This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

### **FIXED INCOME**

# **AXA World Funds - US High Yield Bonds**

A Sub-Fund of AXA World Funds SICAV

Share class: AXA World Funds - US High Yield Bonds BR (Hedged to BRL) Capitalisation USD (ISIN: LU2057845781) This Sub-Fund is managed by AXA Funds Management S.A., part of the AXA IM Group

# **Objective and Investment Policy**

## **Investment Objective**

The Sub-Fund investment objective is to seek high income and capital growth by investing in US high yield debt securities over a long term period.

### **Investment Policy**

The Sub-Fund is actively managed in order to capture opportunities in the US high yield debt market, primarily investing in securities that are part of the ICE BofA US High Yield Master II benchmark index (the "Benchmark") universe. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager has broad discretion over the composition of the Sub-Fund's portfolio and can take, based on its investment convictions, exposure to companies, countries or sectors not included in the Benchmark or take different positioning in terms of duration, geographical allocation and/or sector or issuer selection compared to the Benchmark, even though the Benchmark constituents are generally representative of the Sub-Fund's portfolio. Thus, the deviation from the Benchmark is likely to be significant.

The following investment decisions are undertaken after comprehensive macroeconomic and microeconomic analysis of the market:

- issuer selection
- sector allocation
- credit curve positioning (the credit curve illustrates the relationship between the investment term and the credit yield)

The Sub-Fund invests:

- permanently two thirds of its total assets in high yield fixed or floating rates bonds issued by public or private companies domiciled in US. Such high return bonds have a rating lower than BBB- according to Standard & Poor's or equivalent rating (Moody's or other rating agency) or are not rated
- not more than one third of its assets in securities domiciled in Canada or European markets or in sovereign debt securities or in money market instruments
- not more than 20% of its assets in convertible securities and not more than one tenth of its assets in equity. The Sub-Fund may invest in or be exposed to 144A securities, in a substantial way depending on the opportunity.

The Sub-Fund may, up to 10%, hold distressed and defaulted securities as a result of their rating downgrade, if they are considered to be consistent with the Sub-Fund's objective. These securities are expected to be sold within 6 months unless specific events prevent the Investment Manager from sourcing their liquidity.

The total assets of the Sub-Fund may be invested in or exposed to callable bonds.

The selection of credit instruments is not exclusively and mechanically based on their publicly available credit ratings but also on an internal credit or market risk analysis. The decision to buy or sell assets is also based on other analysis criteria of the Investment Manager.

The Sub-Fund may invest up to 10% of net assets in contingent convertible bonds (CoCos).

Derivatives, including Credit Default Swaps, may be used for efficient portfolio management and investment. For the avoidance of doubt, the use of derivatives for investment purposes is limited to 40% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund

The Sub-Fund is a financial product that promotes environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of the Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial sector.

BR Share Classes are designed to offer a currency hedging solution to the investors domiciled in Brazil. BR Share Classes will be denominated in the Reference Currency of the relevant Sub-Fund and will systematically expose the NAV of the Share Class to BRL through financial derivative instruments including FX forwards. The NAV of the BR Share Classes will fluctuate in line with changes in the exchange rate between the BRL and the Sub-Fund's Reference Currency and performance may therefore differ significantly from that of other Share Classes in the same Sub-Fund.

## Income

For Capitalisation share classes (Cap), the dividend is reinvested.

#### **Sub-Fund Currency**

The reference currency of the Sub-Fund is USD.

#### Investment Horizon

This Sub-Fund may not be suitable for investors who plan to withdraw their contribution within 5 years.

### **Processing of subscription and redemption orders**

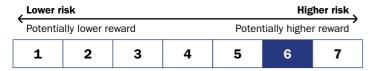
The subscription, conversion or redemption orders must be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent on any Valuation Day no later than 3 p.m. Luxembourg time. Orders will be processed at the Net Asset Value applicable to such Valuation Day. The investor's attention is drawn to the existence of potential additional processing time due to the possible involvement of intermediaries such as Financial Advisers or distributors.

The Net Asset Value of this Sub-Fund is calculated on a daily basis.

Minimum initial investment: USD 5,000,000 or the equivalent in the relevant currency of the relevant Share class.

Minimum subsequent investment: USD 1,000,000 or the equivalent in the relevant currency of the relevant Share class.

## **Risk and Reward Profile**



The risk category is calculated using historical performance data and may not be a reliable indicator of the Sub-Fund's future risk profile.

The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may shift over time.

The lowest category does not mean risk free.

## Why is this Sub-Fund in this category?

The capital of the Sub-Fund is not guaranteed. The Sub-Fund is invested in financial markets and uses techniques and instruments which may be subject to sudden and significant variation, which may result in substantial gains or losses.

# Additional Risks (risks materially relevant to the fund which are not adequately captured by the indicator)

Counterparty Risk: Risk of bankruptcy, insolvency, or payment or delivery failure of any of the Sub-Fund's counterparties, leading to a payment or delivery default.

Liquidity Risk: risk of low liquidity level in certain market conditions that might lead the Sub-Fund to face difficulties valuing, purchasing or selling all/part of its assets and resulting in potential impact on its net asset value.

Credit Risk: Risk that issuers of debt securities held in the Sub-Fund may default on their obligations or have their credit rating downgraded, resulting in a decrease in the Net Asset Value.

Impact of any techniques such as derivatives: Certain management strategies involve specific risks, such as liquidity risk, credit risk, counterparty risk, legal risk, valuation risk, operational risk and risks related to the underlying assets.

The use of such strategies may also involve leverage, which may increase the effect of market movements on the Sub-Fund and may result in significant risk of losses.



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# **Charges**

The charges you pay are used to pay the cost of running the fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

### One-off charges taken before or after you invest

Entry Charge	none
Exit Charge	none
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested.	
Charges taken from the fund over a year	
Ongoing charge	0.68%
Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fees	none

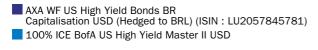
The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases, you might pay less - you can find this out from your Financial Adviser.

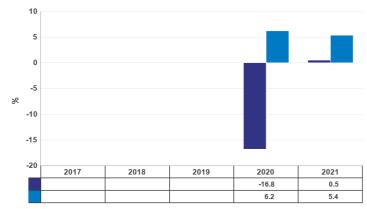
The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the twelve month period ending December 2021. This figure is adjusted with implemented budget changes for 2021. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes:

- · Performance fees
- Portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Sub-Fund when buying or selling units in another collective investment undertaking

For more information about charges, please refer to the Fees and Expenses section of the prospectus which is available at <a href="https://www.axa-im.com">www.axa-im.com</a>.

# **Past Performance**





Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Past performance is shown after the deduction of ongoing charges. Any entry/exit fees are excluded from the calculation.

The Sub-Fund was launched on 29/11/2006 and the share class in 2019. Past performance has been calculated in USD and is expressed as a percentage change of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value at each year end.

The performance of the Sub-Fund is not tracking the benchmark index. For the different shareclasses of the Sub-Fund, the performance of the benchmark is displayed in the "Past Performance" section either as converted to the currency of the relevant shareclass or hedged against the reference currency of the Sub-fund in the case of hedged shareclasses ("hedged benchmark"). For some cases where the hedged benchmark is not available, the benchmark is displayed in the reference currency of the Sub-Fund, thus the performance of the displayed benchmark may deviate from the one of the relevant shareclass due to the performance differential inherent within the currency hedging activity not reflected in the benchmark.

## **Practical Information**

## **Custodian:**

State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch 49, Avenue J.F. Kennedy L-1855 Luxembourg

## Further Information:

The Environmental, Social and Governance criteria, as further detailed in the prospectus, contribute to, but are not a determining factor in, the investment manager's decision making.

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More share classes are available for this Sub-Fund. For more details about other share classes, please refer to the prospectus, which is available at <a href="https://funds.axa-im.com/">https://funds.axa-im.com/</a>.

Details of the up to date remuneration policy of the company are published online at <a href="https://www.axa-im.com/important-information/remuneration-policy">www.axa-im.com/important-information/remuneration-policy</a>.

This includes the description of how remuneration and benefits are awarded for employees, and information on the remuneration committee. The company provides a paper copy free of charge upon request.

Each Sub-Fund corresponds to a distinct part of the assets and liabilities of the UCITS. As a consequence, the assets of each Sub-Fund are segregated from the assets of the other Sub-Funds and exclusively available to satisfy the rights of investors in relation to that Sub-Fund and the right of creditors whose claims have arisen in connection with the creation, the operation or the liquidation of that Sub-Fund.

## **Net Asset Value Publication:**

The Net Asset Value per share is available at <a href="https://funds.axa-im.com/">https://funds.axa-im.com/</a>, and at the registered office of the Management Company.

## Tax Legislation:

The Sub-Fund is subject to the tax laws and regulations of Luxembourg. Depending on your own country of residence this might have an impact on your investments. For further details, you should consult a Tax Adviser.

## Liability Statement

AXA Funds Management S.A. may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus for the Sub-Fund.

## **Switching between Sub-Funds:**

Shareholders may apply for any share classes of any Sub-Funds to be converted into share classes of another Sub-Fund, provided that the conditions for accessing the target share class, type or sub-type are fulfilled with respect to this Sub-Fund, on the basis of their respective Net Asset Value calculated on the Valuation Day following receipt of the conversion request.

The redemption and subscription costs connected with the conversion may be charged to the shareholder as indicated in the prospectus.

For more details about how to switch compartment, please refer to the prospectus, section switch between Sub-Funds, which is available at <a href="https://funds.axa-im.com/">https://funds.axa-im.com/</a>.

## Information for Investors in Switzerland:

The Swiss representative is First Independent Fund Services Ltd, Klausstrasse 33, CH-8008 Zurich. The Swiss paying agent is Credit Suisse (Switzerland) Ltd, Paradeplatz 8, CH-8001 Zurich. The prospectus, the Key Investor Information Documents (the "KIID"), the articles of incorporation as well as the annual and semi-annual reports can be obtained free of charge from the Swiss representative.

