

# **Global Bond Fund**

Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report for South Africa

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### Objective

The Fund seeks a high rate of total return consistent with long term preservation of capital.

# Strategy

- The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of bonds and other debt instruments of issuers from at least three different countries, including emerging market countries. The Fund will invest in both U.S. dollar-denominated and non-U.S.-currency-denominated debt instruments, including, but not limited to, government and government-related obligations, mortgage- and asset backed securities, corporate and municipal bonds, repurchase agreements, and other debt securities.
- The proportions of the Fund's assets held in the various debt instruments will be revised in light of Dodge & Cox's appraisal of the global economy, the relative yields of securities in the various market sectors and countries, the potential for a currency's appreciation, the investment prospects for issuers, the countries' domestic and political conditions, and other factors. In selecting securities, Dodge & Cox considers many factors, including, without limitation, yield-to-maturity, covenants, credit quality, liquidity, call risk, and capital appreciation potential.
- The Fund may enter into various currency, interest rate, and credit-related derivatives, including forwards, futures, and swaps.

#### Risks

**General Information** 

Total Not Assets

• The yields and market values of the instruments in which the Fund invests may fluctuate. Accordingly, your investment may be worth more or less than its original cost. Debt securities are subject to interest rate risk, credit risk, and prepayment and call risk, all of which could have adverse effects on the value of the Fund. Investments in certain countries, particularly underdeveloped or developing countries, may be subject to heightened political and economic risks. The Fund's use of derivatives involves risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other more traditional investments. Please read the prospectus for specific details regarding the Fund's risk profile.

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**Asset Allocation** 

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		1 000,€50,000, or Cl	\$533.0 million 1 May 2014 85% 46 £50,000, or CHF50,000		ties Other <sup>10</sup>		98.4% 1.6%	97.1% 2.9%
Base Currency		ι	J.S. Dollar					
Structure			UCITS					
Domicile			Ireland					
Share Classes	Net Asset Value ("NAV") Per Share	NAV cents/pence Per Share	Expense Ratio <sup>2</sup>	Distribution Yield <sup>3</sup>	Issued Shares	SEDOL	ISIN	Bloomberg
USD Accumulating Class	\$13.41	1,341	0.45%	-	13,562,936	B5568D6	IE00B5568D66	DCGBDUA
GBP Distributing Class	£12.36	1,236	0.45%	4.7%	12,615,607	B556C01	IE00B556C015	DCGBDGI
GBP Distributing Class (H)	£8.26	826	0.45%	4.7%	11,476,214	BLG2YK4	IE00BLG2YK48	DCGBGIH
EUR Accumulating Class	€17.22	1,722	0.45%	-	828,355	B51Q8R4	IE00B51Q8R41	DCGBDEA
EUR Accumulating Class (H)	€11.23	1,123	0.45%	-	314,953	BLG30W1	IE00BLG30W12	DCGBEAH
EUR Distributing Class	€11.77	1,177	0.45%	4.7%	592,904	BLG2YF9	IE00BLG2YF94	DCGBDEI
EUR Distributing Class (H)	€7.63	763	0.45%	4.7%	714,011	BLG2YG0	IE00BLG2YG02	DCGBEIH
CHF Distributing Class (H)	CHF8.24	824	0.45%	4.7%	221,179	BN6JJ48	IE00BN6JJ480	DOPGBHC
Portfolio Characteristics		Fund		Sector Div	ersification (%)	9	Fund	BBG Global Agg
Effective Duration (years)4		5.5		Governmen	-		30.4	52.6
Emerging Markets <sup>5</sup>		20.5%		Governmen	t-Related		6.1	14.9
Non-USD Currency Exposure	6	24.4%		Securitized			23.8	13.8
Five Largest Credit Issuers	(0/_)7	Fund		Corporate			38.1	18.6
	(70)	2.4		Net Cash &	Other <sup>10</sup>		1.6	0.0
TC Energy Corp. British American Tobacco PLC		2.4		Region Div	ersification (%)	5,9	Fund	BBG Global Agg
Charter Communications, Inc		2.0		United State	es		50.4	40.1
Petroleos Mexicanos		2.0		Latin Americ	ca		13.3	1.0
Prosus NV		1.9		Europe (exc	luding United Kir	ngdom)	10.1	22.6
Credit Quality (%)8,9		Fund BBG	Global Agg	United King			9.1	4.3
					(excluding Japar	1)	8.1	14.8
AAA		6.2	11.9	Japan			3.7	10.5
AA		33.7	42.2	Canada			2.4	3.5
A		13.6	31.5	Africa			1.2	0.011
BBB		26.4	14.4	Supranation			0.0	2.4
BB B		14.1 4.4	0.0 0.0	Middle East			0.0	0.8
CCC and Below		4.4 0.0	0.0					
Not Rated		0.0	0.0					
Not Rated Net Cash & Other <sup>10</sup>		0.0 1.6	0.0					
NET CASH & OTHER		1.0	0.0					

Market values for debt securities include accrued interest.

- 1. Portfolio turnover is calculated as the lesser of portfolio purchases or sales divided by the average portfolio value.
- 2. Dodge & Cox has voluntarily agreed to reimburse the Fund for all ordinary expenses to the extent necessary to limit aggregate annual ordinary expenses to 0.45% of the average daily net assets of each share class. Dodge & Cox may terminate or modify this agreement upon 30 days' notice to shareholders.
- 3. Distribution yield reflects the amounts that may be expected to be distributed over the next twelve months as a percentage of the current share price. The distribution yield is the same as the underlying yield. Investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.
- 4. Interest Rate derivatives increase total Fund duration by 0.4 years (i.e., total Fund duration is 5.1 years without derivatives).
- 5. The Fund may classify an issuer in a different category than the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index. The Fund generally classifies a corporate issuer based on the country of risk of the parent company, but may designate a different country in certain circumstances.
- 6. Non-USD currency exposure for the Fund reflects the value of the portfolio's non-U.S. dollar denominated investments, as well as the impact of currency derivatives.
- The Fund's portfolio holdings are subject to change without notice. The mention of specific securities is not a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any particular security and is not indicative of Dodge & Cox's current
  or future trading activity.
- 8. The credit quality distributions shown for the Fund and the Index are based on the middle of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch ratings, which is the methodology used by Bloomberg in constructing its indices. If a security is rated by only two agencies, the lower of the two ratings is used. Please note the Fund applies the highest of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch ratings to comply with the quality requirements stated in its prospectus. On that basis, the Fund held 15.3% in securities rated below investment grade. The credit quality of the investments in the portfolio does not apply to the stability or safety of the Fund or its shares.
- 9. Region, sector, and quality weights exclude the effect of the Fund's derivative contracts.
- 10. Net Cash & Other includes cash, short-term investments, unrealised gain (loss) on derivatives, receivables, and payables unless otherwise specified.
- 11. Rounds to 0.0%.

				Since	Lowest	Highest
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception*	1-Year Return	1-Year Return
Global Bond Fund						
USD Accumulating Class	7.97	1.25	3.87	3.00	-8.6	12.5
GBP Distributing Class	5.50	4.27	4.52	6.06	-1.1	30.1
GBP Distributing Class (H)	7.28	0.52	2.87	2.09	-9.5	11.3
EUR Accumulating Class	8.51	4.09	4.66	5.63	-5.0	14.9
EUR Accumulating Class (H)	5.84	-0.64	1.82	1.18	-10.6	9.6
EUR Distributing Class	8.54	4.13	4.69	5.64	-5.0	15.0
EUR Distributing Class (H)	5.94	-0.62	1.83	1.18	-10.7	9.8
CHF Distributing Class (H)	3.34	N.A	N.A	-2.66	-11.0	7.4
Bloomberg Global Agg Index (USD Hedged, in USD)	4.14	-1.29	0.80	2.16		

<sup>\*</sup>The inception date for all classes except CHF Distributing Class (H) is 1 May 2014. CHF Distributing Class (H) inception date is 1 July 2021. Index return is measured from 1 May 2014.

Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Investment return and share price will fluctuate with market conditions, and investors may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Fund performance changes over time and currently may be significantly lower than stated above. Visit the Fund's website at dodgeandcox.com for current month-end performance figures.

## **Risk and Reward Profile**

<b>■</b> Lower Risk						Hig	her Risk 🕨
<b>▼</b> Typically Lower Rewards				Typically Higher Rewards			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This risk and reward indicator is designed to provide you with a measure of price movement based on historical data over the past five years. As the Fund does not have sufficient historical data available to cover the full five-year period, simulated data based on a representative portfolio and benchmark has been used for the periods when the Fund had not yet launched.

The indicator may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The risk category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time. The lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment. The Fund has adhered to its policy objective during the period.

The Fund invests mainly in various high-quality debt securities with exposure to various countries and currencies. Such securities have historically been subject to price movements, generally due to interest rates or movements in the bond market. As a result, the performance of the Fund can fluctuate over time.

The Fund may also be exposed to other material risks that the risk indicator does not adequately capture. These may include:

- Credit risk: a security's price may decline due to deterioration in the issuer's
  or guarantor's financial condition, or that the issuer or guarantor may fail to
  repay interest and/or principal in a timely manner;
- Liquidity risk: the Fund may not be able to purchase or sell a security in a timely manner or at desired prices or achieve its desired weighting in a security;
- Currency risk: the risk of loss arising from exchange-rate fluctuations or exchange control regulations;
- Counterparty risk: the Fund may suffer losses if the parties it trades with cannot meet their financial obligations;
- Interest rate risk: changes in interest rates may negatively affect the value of the Fund:
- Low-rated bonds risk: lower-rated securities may yield a higher level of current income than higher-rated securities, but generally have greater credit risk, more price volatility, and less liquidity;
- Emerging markets risk: the Fund may invest in countries that have less developed political, economic, legal, and regulatory systems than more developed countries; and
- Derivatives risk: investment in derivatives may create leverage and may cause the Fund to lose as much as or more than the amount invested.

More information on the risks of investing in this Fund can be found in the Fund's prospectus in the sections titled "Investment Risks and Special Considerations" and "Characteristics and Risks of Securities and Investment Techniques".

# **Distributions**

The Distributing Share Classes listed below distribute net investment income quarterly. Dividend and interest income for Accumulating Share Classes will be reinvested in the Fund and will not be distributed to you.

# Past 12 months distributions (record date)

Date	GBP Dist.	GBP Dist. (H)	EUR Dist.	EUR Dist. (H)	CHF Dist. (H)
22 Mar 2024	£0.120	£0.083	€0.110	€0.077	CHF0.093
15 Dec 2023	£0.170	£0.128	€0.154	€0.072	CHF0.113
25 Sep 2023	£0.145	£0.103	€0.139	€0.095	CHF0.103
26 Jun 2023	£0.133	£0.101	€0.135	€0.092	CHF0.093

# **Practical Information**

Depositary and Investment Manager: The Depositary of Dodge & Cox Worldwide Funds plc is State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited, 78 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland. The Investment Manager of Dodge & Cox Worldwide Funds plc is Dodge & Cox, 555 California Street, 40th Floor, San Francisco, California 94104, U.S.A.

Literature: Copies of the latest prospectus, key investor information document, Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD), the latest annual and semi-annual reports, and the account application for Dodge & Cox Worldwide Funds plc are available on the website dodgeandcox.com or may be obtained free of charge from Dodge & Cox Worldwide Investments Ltd., 48-49 Pall Mall, St. James's, London SW1Y 5JG, United Kingdom.

Fund Valuation & Cut-off Times: The prices at which Shares of the relevant Classes can be purchased or sold are calculated each Business Day by reference to the Net Asset Value per Share of the Class concerned and are published on the following Business Day at dodgeandcox.com. The portfolio valuation and transaction cut-off time is the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 pm U.S. Eastern Time) on each Business Day. You may request the sale of your shares on any Business Day, which is any day (except Saturdays and Sundays and normal bank holidays in Ireland) on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for regular trading.

#### **Important Information**

This document serves as the Minimum Disclosure Document in South Africa as required by the Advertising, Marketing and Information Disclosure Requirements for Collective Investment Schemes published by the South African Financial Sector Conduct Authority.

The Dodge & Cox Worldwide Funds plc – Global Bond Fund (the "Fund") is a Collective Investment Scheme in Securities.

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<sup>1.</sup> The Fund's total returns include dividends and interest income and reflect the deduction of expenses charged to the Fund. Index returns include dividends but, unlike Fund returns, do not reflect fees or expenses. The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index is a widely recognized, unmanaged index of multicurrency, investment-grade debt securities. All returns are stated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise noted.

#### **Effective Annual Cost**

The Effective Annual Cost (EAC) is a measure which has been introduced to allow you to compare the estimated impact of charges on investment returns when you invest in different financial products. It is expressed as an annualised percentage. The EAC is made up of four components, which are added together, as shown in the table below. The effect of some of the charges may vary, depending on your investment period. The EAC calculation assumes that an investor terminates his or her investment in the financial product at the end of the relevant periods shown in the table.

	Investment Assumed to End After						
Impact of Future Charges	Next 1 Year	Next 3 Years	Next 5 Years	Next 10 Years			
Investment Management <sup>1</sup>	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%			
Advice <sup>2</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Administration <sup>2</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Other <sup>2</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Effective Annual Cost	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45			

- 1. The investment management charge is equal to the ongoing charges figure (OCF) plus performance fees (if applicable) or, in the absence of a published OCF, the published one-year total expense ratio.
- 2. No advice, administration, or other charges apply at the Fund level.

## **South African Representative Office**

Prescient Management Company (RF) (PTY) LTD, which serves as the Fund's South African Representative, is registered and approved under the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act (No.45 OF 2002) with Registration Number 2002/022560/07. The Representative's physical address is Prescient House, Westlake Business Park, Otto Close, Westlake, 7945, South Africa. Its telephone number is (021) 700 3600.

#### Definitions

Net Asset Value, or NAV, represents the assets of the Fund less its liabilities.

Net Asset Value Per Share, or NAV Per Share, with respect to a Class of Shares, represents the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to that Class divided by the number of Shares in issue of that Class.

Highest 1-year Return and Lowest 1-year Return show the highest and lowest annual returns of the relevant Class of Shares for any single calendar year since the inception of the Fund and are meant to show variability of return.

Average Annual Total Return is the weighted average annual compound growth rate of the Class of Shares over the performance period measured, calculated on a NAV Per Share to NAV Per Share basis.