# SHINING A LIGHT ON THE...... JP Morgan Global Bond Opportunities Sustainable Fund

#### AT A GLANCE

#### **Investment Objective**

To achieve a return in excess of the benchmark by investing opportunistically in an unconstrained portfolio of debt securities (positively positioned towards Sustainable Debt Securities and debt securities issued by companies and countries that demonstrate improving sustainable characteristics) and currencies, using derivatives where appropriate. Sustainable Debt Securities are those that the Investment Manager believes have been issued by companies and countries that demonstrate effective governance and superior management of environmental and social issues (sustainable characteristics).

| Inception Date      | 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2019                 |  |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--|
| Fund Factsheet Link | https://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snapsh |  |
|                     | ot/snapshot.aspx?id=F000014F0D                |  |

| Management     |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Manager Name   | Start Date                    |
| Iain Stealey   | 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 |
| Andrew Headley | 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2020     |

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

Performance from 1st January 2020 to 31st May 2022:

|                                 | 2020  | 2021   | 2022   |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| JP Morgan Funds – Global Bond   | 4.83% | 1.62%  | 1.47%  |
| Opportunities Sustainable Fund  |       |        |        |
| Bloomberg Multiverse TR Hdg USD | 2.37% | -0.34% | -0.79% |

Performance over 12 months, and since launch:

|                                                         | 1 year | Since launch |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| JP Morgan Funds – Global Bond Opportunities Sustainable | 6.98%  | 4.93%        |
| Fund                                                    |        |              |
| Bloomberg Multiverse TR Hdg USD                         | 4.74%  | -2.00%       |

You should note that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns and the value of your investments can fall as well as rise. The total return reflects performance without sales charges or the effects of taxation, but is adjusted to reflect all on-going fund expenses and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted for sales charges and the effects of taxation, the performance quoted would be reduced.

| Tracking Error | Upside<br>Capture Ratio | Downside<br>Capture Ratio | Batting<br>Average | Beta | Alpha | Credit<br>Quality |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------|-------|-------------------|
| -              | -                       | 1                         | -                  | -    | -     | -                 |

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| Volatility Measurements    |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| 3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)  | - |
| 3-Yr Mean Return (average) | - |

| Credit Quality |   |
|----------------|---|
| AAA            | - |
| AA             | - |
| Α              | - |
| BBB            | - |
| BB             | - |
| В              | - |
| Below B        | - |
| Not Rated      | - |

| Top 5 Holdings – 1,129 bond holdings, 327 other holdings |   |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---|-------|
| United States Treasury Notes 1.375%                      | - | 4.90% |
| Sweden (Kingdom Of) 1%                                   | - | 3.75% |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) 1.25%                        | - | 2.81% |
| Germany (Federal Republic Of) 0%                         | - | 2.75% |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) 5.5%                         | - | 2.54% |

| Fixed Income       |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Effective Maturity | - |
| Effective Duration | - |

#### UPDATE....

There are not many strategic bond funds which fall under the sustainable labelling. The aim of these strategies is to enable a manager to look across all debt instruments and invest where they see the best opportunities. The JP Morgan strategy was launched in 2019 and includes the standard exclusions – fossil fuel, adult entertainment, power generation, tobacco, coal, cannabis, unconventional oil and gas, gambling, conventional weapons and companies in breach of the UN Global Compact

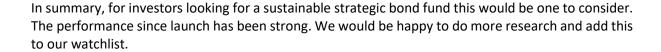
The strategy also adopts ESG factors across asset classes and regions. So, for example, China state assets may fail their ESG factors and sustainable criteria, however some Chinese companies may screen positively. Therefore, having exclusions and ESG factors enables them to identify the best countries to invest in, and the best companies. This may mean they are happy to invest in companies but not the country's government bonds.

The strategy is not looking to be aggressive and therefore they are aiming to have one which has lower risk and at the same time deliver stable returns.

They will invest across government and corporate bonds and this includes high yield. This is dynamic and diversified. As an example, they moved to a more defensive position this year which has helped the returns year to date.

The strategy does have some green bonds but this is a small part of the portfolio. This is because the market is small and carries greater risk. They also have to be careful that green bonds don't breach their exclusions policy.

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