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## Global High Yield Bond Fund – ESG Report

Providing transparency on Environment, Social and Governance aspects of the Fund

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### ESG APPROACH

- The Global High Yield Bond Fund uses ESG integration as part of its investment process. This means incorporating environmental, social and governance factors to enhance investment decisions. Our philosophy is that ESG factors are a component of the investment decision—meaning that they are not the sole driver of an investment decision, nor are they considered separately from more traditional analysis.
- The process of ESG integration takes place on two levels: first, with our research analysts as they incorporate environmental, social and governance factors into issuer valuations and ratings; and, second, with the portfolio manager as he balances these ESG factor exposures at the portfolio level. Both the analysts and portfolio manager are able to leverage dedicated, in-house resources to assist them in analyzing ESG criteria.
- Our ESG specialist teams provide investment research on ESG issues at the company level and on thematic topics. Additionally, they have built tools to help proactively and systematically analyze the environmental, social, and governance factors that could impact our investments. The foundation of the analysis is a proprietary flagging tool called the Responsible Investing Indicator Model (RIIM). It covers over 15,000 companies and pulls from data sets that are not in the wheelhouse of traditional financial analysis. These data sets include:
  - ESG performance data (e.g., number of accidents, carbon emissions, strength of whistle-blower programs, etc.);
  - ESG targets (e.g., plans to reduce carbon emissions, increase diversity, etc.)
  - ESG incidents and controversies (e.g., environmental fines paid, local community controversies/protests against a company, etc.)
- Our Global High Yield Bond Fund seeks to generate alpha by focusing on proprietary, bottom up research to identifying companies offering long-term performance potential. The High Yield investment team examines each potential investment; each holding; and the entire portfolio with an approach deeply rooted in fundamental analysis along with a macro and industry top-down view. These processes naturally incorporate an analysis of each company's environmental, social, and governance factors and tend to yield an ESG-friendly portfolio. However, our High Yield investment team collaborates closely with our ESG specialists to augment their work. We also screen the portfolio using T. Rowe Price's proprietary RIIM analysis at regular intervals. This helps us understand the ESG characteristics of the portfolio and makes us aware of any exposures to specific ESG factors or how these ESG factors may impact a company's business operations and market performance.
- The fund is classified as Article 8 according to the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. Although the fund does not have sustainable investment as an objective, the promotion of environmental and social characteristics is achieved through the fund's commitment to maintain at least 10% of the value of its portfolio invested in Sustainable Investments. The fund avoids issuers whose activities we may consider harmful to the environment and/or society through the application of our proprietary screen, the T. Rowe Price Responsible Exclusion List.

**INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:** To maximise the value of its shares through both growth in the value of, and income from, its investments.

**INVESTMENT PROCESS:** The fund is classified as Article 8 under SFDR (the EU's Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation); it promotes, among other characteristics, environmental and/or social characteristics and the companies in which the investments are made follow good governance practices. The fund is actively managed and invests mainly in a diversified portfolio of high yield corporate bonds from issuers around the world, including emerging markets. Although the fund does not have sustainable investment as an objective, the promotion of environmental and/or social characteristics is achieved through the fund's commitment to maintain at least 10% of the value of its portfolio invested in sustainable investments, as defined by the SFDR. In addition to the E/S characteristics promoted, the fund also applies the investment manager's proprietary responsible screen (the T. Rowe Price Responsible Exclusion List). The fund may use derivatives for hedging, efficient portfolio management and investment purposes. The fund may also use derivatives to create synthetic short positions in debt securities and credit indices. For full investment objective and policy details refer to the prospectus. The manager is not constrained by the fund's benchmark, which is used for performance comparison purposes only.

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## RECENT COMPANY ENGAGEMENTS

We maintain a regular dialogue with the management teams of companies represented across the portfolio. Our investment-driven engagement program frequently identifies targets through our proprietary RIIM analysis, governance screening and analysts' fundamental research. While we engage with companies in a variety of different contexts, ESG engagement focuses on learning about, encouraging or exchanging perspectives on the environmental practices, corporate governance or social issues affecting their business.

While most of the meetings we hold with company managements will include some discussion of ESG topics, we differentiate meetings held with a heavy focus on ESG, meaning ESG issues were the sole items on the agenda or made up a meaningful part of the meeting. Agenda items are classified as "meaningful" when they take up a significant portion of the meeting or are a significant factor in the investment case.

The following are selected examples of recent engagements with companies held in or considered for the portfolio. The examples are not meant to be representative of every engagement held, but to illustrate the types of ESG engagements we are having with the managements of our investment companies.

**Vistra (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024 Engagement)**

<b>Focus</b>	Environment
<b>Company Description</b>	Vistra is an integrated retail electricity and power generation company.
<b>Engagement Objective</b>	We engaged with Vistra on emissions and green data centers.
<b>Participants</b>	From Vistra: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Executive Vice President, Wholesale Operations; Vice President, Investor Relations; Investor Relations Analyst  From T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.: Investment Analyst
<b>Engagement Outcome</b>	<p>We met with Vistra to discuss the data center opportunity and convey our view on relevant environmental considerations. In our meeting, the company emphasized the improving efficiency of gas peakers, the strategic use of combined cycle gas plants, and the importance of nuclear assets.</p> <p>Vistra noted the significant water requirements for certain types of power generation, particularly for combined cycle gas plants. The company mentioned that newer gas turbines, such as those used in peakers, are designed to be more efficient and consume less water compared with older technologies. The expectation is that, although demand for power may increase (and subsequently increase water consumption), advancements in energy efficiency and the strategic use of renewables and peakers may limit the overall increase in water consumption from combined cycle plants.</p> <p>The engagement allowed us to provide our views on the importance of mitigating excess water consumption and the continual strides toward energy efficiency improvements.</p>

Unless otherwise noted, data were provided by the company during the engagement or are available through company reports.

**Advanced Drainage Systems (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 Engagement)**

<b>Focus</b>	Environment
<b>Company Description</b>	Advanced Drainage Systems manufactures stormwater and on-site septic wastewater solutions that protect and manage water.
<b>Engagement Objective</b>	We engaged with Advanced Drainage Systems on its recycling capabilities and the implications of a recent acquisition.
<b>Participants</b>	From Advanced Drainage Systems: Vice President, Corporate Strategy and Investor Relations; Investor Relations Representative  From T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.: Portfolio Manager; Investment Analyst
<b>Engagement Outcome</b>	<p>We engaged with Advanced Drainage Systems on its recycling capabilities and the implications of its acquisition of Orenco, an advanced wastewater treatment company.</p> <p>Advanced Drainage Systems processes two-thirds of the recycled material it consumes and purchases one-third. The company's own recycling consists of five stages: (1) collect post-consumer waste, (2) sort the waste to remove contamination, (3) wash it, (4) shred it, and (5) pelletize it for use. There are cost pressures on the virgin plastics side but not on recycled plastics. If the company can blend more recycled materials, that will help on the cost side as recycled plastics are less expensive than virgin.</p> <p>In September 2024, Advanced Drainage Systems announced the acquisition of Orenco, a manufacturer of on-site septic wastewater treatment systems. Prior to the acquisition, Orenco did not use Advanced Drainage Systems' Infiltrator business (which it viewed as competition) and used concrete. Through the acquisition, the Infiltrator business became a cross-selling opportunity.</p> <p>The engagement gave us an opportunity to provide feedback on Advanced Drainage Systems' recycling capabilities and the Orenco acquisition.</p>

Unless otherwise noted, data were provided by the company during the engagement or are available through company reports.

The specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended for the SICAV sub-fund, and no assumption should be made that the securities identified and discussed were or will be profitable.

## ESG RIIM PROFILE

The T. Rowe Price Responsible Investing Indicator Model (RIIM) rates companies, governments and securitized assets in a traffic light system measuring their environmental, social, and governance profile and flagging issuers with elevated risks. For certain types of investments, including, but not limited to, cash, currency positions, and particular types of derivatives, an ESG analysis may not be relevant or possible due to a lack of data. Where ESG considerations are integrated into the investment research process, we may conclude that other attributes of an investment outweigh ESG considerations when making investment decisions.

	Portfolio		Benchmark	
	No. of securities	% weight	No. of securities	% weight
● Green	256	64.7	883	56.4
● Orange	104	28.3	309	21.0
● Red	0	0.0	48	2.5
● Not in scope	0	0.0	9	0.3
● Not covered	26	6.9	363	19.8
● Reserves	1	0.1	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>

● No/few Flags ● Medium Flags ● High Flags

The comparator benchmark of the Fund is the J.P. Morgan Global High Yield Index. The manager is not constrained by the fund's benchmark, which is used for performance comparison purposes only.

## SUSTAINABILITY INDICATOR

The fund is classified as Article 8 according to the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulations (SFDR).

The sustainability indicator used by the fund is a minimum of 10% of the value of the fund's portfolio held in securities that the investment manager identifies as sustainable investments.

The percentage exposure of the fund to sustainable investments is:

	Target Minimum Commitment %	Fund Exposure %
Sustainable Investments	10.0	22.5
with Environmental Objectives	0.5	8.1
with Social Objectives	0.5	14.3

## PRINCIPAL ADVERSE IMPACT (PAI) INDICATORS

Under the European Union Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulations (SFDR), investment managers are required to take into account Principal Adverse Impact (PAI) indicators, a set of metrics that highlight the potential negative impacts on sustainability factors that result from investment decisions. This is integrated into our ESG analysis at a security level.

Some PAI indicators have limited data availability which may lead to misrepresentative values for the fund. In these cases, the metric value and data coverage are displayed as n/a in the following tables.

In addition, the investment manager considers the following PAI indicators at an aggregate fund level. Metric values are shown in the Base Currency of the fund (USD):

PAI Indicator	Metric Description	Unit of Measurement	Metric Value	Metric Coverage (%)
10. Violations of UNGC principles and OECD guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	Share of investments in investee companies that have been involved in violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	Percentage of total invested	0.0%	98.0%
13. Board gender diversity	Average ratio of female to male board members in investee companies, expressed as a percentage of board members	Average ratio of female board members	23.7%	71.3%
14. Exposure to controversial weapons	Share of investments in investee companies involved in the manufacture or selling of controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	Percentage of total invested	0.0%	82.3%

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Metric coverage** - The percentage of the portfolio for which PAI data is available

**GHG** - Greenhouse gas emissions

**Scope 1 GHG emissions** - Direct greenhouse gas emissions by the fund

**Scope 2 GHG emissions** - Indirect greenhouse gas emissions made by the fund

**Scope 3 GHG emissions** - All other indirect emissions that occur in the funds value chain

**mtCO<sub>2</sub>e** - Metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent

**Carbon footprint (Scope 1,2 & 3 emissions)** - The total greenhouse gas emissions per million invested in the fund

**GWh** - Gigawatt Hours

**Ktons** - Kilotonnes

**UNGC** - The United Nations Global Compact

**OECD** - The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

**No data** - no data is available or can be calculated for the indicator

**RISKS - The following risks are materially relevant to the fund (refer to prospectus for further details):** Contingent convertible bond - Contingent Convertible Bonds may be subject to additional risks linked to: capital structure inversion, trigger levels, coupon cancellations, call extensions, yield/valuation, conversions, write downs, industry concentration and liquidity, among others. Credit - Credit risk arises when an issuer's financial health deteriorates and/or it fails to fulfill its financial obligations to the fund. Default - Default risk may occur if the issuers of certain bonds become unable or unwilling to make payments on their bonds. Derivative - Derivatives may be used to create leverage which could expose the fund to higher volatility and/or losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative. Distressed or defaulted debt securities - Distressed or defaulted debt securities may bear substantially higher degree of risks linked to recovery, liquidity and valuation. High yield bond - High yield debt securities are generally subject to greater risk of issuer debt restructuring or default, higher liquidity risk and greater sensitivity to market conditions. Interest rate - Interest rate risk is the potential for losses in fixed-income investments as a result of unexpected changes in interest rates. Liquidity - Liquidity risk may result in securities becoming hard to value or trade within a desired timeframe at a fair price. Total Return Swap - Total return swap contracts may expose the fund to additional risks, including market, counterparty and operational risks as well as risks linked to the use of collateral arrangements.

**General fund risks - to be read in conjunction with the fund specific risks above.** ESG and sustainability - ESG and Sustainability risk may result in a material negative impact on the value of an investment and performance of the fund. Geographic concentration - Geographic concentration risk may result in performance being more strongly affected by any social, political, economic, environmental or market conditions affecting those countries or regions in which the fund's assets are concentrated. Hedging - Hedging measures involve costs and may work imperfectly, may not be feasible at times, or may fail completely. Investment fund - Investing in funds involves certain risks an investor would not face if investing in markets directly. Management - Management risk may result in potential conflicts of interest relating to the obligations of the investment manager. Market - Market risk may subject the fund to experience losses caused by unexpected changes in a wide variety of factors. Operational - Operational risk may cause losses as a result of incidents caused by people, systems, and/or processes.

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