

# AIA INVESTMENT FUNDS AIA US HIGH YIELD BOND FUND

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#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE and POLICY

The Sub-Fund aims to maximise long-term total return, consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management by investing in a diversified fixed income portfolio consisting primarily of high yield securities denominated in USD. In order to achieve its investment objective, the Sub-Fund will invest primarily, i.e. at least 50% of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value, in a diversified portfolio of high yield fixed income securities denominated in USD that are rated lower than Baa3 by Moody's, or lower than BBB- by S&P or equivalently rated by Fitch.

#### **PERFORMANCE**



Lower risk Higher risk typically lower rewards typically higher rewards 7

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Sub-Fund. The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.

The lowest category does not mean a risk free investment.

The Sub-Fund is rated 4 due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below.

These factors may impact the value of the Sub-Fund's investments or expose the Sub-Fund to losses.

#### MAIN RISKS

**Credit Risk** The risk of loss arising from default that may occur if an issuer fails to make principal or interest payments when due. This risk is higher if the Fund holds low-rated, non-investment-grade securities.

Fixed Income Transferable Securities Debt securities are subject to both actual and perceived measures of creditworthiness. The "downgrading" of a rated debt security or its issuer or adverse publicity and investor perception, which may not be based on fundamental analysis, could decrease the value and liquidity of the security, particularly in a thinly traded market. In certain market environments this may lead to investments in such securities becoming less liquid, making it difficult to dispose of them. A Sub-Fund may be affected by changes in prevailing interest rates and by credit quality considerations. Changes in market rates of interest will generally affect a Sub-Fund's asset values as the prices of fixed rate securities generally increase when interest rates decline and decrease when interest rates rise. Prices of shorter-term securities generally fluctuate less in response to interest rate changes than do longer-term securities. An economic recession may adversely affect an issuer's financial condition and the market value of high yield debt securities issued by such entity. The issuer's ability to service its debt obligations may be adversely affected by specific issuer developments, or the issuer's inability to meet specific projected business forecasts, or the unavailability of additional financing. In the event of bankruptcy of an issuer, a Sub-Fund may experience losses and incur costs. Issuers of non-investment grade or unrated debt may be highly leveraged and carry a greater risk of default. In addition, non-investment grade or unrated securities tend to be less liquid and more volatile than higher rated fixed-income securities, so that adverse economic events may have a greater impact on the prices of non-investment grade debt securities than on higher rated fixed-income securities. Such securities are also subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest than higher rated fixed-income securities.

Interest Rate Risk The performance of a Sub-Fund may be influenced by changes in the general level of interest rates.

**Liquidity Risk** In difficult market conditions, the Sub-Fund may not be able to sell a security for full value or at all. This could affect performance and could cause the Sub-Fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares.

Asset class **Fixed Income** LU2182890298 ISIN (Class Z) Bloomberg ticker (Class Z) **AFHYZUC** Total Fund Size 146,770,971.37 Fund base currency USD Share class currency (Class Z) USD Net asset value (Class Z) 12.60 Inception date (Class Z) 08-Sep-20 Domicile Luxembourg Fund type **UCITS** ^Ongoing charges 0.12% Performance Fee None

^Data as of 30 June 2025. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio trade-related costs, except costs paid to the depository at any entry charge paid to an underlying collective investment scheme (if any). Please refer to Page 3 of factsheet for fees of each share class.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Prior to investing, Investors should read the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

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## **PERFORMANCE**

		Cumulative	Returns (%)		Annualised Returns (%)				
	1 m	3 m	YTD	1 y	3 y (p.a)	5 y (p.a)	10 y (p.a)	Since Inception (p.a)	
Class Z	0.69	2.48	7.83	7.78	11.30	5.00	-	4.68	
^Benchmark	0.77	2.42	7.12	7.31	11.06	5.27	-	5.06	
Relative Return	-0.08	0.05	0.71	0.47	0.25	-0.27	-	-0.38	

^ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index, exclude transaction cost.

Benchmark Performance represents the following: Sep 08 2020 to Jan 09 2022 - (ICE BofAML BB-B US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 2022 onwards - (ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index); Jan 10 202 Constrained Index)

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Please refer to Section 5 of the prospectus for other risk factors.

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

1.	United States Treasury Bill 0% 23/10/2025	1.6
2.	CDS BRC 5% 20/06/30	1.1
3.	Nationstar Mortgage Holdings Inc 5.75% 15/11/2031	1.0
4.	Clydesdale Acquisition Holdings 8.75% 15/04/2030	8.0
5.	TransDigm Inc 6.75% 31/01/2034	8.0
6.	Block Inc 3.5% 01/06/2031	8.0
7.	United Rentals North America Inc 3.75% 15/01/2032	0.7
8.	CCO Holdings LLC 4.5% 15/08/2030	0.7
9.	Nexstar Media Inc 4.75% 01/11/2028	0.7
10.	Primo Water Holdings Inc Trito 4.375% 30/04/2029	0.7

# COUNTRY WEIGHTS (%)

USA	92.0
Canada	5.0
United Kingdom	2.2
Germany	1.2
Netherlands	1.1
Japan	1.0
Luxembourg	0.6
Norway	0.6
France	0.5
Derivatives	-5.8
Other Countries	1.7

# **DURATION WEIGHTS (%)**

0 - 1 Year	10.5
1 - 3 Years	30.1
3 - 5 Years	50.4
5 - 10 Years	8.9
10+ Years	0.2

## SECTOR WEIGHTS (%)

# RATING WEIGHTS (%)

AAA	0.0
AA+	2.0
AA	0.0
AA-	0.0
A+	0.0
Α	0.0
A-	0.0
BBB+	0.0
BBB	0.0
BBB-	0.2
Others	103.7
Derivatives	-5.8

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## SHARE CLASS DETAILS

Share class	Currency	Bloomberg ticker	ISIN	Inception date	Initial sales charges % (max)	Annual management fee% (max)	Initial	Redemption Fee / Conversion Fee	Minimum	Minimum subsequent investment		Minimum Holding Amount	Distribution frequency	Ex-date	Dividend per share
Z	USD	AFHYZUC	LU2182890298	2020-09-08	Up to 5%	0%	USD 10	Up to 1%	USD 20m	USD100,000	USD100,000	USD 20m	Quarterly	NA	NA
IDQ	USD	AFHYIUQ	LU2182890025	2020-09-11	Up to 5%	Up to 0.75%	USD 10	Up to 1%	USD 10m	USD100,000	USD100,000	USD 10m	Quarterly	2025-09-15	0.154519

Distributions are not guaranteed and may fluctuate. Past distributions are not necessarily indicative of future trends, which may be lower. Distribution payouts and its frequency are determined by the Board of Directors and should not be confused with the Fund's performance, rate of return or yield. Any payment of distributions may result in an immediate decrease in the net asset value per share. Please refer to Section 7.2 of the prospectus for dividend distribution policy.

For more information about charges, please see section 9 (fees and expenses) of the prospectus, which is available at : www.aia.com/en/funds-information

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## **Commentary Sources**

- 1. AIA Investment Management Pte Ltd
- 2. AIA Investment Funds
- 2. PIMCO Asia Pte Ltd

### **COMMENTARY**

Markets were broadly resilient in September, supported by technology optimism and central bank rate cuts, despite rising political risks in Europe along with the threat of a government shutdown and cooling labor data in the U.S. Specifically, towards the end of the month, the looming risk of a U.S. government shutdown added uncertainty around policy and economic data releases, but investors remained hopeful that the broader economy would experience limited spillovers. In Europe, political risk intensified, as France's government collapsed after a no-confidence vote, Germany's fiscal debate returned to the spotlight, and the United Kingdom (UK) faced rising fiscal concerns ahead of the Autumn Budget. The U.S. 2-year (y) yield fell 1 basis point (bp) to 3.61%, while the UK 2y yield rose 4bps to 3.98%. The U.S. 10y yield fell 8bps to 4.15%, while the UK 10y yield fell 2bps to 4.70%. In Germany, the 2y yield rose 8bps to 2.02%, while the 10y yield fell 1bp to 2.71%. Within credit spreads, USD investment grade tightened 5bps to 76bps, and EUR investment grade tightened 5bps to 78bps. USD high yield spreads tightened 4bps to 280bps and EUR high yield spreads tightened 14bps to 283bps. Most developed market equities finished higher despite September's familiar seasonal softness, as U.S. stocks continued their positive trend with the S&P 500 and the Russell 2000 closing positive for the fifth consecutive month, returning +3.65% and +3.11%, respectively. Japanese and European stocks followed the same trend, with the Nikkei returning +5.88% and the EuroStoxx 50 returning +1.81% over the month.

In September, developed market central banks either maintained or reduced policy rates, but with many signaling caution with hawkish undertones. The Fed delivered an expected 25bps cut, bringing the target range for the federal funds rate to 4.00% – 4.25%, citing downside risks in the labor market. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) also shifted median dots for 2025 and beyond down by 25bps, implying a total of 75bps for 2025. The Bank of Canada also cut the overnight rate by 25bps to 2.5% as expected, while maintaining a cautious tone. Elsewhere, the Bank of England maintained its policy rate at 4% and voted to slow the pace of quantitative tightening, albeit carefully. The Bank of Japan also kept policy rate at 0.5% and announced a disposal plan for Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and Japanese Real Estate Investment Trusts (J-REITs).

Regarding macro prints, U.S. non-farm payrolls printed well below expectations at +22k (vs. +75k expected) and prior data for April 2024 to March 2025 was revised down by about 911k jobs. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate rose to 4.3% (in line with expectations). U.S. core consumer price index (CPI) remained at 3.1% year-over-year (yoy) (in line with expectations) while headline CPI rose to 2.9%yoy (in line with expectations). In the UK, core CPI printed lower at 3.6% and headline CPI remained at 3.8%yoy (both in line with expectations). Euro Area core inflation remained at 2.3%yoy for the fifth month, while headline inflation rose to 2.2%yoy, both in line with expectations. Finally, the Eurozone and UK flash composite purchasing managers' index (PMI) printed at 51.2 and 51.0, respectively.

Global investment grade credit posted positive returns for the month, outperforming like-duration government bonds as spreads tightened in September. Investment grade credit continues to benefit from elevated starting yields and strong demand, despite increased issuance over the month.

Global high yield delivered positive total returns, with the higher quality segment of the market, BB-rated and B-rated bonds, performing in-line with CCC-rated bonds. Generally strong earnings across high yield issuers underscores resilient fundamentals that continue to support the asset class.

In September, the AIA U.S. High Yield Fund returned 0.69%, underperforming the benchmark by 8bps. Key detractors to the Fund's performance include security selection in both Media & Entertainment and Retail. Key contributors to the Fund's performance include security selection in both Wireless and Food & Beverage.

The Fund favors U.S. high yield as it has a broader and more diverse buyer base and offers greater liquidity and higher yields on an absolute level. In sectors, the Fund continues to focus on industries perceived to have strong asset coverage, manageable leverage levels, favourable secular and cyclical trends. It is cautious on industries facing meaningful secular challenges. The Fund continues to look for credits that may be acquisition targets and those that may benefit from early refinancing situations. Overall, the Fund is cautiously optimistic and are focused on maintaining sufficient liquidity in the portfolio

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