

OVERVIEW

Estimated AUM €355m

Firm AUM €2.7bn

Share price €23.40
(discount to NAV: 18%)

BGHL is a closed-ended investment company which invests in BG Fund, Boussard & Gavaudan's flagship fund with 18 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 "Compounded euro short-term rate index".

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		
2022	-3.11%	0.55%	-0.07%	1.42%	-1.36%	-0.68%	-3.07%	4.16%*						-2.33%*	Annualized Performance +6.84%* since inception
2021	0.99%	0.57%	0.04%	2.81%	-0.24%	0.23%	0.45%	0.80%	1.72%	2.71%	1.80%	0.11%	12.59%		
2020	1.12%	2.55%	-10.12%	4.98%	1.41%	1.70%	1.25%	-0.25%	1.93%	1.45%	4.37%	2.98%	13.26%		
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%	Annualized Volatility 5.32%* 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%	Sharpe Ratio 1.19* since inception	
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%		
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%	Beta to Euro Stoxx 50® (Total Return) 0.04* since inception	
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%		
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%		
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%		
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%		
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 +4.16% (EUR share class) and +4.33% (USD A share class) respectively vs Euro Stoxx 50® Total Return (-5.10%).

		Equity Strategies Special Situations	Equity Strategies Catalyst & Value	Credit Strategies	Volatility Strategies	Trading Strategies
BG Fund Capital Allocation		25%	13%	20%	23%	19%
BG Fund Performance	Aug 2022	2.12%	-0.32%	0.13%	0.55%	1.85%
Attribution	Year-to-date	-3.82%	0.11%	0.00%	0.79%	1.66%

CORPORATE UPDATE

Since the restart of the share buyback program on 17 December 2019, the firm has bought back 3,609,939 shares. The current number of shares outstanding excluding treasury shares for both the EUR and GBP share classes is 12,446,842.

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Source: Bloomberg, Boussard & Gavaudan.

HIGHLIGHTS

Equity markets experienced more volatility during August, reversing July's rally and selling off significantly in both Europe and the US. The Euro Stoxx 50® Total Return was down -5.1% and the S&P500® Total Return down -4.1% in August taking their year to date returns to -16.3% and -16.1% respectively.

Credit markets also widened in line with the risk off sentiment with the iTraxx Crossover® (S37) moving to 588bps from 509bps at the end of July. The market implied volatility measure VStoxx® increased from 22.3% to 27.9%.

In this context, BG Fund returned a robust +4.33% (USD A class) during the month with positive returns coming from nearly all strategies, with notable contributions from convertible arbitrage, equity special situations, risk arbitrage and trading.

As commented in last month's newsletter, we expect the tougher macro backdrop and financing environment to generate activity from companies in order to bolster balance sheets, rationalising businesses through restructurings and spin offs or, absent organic growth, merging and consolidating to drive balance sheet efficiency.

The story of a building pipeline for primary issuance and corporate activity remains very strong. The choppy market backdrop and increasingly discriminating financing environment will drive new hybrid issues (convertible bonds, mandatories, and private deals/ corporate collars) in order for companies to get ahead of the ever-growing concerns of higher interest rates and persistent inflation.

We expect the environment to be very favourable for BG Fund across the full range of its core arbitrage strategies where we are positioned to deploy further capital into convertible bond arbitrage, mandatory convertible bond arbitrage, capital structure arbitrage, and Vol trading, while continuing to extract returns from event driven and special situations with hard catalysts. BG's portfolio is tightly hedged, already invested in some very attractive positions and remains well-placed to capitalize on inflation, elevated rates and economic uncertainty.

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