Ares Global Credit Income Fund

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November 2024 - Monthly Fact Sheet

Performance – Class A	1 Month %	3 Month %	6 Month %	1-Year %	2-Year % p.a.	3-Year % p.a.	4-Year % p.a.	Inception % p.a.
Fund return (gross)[1]	1.03	2.18	4.30	9.47	9.38	5.35	5.30	6.70
Fund return (net)[2]	0.97	2.09	4.02	8.76	8.61	4.55	4.51	5.95
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.36	1.10	2.22	4.46	4.12	3.07	2.30	2.02
Active return	0.61	0.99	1.80	4.30	4.50	1.48	2.21	3.93

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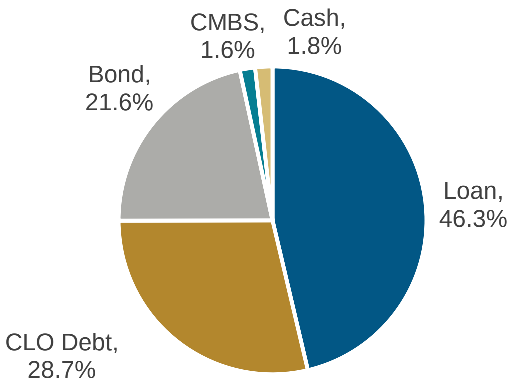
Fund Facts

Portfolio managers	Charles Arduini, Seth Brufsky, Samantha Milner, Boris Okuliar
Inception date	1 May 2020
Management fee	0.75% p.a.
Fund Objective	To outperform the AusBond Bank Bill Index over a three-year period
Buy/sell spread[3]	+0.30% / -0.30%
Strategy FUM	$223.1 M

Asset Class Allocation[6]



Fund Features

Attractive income: The Fund aims to provide a stable income stream for investors by seeking to offer monthly distributions.

Focus on downside protection:[4] Ares believes protecting principal is key to attractive performance and therefore places emphasis on dampening volatility and minimising defaults.

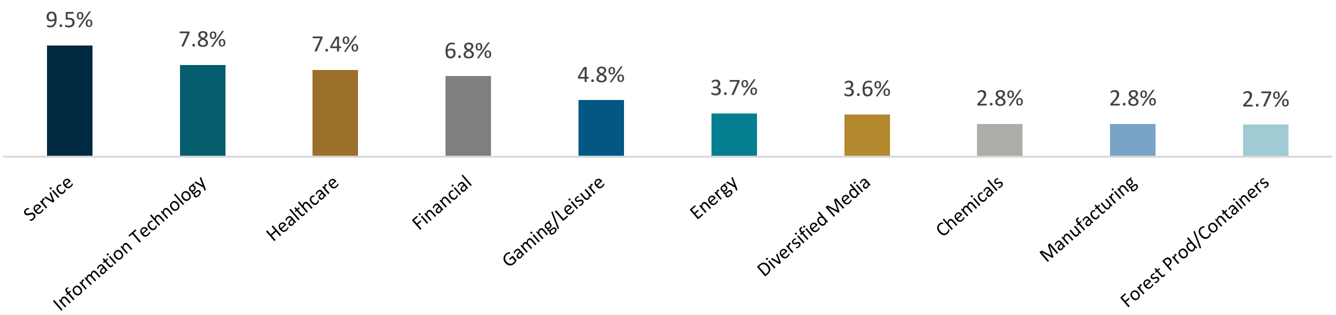
Dynamic asset allocation: The Fund has the ability to dynamically allocate capital based on the best relative value opportunities across industries, issuers and regions within the credit spectrum.

Diversification:[5] The Fund provides access to investment opportunities and asset classes which are generally unavailable to individual investors.

Leading global investment team: The Fund offers access to a leading global investment team with 20+ years of experience investing in global credit markets. The experienced management team applies an integrated and collaborative approach using the scale and power of the platform seeking to deliver compelling risk-adjusted returns through market cycles.

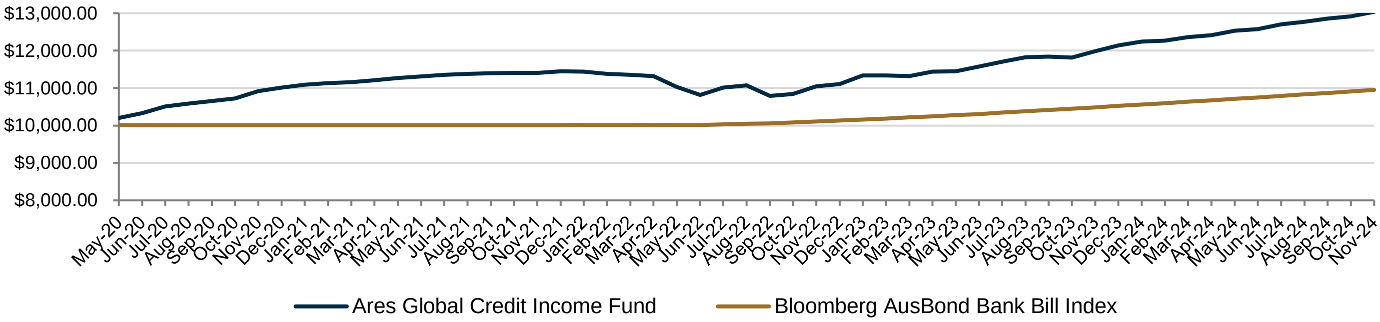
Key Attributes	Fund	Change from 31 Oct 2024
Number of issuers	352	+8
Weighted Average Spread (L+)	295	-
Current Yield (AUD-Hedged)	7.50%	-0.02%
Yield to Worst (AUD-Hedged)	6.79%	-0.10%
Current Yield (Unhedged)	7.44%	-0.09%
Yield to Worst (Unhedged)	6.71%	+0.20%
Duration	1.08	-0.01
Spread Duration	3.77	-0.28
Weighted Average Credit Quality[7]	BB	-
Total Investment Grade Exposure	51.78%	-+0.90%

Top 10 Industry Exposure (% of Total Market Value)[8]



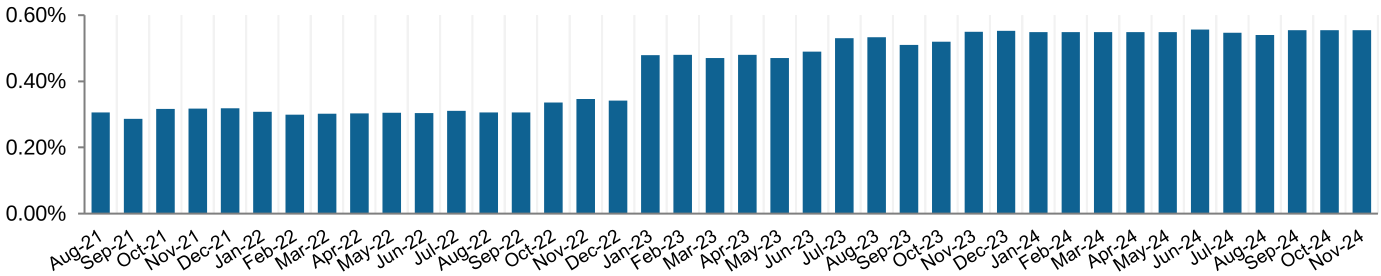
[3] Source: Ares. During normal market conditions, bid/ask spreads have averaged 25 -100bps, however, during periods of volatility, we have observed spreads widen out to 300-400bps.
[4] References to "downside protection" or similar language are not guarantees against loss of investment capital or value.
[5] Diversification does not assure profit or protect against market loss.
[6] The Fund's allocation is based on recent market conditions and is subject to change based on future market conditions at the time of investment and may differ materially from that set forth herein.
[7] Reflects the risk-adjusted weighted average higher of rating using Moody's, S&P, and Fitch.
[8] Credit Suisse Industry Distribution. Excludes CLO debt, CMBS and cash.

Growth of $10,000 Since Inception (Net of Fees)



Past performance is no indication of future performance. Represents performance of a hypothetical $10,000 investment made in this fund from the inception date. There is no guarantee of future results and this may not provide adequate basis for evaluating the performance of the Fund over varying market conditions or economic cycles. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate; therefore, you may have a gain or loss when you sell your shares. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance data quoted. The Fund's inception date is 1 May 2020.

Monthly Distribution Rate



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Market Commentary

In November, global risk assets experienced gains amid relatively strong macroeconomic conditions, solid corporate fundamentals, and a pro-business U.S. presidential election result.

U.S. high yield bonds posted a 1.15%[1] return, rallying amid a positive earnings season and improved macro visibility following the Federal Reserve's (the "Fed") cuts as well as the U.S. election results. The market also experienced the lightest issuance in over a year and continued spread compression as Triple-C bonds outperformed the broader high yield index for the fifth consecutive month. In November, 20 bonds priced for a $10bn total, which compared to a 2023 monthly average of $14bn.[2]

U.S. leveraged loans returned 0.84%[3] in November, the 18th consecutive month of positive performance for the asset class, due to high coupons and a firm technical backdrop. From a demand perspective, retail flows into the asset class were strong and totalled to $6bn. November's loan new-issue volume saw a record amount of repricing activity of $79bn, with gross issuance totalling $114bn.[2]

CLO debt securities posted positive returns during the month with all ratings tranches generating gains.[4] November saw heavy CLO issuance, as 114 U.S. CLOs priced totaling $52.9bn, driven both by refinancing and reset activity.[5]

For the year-to-date period, U.S. CLO issuance continues to forge ahead at record pace in 2024, with $187 billion of U.S. CLOs issued through November month-end.[5]

U.S. investment grade bonds returned 1.06%[6] in November, largely driven by the increasing prospect of a soft-landing scenario.

In Europe, high yield bonds and leveraged loans returned 0.50%[7] and 0.91%[8] in November, respectively, despite some concerns amid the U.S. election and its impact on the European region. Positive returns continue to be supported by the attractive carry profile of the asset class coupled with a strong technical backdrop.

Market Outlook

Markets have been positive in December given a supportive macroeconomic backdrop and business friendly result from the U.S. election. The move higher has also been supported by a constructive earning season, with the count of beats doubling misses thus far[2]. This favorable earnings trend has unfolded within our liquid credit portfolio, too. The trajectory of short-term rates is expected to remain a tailwind for companies, with the European Central Bank, Bank of England and Fed all announcing cuts within the last month. Moving forward, policy decisions are expected to diverge given varying labor, inflation and growth trends in the US and Europe. Regardless of the path, rates are expected to remain elevated when compared to recent history, preserving the attractive income profile of leveraged credit assets. While the election has largely been viewed favorably among investors, new risks will likely emerge, particularly given the expectations of a tariff-friendly Trump administration. We believe this can and will lead to elevated dispersion amongst industries and individual companies, placing a heightened importance on credit selection and industry positioning. That said, we believe market conditions are favorable over the near term due to a supportive macro backdrop, positive corporate fundamental trends, positive demand technicals due to elevated yields, and an administration that many expect to be supportive of dealmaking. Within our portfolios, we remain focused on identifying high quality credits, actively rotating exposures based on relative value and identifying pockets of volatility in the leveraged credit market.

Fund Commentary

The Ares Global Credit Income Fund ("AGCIF" or the "Fund") returned 1.03% gross and 0.97% net for the month of November. The allocation to bank debt was the largest contributor to returns in November, primarily driven by high coupons. The CLO debt and corporate bond allocations contributed to portfolio performance as well due to the strong underlying loan technical and stabilizing treasury yields.

Regarding positioning, given the accommodative backdrop, we maintained a slightly higher risk posture in November and continued to focus on identifying opportunities arising from today's economic backdrop and as the Fed continues to take strides toward navigating a soft landing. We are keeping loans higher than bonds as expected returns are favored to floating rate assets in the 'higher for longer' environment. From a sector standpoint, we remain overweight defensive and non-cyclical sectors with favorable supply-demand dynamics and earnings trajectories, as well as with credits with stable recurring cash flows. We remain underweight sectors that are more susceptible to cyclicality and consumer headwinds and remain diligent in monitoring the potential impact of macroeconomic factors on portfolio companies more broadly. While we are generally positioned defensively, we maintain a few discounted risk positions, the majority of which have defined catalysts. With respect to structured credit, we are comfortable with our current exposure to CLOs and continue to favor top tier managers that we know well. Similarly, from a geographical perspective, we are keeping exposure to Europe unchanged and continue to monitor the market for relative value opportunities that may arise. Overall, we believe we are well-positioned for the road ahead and remain focused on security selection, particularly as single-name credit dispersion increases.

As of 30 November 2024. Sources: (1) ICE BofA US High Yield Index "H0A0", (2) JP Morgan, (3) Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index "CSLLI", (4) CLOIE, (5) LCD News, (6) Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, (7) ICE BofA European Currency High Yield Constrained Index Hedged to EUR, (8) Credit Suisse Western European Leveraged Loan Index Hedged to EUR.

Assigned as of 11th March 2024
Analyst Driven% 100, Data-Coverage% 100

Views expressed are those of the Ares Global Credit Income Fund Portfolio Managers as of 30 November 2024 are subject to change at any time and may differ from the views of other portfolio managers or of Ares Australia Management as a whole.

Index Definition & Disclosure:
The Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index is engineered to measure the Australian money market by representing a passively managed short term money market portfolio. This index is comprised of 13 synthetic instruments defined by rates interpolated from the RBA 24-hour cash rate, 1M BBSW, and 3M BBSW.
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