

# Eastspring Investments – US Investment Grade Bond Fund



## Key information

Morningstar Overall Rating <sup>•▲▲</sup>	★★★
Asset class	Fixed Income
ISIN (Class A)	LU0149983909
Bloomberg ticker (Class A)	PRUUGA LX
Fund size (mil)	448.0
Fund base currency	USD
Share class dealing currency (Class A)	USD
Net asset value (Class A)	USD 21.185
Inception date (Class A)	01-Mar-05
Domicile	Luxembourg
Fund type	UCITS
Style	
US Investment Grade Corporate Fixed Income Benchmark (BM)	
ICE BofA U.S. Corporates BBB3-A3 Rated Index	
Portfolio Management:	
Mark Redfearn	
Years of experience - since 1995	
Investment Sub-manager	
PPM America, Inc.	
Investment manager	
Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited	

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Morningstar Category: USD Corporate Bond

## Key measures

	Fund	BM
No. of issues	408	6,054
3Y tracking error (%)	0.98*	–
3Y sharpe ratio	0.85*	0.97
3Y standard deviation (%)	7.64*	7.52
Current Yield (%)	2.97	3.41
Yield to maturity (%)	2.48	2.44
Yield to worst (%)	2.43	2.38
Avg. Credit Quality	BBB+	BBB+
Duration (years)	8.13	8.20

\*Source: Morningstar

## Strategy Overview

Actively invests in a diversified portfolio of primarily investment grade corporate debt securities denominated in US dollars, issued in the US by corporations rated BBB- and above. The portfolio management team seeks to add value over the long-term primarily through sector rotation and security selection.

## Investment Process

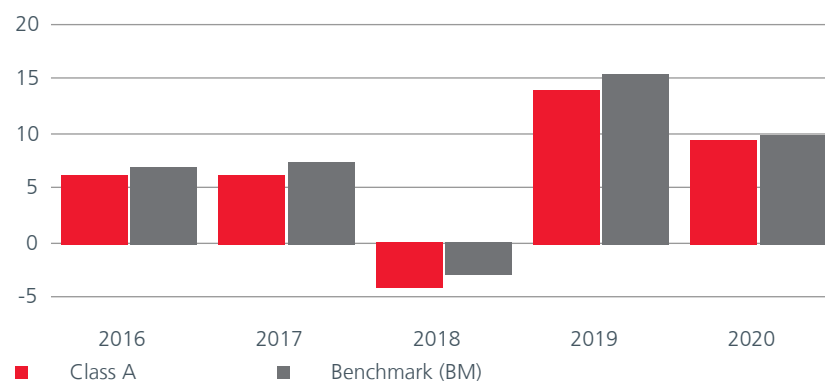
1. Our investment process begins with cross-disciplinary idea generation, incorporating the expertise of credit analysts, traders and structured product analysts. Contribution to idea generation and relative valuation is grounded in each team's respective area of expertise.
2. Credit analysts screen the corporate bond universe concentrating on issuer fundamentals such as financial leverage, interest coverage, free cash flow and business risks
3. Traders communicate new issue announcements and provide technically-driven perspectives
4. Structured product analysts identify value across mandates' universes in noncorporate fixed income assets
5. All three teams work in Chicago, facilitating open and frequent day-to-day interactions and idea sharing. The portfolio management team also participates in monthly strategy meetings to discuss macroeconomic and cross-asset relative valuation, ongoing sector and security-level ratings assessments, and other relevant topics.

## Why PPMA

- ▶ **Experience and Stability** - PPM's investment professionals benefit from significant industry experience as well as long tenure at the firm
- ▶ **Credit-Intensive Research and Analysis** - PPM has invested in scalable investment processes and infrastructure, ensuring an in-depth, bottom-up approach
- ▶ **Relative Value Discipline** - By taking a relative rather than absolute view on securities, sectors and asset classes, PPM's fixed income professionals can better identify and capture market inefficiencies as well as remain disciplined in periods of both market exuberance and fear
- ▶ **Sophisticated Risk Measurement** - PPM's risk management team created and maintains a sophisticated fixed income analytics platform with a variety of portfolio management tools to measure risk and help generate potential outperformance

## Performance

Calendar year returns (%) (Class A)



Source: Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product. The returns shown during the first year relate to the performance of the share class since its inception to the end of that calendar year. For full details, please refer to the performance disclosure.

## Sector allocation (%)

	Fund	BM
Industrials	50.2	58.3
Financials	40.6	33.4
Utility	6.3	8.3
Quasi & foreign government	1.8	0.0
Asset backed	0.1	0.0
Cash and cash equivalents	1.0	0.0

Due to rounding, the allocation table may not add up to 100% or may be negative.

## Ratings allocation (%)

	Fund	BM
AAA	1.7	0.0
AA	3.4	0.0
A	27.5	25.3
BBB	65.0	74.3
BB	1.3	0.4
Cash and cash equivalents	1.0	0.0

Credit ratings by S&P/Moody's/Fitch.

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## Maturity allocation (%)

	Fund	BM
0 - 1 year	1.8	1.3
1 - 3 years	12.7	15.8
3 - 5 years	17.7	18.0
5 - 10 years	30.8	29.3
10+ years	36.0	35.7
Cash and cash equivalents	1.0	0.0

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## Top 10 holdings (%)

1.	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS 4.4% 01/11/2034	1.1
2.	BANK OF MONTREAL 0.625% 09/07/2024	1.1
3.	MORGAN STANLEY 0.79% 30/05/2025	1.1
4.	JPMORGAN CHASE & CO 2.069% 01/06/2029	1.0
5.	GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC 1.948% 21/10/2027	1.0
6.	BANK OF AMERICA CORP 1.898% 23/07/2031	0.9
7.	KFW 2.125% 07/03/2022	0.9
8.	BNP PARIBAS 1.675% 30/06/2027	0.9
9.	PROTECTIVE LIFE GLOBAL 0.781% 05/07/2024	0.9
10.	ORACLE CORP 3.6% 01/04/2050	0.8
	Sum Top 10 Concentration	9.8

## Performance

Class	Cumulative returns (%)				Annualised returns (%)			
	1 m	3 m	YTD	1 y	3 y (p.a.)	5 y (p.a.)	10 y (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Class A	0.3	-1.3	-1.5	-0.9	7.3	4.6	4.2	4.5
Benchmark (BM)	0.1	-0.8	-0.6	0.0	8.4	5.6	5.1	5.5
Relative	0.2	-0.5	-0.9	-0.9	-1.1	-1.0	-0.9	-1.0

From	Rolling 12-month returns (%)				
	30 Nov 2020	30 Nov 2019	30 Nov 2018	30 Nov 2017	30 Nov 2016
To	30 Nov 2021	30 Nov 2020	30 Nov 2019	30 Nov 2018	30 Nov 2017
Class A	-0.9	8.9	14.6	-4.3	6.0
Benchmark (BM)	0.0	9.6	16.4	-3.3	6.4
Relative	-0.9	-0.7	-1.8	-1.0	-0.4

## Performance Disclosure:

(p.a.): per annum. **Source: Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited.** Returns are based in share class currency and computed using the NAV price on bid-bid basis with net income reinvested. The NAV price is net of all fees, expenses and withholding taxes. Calendar year returns are based on the share class performance for the year and if the share class is inceptioned during a particular year, the returns shown relate to the performance of the share class since its inception till end of that calendar year. Fees and expenses vary among share classes, further information is available in the Prospectus. Since inception returns for periods less than a year are not annualised. The benchmark for the hedged share classes, if any, is also calculated on a hedged basis. Benchmark is for information purposes only unless specifically referenced in the Investment Objective. Wef July 2018, the monthly fund and benchmark returns calculated are aligned to the last NAV date of the fund for the month. **Past performances is not a guide to future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product.**

**Benchmark:** This Sub-Fund aims to outperform the return of ICE BofA U.S. Corporates BBB3-A3 Rated Index ("Benchmark"). The Sub-Fund is actively managed. The Benchmark is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The majority of the Sub-Fund's exposure to bonds will refer and have similar weightings to the Benchmark. The Investment Manager may use its discretion to invest in bonds not included in the Benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. It is thus expected that the performance of the Sub-Fund will to a limited extent deviate from the Benchmark.

## Share class details

Class	Currency	Bloomberg ticker	ISIN	Inception date	*Minimum initial investment	*Minimum subsequent investment
Class A	USD	PRUUGA LX	LU0149983909	01-Mar-05	USD500	USD50
Class Adm	USD	IUSIGBA LX	LU0428352263	02-Jun-09	USD500	USD50
Class R	USD	ESUSIRU LX	LU0865489925	14-Dec-12	USD500	USD50

Class	Initial sales charges% (max)	Annual management fee% (max)	Annual admin fee% (max)	Initial sales charges% (current)	Annual management fee% (current)	Annual admin fee% (current)	Ongoing charges%
Class A	3.000	1.250	0.250	3.000	0.125	0.250	1.602
Class Adm	3.000	1.250	0.250	3.000	1.250	0.250	1.602
Class R	3.000	0.625	0.250	None	0.625	0.250	0.976

Class	Distribution frequency	Ex-date	Dividend per share	Annual dividend yield %
Class A	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Class Adm	Monthly	01-Dec-21	0.0486048	5.00
Class R	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

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