



**Boussard & Gavaudan Holding Limited**  
**A closed-ended investment company incorporated with limited liability under the laws of**  
**Guernsey, with registration number 45582.**

**Interim Management Statement**  
**For the Quarter ended 31 March 2021**

**I. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

Boussard & Gavaudan Holding Limited (“BGHL” or “the Company”), a closed-ended investment company incorporated under the laws of Guernsey, announces its interim management statement for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2021 (“the period”).

The Company is registered with the Dutch Authority for Financial Markets and is listed on the NYSE Euronext Amsterdam, and the London Stock Exchange.

During the period, BGHL has invested indirectly in BG Master Fund ICAV (“BG Fund” or “the Fund”), a Europe-focused multi-strategy hedge fund established in Ireland and authorised by the Central Bank as a Qualified Investor Fund (QIF), through a dedicated share class of the feeder fund, BG Umbrella Fund Plc. The Fund aims primarily at arbitraging instruments with linear or non-linear pay-offs on equities and credit markets. The overall investment objective of the Fund is to provide investors with consistent absolute returns, primarily through investing and trading in financial instruments of companies incorporated in, or whose principal operations are in, Europe.

In addition, a proportion of the net assets of BGHL may be invested in other hedge funds and/or other financial assets.

Boussard & Gavaudan Investment Management LLP (“BGIM” or “the Investment Manager”) is the Investment Manager for both the Company and the Fund.

## II. HIGHLIGHTS

	31-Mar-21	31-Dec-20
Assets under management (€m)	349	357
Market capitalisation (€m)	283	278
Shares outstanding	13,240,263	13,787,763

	NAV per Share		Share price*		Discount to NAV	
	€ shares	£ shares	€ shares	£ shares	€ shares	£ shares
31-Mar-21	€ 26.35	£23.00	€ 21.40	£18.00	-18.78%	-21.74%
31-Dec-20	€ 25.94	£22.77	€ 20.20	£18.00	-22.11%	-20.94%
Performance	1.59%	1.01%	5.94%	0%		

\* Amsterdam (AEX) market close for the Euro Share and London (LSE) market close for the Sterling share

## III. PERFORMANCE

From 1 January to 31 March 2021, European markets rallied significantly with the Eurostoxx 50® Total Return up +10.7% for the quarter. The volatility index VStoxx® finished March at 18%, down from 23.4% and iTraxx Crossover® (S34) ended the month at 221bps (22bps wider on the quarter).

### 1. BG Fund

BG Fund (EUR B) has a positive contribution for the quarter.

#### 1.1. Volatility strategies

##### **Mandatory Convertible Bond Arbitrage**

Mandatory convertible bonds made a small positive contribution this quarter. Although there were no primary issues, the Investment Manager is hopeful that current levels of corporate and capital market activity will lead to new issues in due course.

##### **Convertible Bond Arbitrage**

Convertible bond contribution to the performance of the fund was positive for the quarter. Primary and secondary markets were both relatively quiet and most of the primary issues came from US issuers. Notwithstanding this backdrop the overall market dynamic meant that the Investment Manager was able to act nimbly to access a number of attractive opportunities. Given the overall credit spread tightening, the Investment Manager also took the opportunity to sell some lower delta positions.

##### **Volatility Trading**

Volatility Trading had a positive contribution this quarter despite the fact that realised volatilities were significantly below implied volatilities throughout the quarter. Long gamma positions have consequently remained expensive to carry in most asset classes, and especially on equities. Nevertheless the Investment

Manager managed to offset the negative carry of these positions and to generate a net profit through active trading.

### ***Warrant Trading***

Warrant and SPAC arbitrage contributed positively this period. The Investment Manager took advantage of the rally in prices to take profits and reduce existing exposures. Positions are being added very selectively in new issues.

## **1.2. Equity Strategies**

Overall, equity strategies had a small negative contribution for the quarter. Risk arbitrage and special situations performed very well however fundamental investments in value-catalyst positions suffered from sector rotations into cyclical from growth names, and from mid-cap into large cap. The Investment Manager expects that the rotation should slow down substantially from here.

## **1.3. Credit Strategies**

### ***Capital Structure Arbitrage***

Capital structure arbitrage was flat this quarter .

### ***Credit Long / Short***

Credit spreads tightened over the period, with price dispersion particularly notable in high yield names. Overall the credit long / short book contributed positively and the portfolio remained resilient.

### ***Credit Special Situations***

Credit special situations continued to perform well across the board .

## **1.4. Trading**

Trading contributed negatively this period, mainly due to the Equity Quantitative Strategy as growth and momentum were impacted by the sell-off in rates in Europe and the US .

## **2. Investments Other Than BG Fund**

The contribution of this investment was almost flat on the period.

### **Rasaland Investors (“RLI”)**

Rasaland Investors (“RLI”) RLI is a Malta-based holding company structured as a private equity fund in terms of fees and organisation and managed by BK Partners. RLI is dedicated to land, hotels and high-end resort developments in Mexico. RLI’s main asset is a majority interest in ACTUR, a private company owning the land developing assets. ACTUR’s other shareholders are Mexican public institutions.

In July 2020, RLI made a cash tender offer to buy back its own shares, for a price per share of US\$0.12270. The valuation of BGHL’s investment in RLI shares was marked down on 31 August 2020, using the US\$0.12270 per share price as the estimated fair value of the RLI shares. This price represents a circa 80% discount to the latest published NAV per share.

## **IV. OUTLOOK**

The Investment Manager continues to be fully committed to the strategies of the Company.

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