

## June 2025 - 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) <sup>1</sup>	0.98	2.35	3.18	7.77	8.61	8.37	5.22	6.67
Fund return (net) <sup>2</sup>	0.92	2.16	2.80	7.07	7.86	7.54	4.43	5.91
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.32	1.02	2.10	4.39	4.38	3.88	2.92	2.27
<b>Active return</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>2.68</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>3.66</b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>3.64</b>

<sup>1</sup> Returns are calculated before fees have been deducted and assume distributions have been reinvested. No allowance is made for tax when calculating these figures.

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### Fund Facts

<b>Portfolio managers</b>	Charles Arduini, Seth Brufsky, Samantha Milner, Brian Abdelhadi
<b>Inception date</b>	1 May 2020
<b>Management fee</b>	0.75% p.a.
<b>Fund Objective</b>	To outperform the AusBond Bank Bill Index over a three-year period
<b>Buy/sell spread<sup>3</sup></b>	+0.30% / -0.30%
<b>Strategy FUM</b>	\$382.4 M

### Fund Features

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

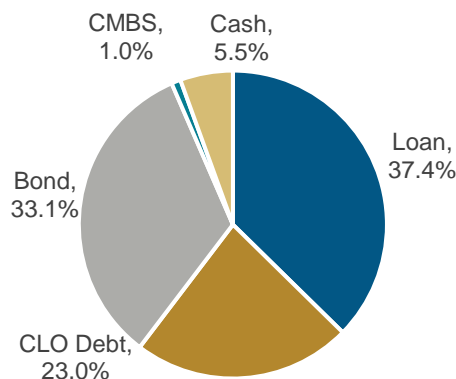
**Focus on downside protection:**<sup>4</sup> Ares believes protecting principal is key to attractive performance and therefore places emphasis on dampening volatility and minimising defaults.

**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:**<sup>5</sup> The Fund provides access to investment opportunities and asset classes which are generally unavailable to individual investors.

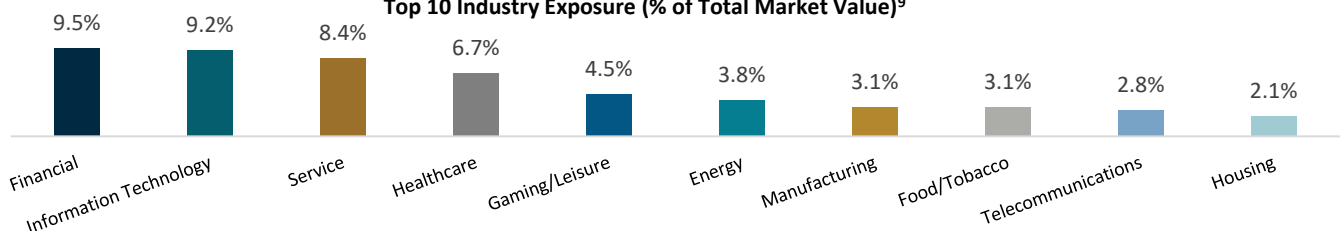
**Leading global investment team:** The Fund offers access to a leading global investment team with 20+ years of experience investing in global credit markets. The experienced management team applies an integrated and collaborative approach using the scale and power of the platform seeking to deliver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

### Asset Class Allocation<sup>6</sup>



Key Attributes	Fund	Change from 31 May 2025
Number of issuers	416	+7
Weighted Average Spread (L+)	278	-
Current Yield (AUD-Hedged) <sup>7</sup>	6.48%	-
Yield to Worst (AUD-Hedged) <sup>7</sup>	5.92%	-0.43%
Current Yield (Unhedged) <sup>7</sup>	6.87%	-0.05%
Yield to Worst (Unhedged) <sup>7</sup>	6.36%	-0.26%
Duration	1.57	+0.04
Spread Duration	3.90	-
Weighted Average Credit Quality <sup>8</sup>	BB	-
Total Investment Grade Exposure	52.02%	+1.14%

### Top 10 Industry Exposure (% of Total Market Value)<sup>9</sup>



<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> References to "downside protection" or similar language are not guarantees against loss of investment capital or value.

<sup>5</sup> Diversification does not assure profit or protect against market loss.

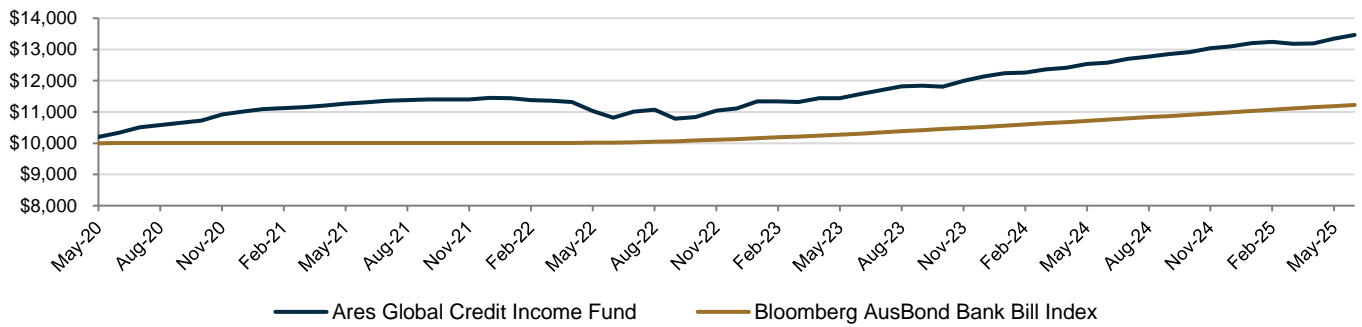
<sup>6</sup> The Fund's allocation is based on recent market conditions and is subject to change based on future market conditions at the time of investment and may differ materially from that set forth herein.

<sup>7</sup>Yield is an attribute of underlying investments and does not represent a return to investors. Yields shown are calculated without the deduction of fees and expenses

<sup>8</sup> Reflects the risk-adjusted weighted average higher of rating using Moody's, S&P, and Fitch.

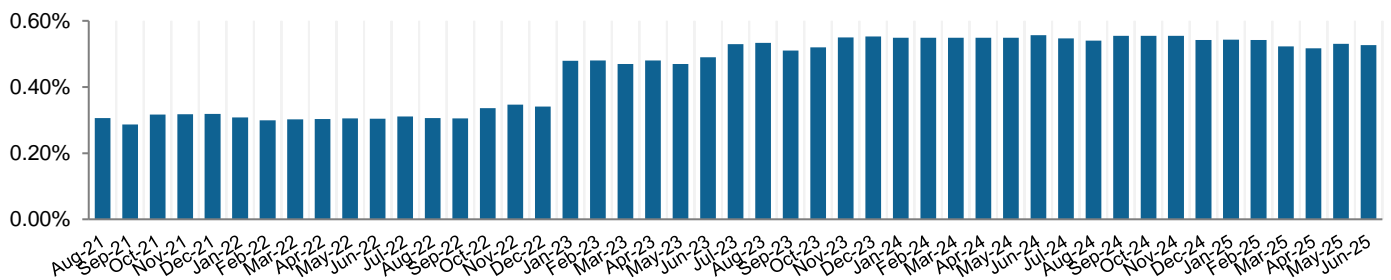
<sup>9</sup> Credit Suisse Industry Distribution. Excludes CLO debt, CMBS and cash.

## 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



**Past performance is no indication of future performance.** There is no assurance monthly distributions paid by the Fund will be maintained at targeted level or paid at all. Calculated as the cents per unit (CPU) distribution at month end divided by the ex-distribution unit price at the start of the month.

## Market Commentary

In June 2025, markets extended their recovery as geopolitical tensions subsided, and positive trade developments created a favorable backdrop for risk assets.

U.S. high yield bonds returned 1.86% for the month, as spreads tightened and delivered their strongest monthly gain in 11 months. During the month, 44 bonds priced for \$37.0bn, marking the strongest month of issuance since September 2021. Year-to-date issuance totals \$145.6bn.<sup>2</sup>

U.S. leveraged loans returned 0.80%<sup>3</sup> in June as a result of price appreciation and strong CLO origination. From a demand perspective, the floating rate asset class saw \$1 billion of inflows, which marked a second month of consistent inflows since April's tariff-induced sell-off. Lastly, gross loan issuance totaled \$66bn for the month and \$441bn for the year-to-date period.<sup>2</sup>

CLO debt securities posted positive returns during the month, with all ratings tranches generating gains.<sup>4</sup> June's CLO issuance was strong with 91 U.S. CLOs pricing, totaling \$43.7bn, driven largely by refinancing and reset activity. Year-to-date, 515 U.S. CLOs have been priced, totaling 245.0bn<sup>5</sup>.

U.S. investment grade bonds returned 1.57%<sup>6</sup> in June, delivering positive returns alongside the broader market.

In Europe, high yield bonds and leveraged loans returned 0.48%<sup>7</sup> and 0.24%<sup>8</sup> during the month, respectively, as markets continued to rebound from the April downdraft.

## Market Outlook<sup>9</sup>

Leveraged credit markets remained firm going into July as market participants digested favorable macroeconomic data amid evolving trade policy, improving geopolitical tensions and positive developments around the pending “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”. While corporate fundamentals have been relatively stable and inflation indicators continue to improve, we believe these trends may be transient until the true impact of tariffs flows through, which is likely to have a greater effect on the market and borrowers in the second half of this year. The market is currently pricing in two interest rate cuts from the Federal Reserve for the remainder of 2025, but that will be highly data-dependent and influenced more by the jobs side of the dual-mandate ledger in our view. While market technicals remain firm with credit spreads grinding tighter, default and LME (liability management exercise) activity rose in June, and many strategists are predicting increased default activity over the medium-term. As a result, we remain cautious, particularly given that the impact of tariffs has not been fully realized and likely will not be for several months. We are largely comfortable with our posture following a period of proactively reducing risk across our portfolios, and we continue to evaluate relative value opportunities, tapping into off-benchmark sectors in an effort to enhance yield without adding idiosyncratic credit risk. Overall, we believe prudent risk management and disciplined credit selection will be paramount in the coming months, and we will continue to tactically rotate our portfolios as the economic situation evolves.

## Fund Commentary

The Ares Global Credit Income Fund (“AGCIF” or the “Fund”) returned 0.98% gross and 0.92% net for the month of June. The allocation to bonds was the largest contributor to returns during the month, followed by both loans and CLO debt securities. Positive performance across asset classes was due to a strong technical backdrop on the back of bolstered investor sentiment and continued robust capital markets activity.

Regarding positioning, we are no longer de-risking the portfolio and are keeping the current risk posture neutral amid the tighter spread backdrop. We are flattening our loan positioning after slightly decreasing exposure in the prior month as bond spreads have tightened more, making the relative value less attractive. Within the bond cohort, we continue to execute relative value swaps when those opportunities present themselves. From an industry standpoint, we are maintaining a defensive investment posture, concentrating on sectors that exhibit resilience to economic developments, underpinned by healthy supply-demand fundamentals, reliable earnings trajectories, and credits with steady cash flows. We continue to be diligent in assessing the impacts of imposed tariffs and broader geopolitical developments across all industries, taking a proactive approach to identifying any potential credit deterioration. We are underweight sectors most exposed to cyclical, consumer headwinds, and discretionary spending. With respect to structured credit, we are keeping our CLO debt exposure flat for now. From a geographical perspective, we favor Europe over the U.S. on the corporate lending side, and we look to increase our European exposure as primary activity continues to pick up. Overall, as the macroeconomic backdrop continues to evolve, we believe we are well-positioned to navigate bouts of volatility and remain steadfast in our security selection, particularly as credit dispersion remains elevated.



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**No Assurance of Portfolio Investment Return.** There can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to generate returns for its investors in a timely manner or at all, that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved, or that such returns will be comparable to the Fund's benchmark. Portfolio investments which may not achieve their expected operational objectives and may experience substantial fluctuations in their operating results. A prospective investor could lose the entire amount of its contributed capital.

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**Asset backed securities risk.** The value of asset backed securities are affected by the value and cashflow of the underlying collateral. Asset backed securities are subject to more structural and legal complexities than other fixed income securities. Credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk could impact the timing and size of the cashflows paid by the securities and could negatively impact the returns of the securities.

**Collateralised loan obligation (CLO) risk.** CLOs issue securities in tranches with different payment characteristics and different credit ratings, and different risk of loss or deferral or non-payment of interest. CLO tranches may have higher ratings and lower yields than the underlying securities. CLO tranches can experience substantial losses. The Fund may not receive back the full amount of its investment in a CLO.

**Fixed income security risk.** Investments in fixed income securities may experience a decline in income where market interest rates are falling and securities are reinvested at a lower yield. Investors are also exposed additional risks which can result in significant variability in investment returns and a loss of income or capital value, and risks associated with the terms and conditions of the individual financial security.

**Credit risk.** Issuer of fixed income securities may be unable or unwilling to make interest and/or capital repayments in full and/or on time or may not meet other financial obligations. Fixed income securities are subject to legal, political, macro-economic, industry and business risks leading to a loss of capital or interest payments. Changes in credit ratings may lead to volatility in the security's secondary market price.

**High yield bond risk.** High yield bonds rated may be more volatile than higher-rated bonds of similar maturity. High yield bonds may be subject to greater levels of credit default. High yield bonds may be less liquid and more difficult to sell at an advantageous time or price or to value than higher-rated bonds.

**Market risk.** The Fund may experience losses due to factors that result in market volatility and disruption and affect the overall performance of the financial markets, such as changes in spreads, macro-economic, regulatory, social and political conditions, weather events, terrorism, changes in technology, the environment and market sentiment, and pandemics and other widespread public health emergencies.

**Derivative risk.** The use of derivatives may magnify losses to the Fund. The Fund may not be able to meet payment obligations as they arise, or the counterparty may fail to perform its contractual obligations.

**Collateral risk.** The Fund may be required to deliver collateral to a derivative counterparty or clearer, hence exposed to risks in respect of that collateral including the credit risk of the counterparty or clearer.

**Counterparty risk.** The Fund is, to a certain extent, reliant on external counterparties in connection with its operation and investment activities. The counterparty may fail to perform its contractual obligations, and any collateral lodged with counterparties related to these derivatives may also be at risk. This may result in the investment activities of the Fund being adversely affected.

**Interest rate risk.** The market price of fixed income securities (such as bonds) can be affected by movements in interest rates.

**Currency risk.** The value of investments denominated in foreign currencies may fluctuate in Australian dollar terms because of fluctuations in currency exchange rates. Hedging strategies could reduce the potential for increased gains.

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**Liquidity risk.** The Fund may not have adequate cash resources to meet its short-term financial commitments as they fall due (including redemption payments). Liquidity risk may occur due to the absence of an established market or a shortage of buyers for an investment, or events causing volatility and declines in markets. Certain investments may become illiquid during times of market stress. Large withdrawals may have a detrimental impact on asset selling price. Withdrawals may be suspended suspend or otherwise restricted.

**Withdrawal risk.** If a situation occurs where the assets that the Fund invests in are no longer able to be readily bought and sold, or market events reduce the liquidity of a security or asset class, withdrawals from the Fund may take significantly longer than the generally applicable timeframe and may need to be suspended.

**Operational risk.** The day-to-day operations of the Fund may be adversely affected by circumstances beyond its reasonable control, such as a failure of technology or infrastructure, pandemics and other widespread public health emergencies or natural disasters. A breakdown of administrative procedures and risk control measures may also adversely affect the operation and performance of the Fund.

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