Performance	May 2020	0.97%	0.08%	0.16%	0.15%	0.19%
Attribution	Year-to-date	-0.65%	-3.17%	-1.79%	1.40%	3.48%

CORPORATE UPDATE

Since the restart of the share buyback program on 17 December 2019, the firm has bought back 877,683 shares. The current number of shares outstanding excluding treasury shares for both the EUR and GBP share classes is 14,626,163.

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HIGHLIGHTS

In May, the Eurostoxx 50© rose +4.18%, volatility remained elevated, although declined with VStoxx© finishing the month at 31.1%, down from 33.9%. iTraxx Crossover (S33) © ended the month at 428bps (64bps tighter than April). BG Fund gained +1.54 (USD A class) this month with positive contributions from all main strategies, in particular from risk arbitrage and special situations.

Equity and credit markets around the globe continued to recover steadily through May as many countries continued to relax Covid 19 lockdown conditions. May saw a busy earnings season with the market generally taking negative earnings announcements in its stride as investors digested the detailed impact at the individual company level. US equity markets led the rise, dominated by tech stocks and the Nasdaq, while European markets have continued to lag. Significant political and economic concerns remain in Europe as to whether they can maintain the same sustained level of fiscal and monetary stimulus as the US.

The opportunity set for BG Fund remains extremely attractive. Capital markets remain very active as companies strengthen their balance-sheets and raise capital for opportunistic acquisitions. May saw many new issues which BG was able to trade and generate new arbitrage positions. Volatility, both implied and realised, while off its March peak, remained consistently elevated throughout the month and the team have been able to profit from BGF's higher levels of theta spend especially within the equity sub-strategies. We expect conditions to remain volatile and new idiosyncratic opportunities continue to present themselves to the investment team who remain very constructive on the performance outlook.

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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 financial 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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