

BGF World Gold Fund A2 EUR Hedged**FEBRUARY 2024 FACTSHEET**

Unless otherwise stated, Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Asset information as at: 29-Feb-2024. All other data as at 07-Mar-2024.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The World Gold Fund seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests globally at least 70% of its total assets in the equity securities of companies whose predominant economic activity is gold-mining. It may also invest in the equity securities of companies whose predominant economic activity is other precious metal or mineral and base metal or mineral mining. The Fund does not hold physical gold or metal.

GROWTH OF 10,000 SINCE LAUNCH**CUMULATIVE & ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE**

	CUMULATIVE (%)					ANNUALISED (% p.a.)		
	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 years	Since Launch
Share Class	-7.19	-15.13	-13.62	-14.95	-8.51	-10.95	-1.24	-5.67
Share Class [Max. IC applied]	-11.83	-19.38	-17.94	-19.20	-13.09	-12.46	-2.25	-5.97
Base Share Class	-7.03	-14.62	-12.22	-14.67	-5.58	-8.12	1.74	3.73
Base Share Class [Max. IC applied]	-11.68	-18.89	-16.61	-18.93	-10.30	-9.67	0.71	3.55
Benchmark	-7.64	-16.62	-9.62	-18.33	-5.09	-8.04	1.73	-0.81

The base share class currency is as indicated in the "Key Facts" section. For hedged currency share classes only, the benchmark reflected is in the base currency.

CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Share Class	2.71	-20.32	-12.03	25.15	30.15
Benchmark	9.36	-15.47	-12.72	23.22	41.21

*Performance shown from share class launch date to calendar year end.



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KEY FACTS

Asset Class	Equity
Morningstar Cat.	Other Equity
Fund Launch	30-Dec-1994
Share Class Launch	30-Nov-2007
Fund Base CCY	U.S. Dollar
Share Class CCY	Euro
Fund Size (mil)	3,338.46 USD
Benchmark	FTSE Gold Mines Index(Cap Only)
Domicile	Luxembourg
Fund Type	UCITS
ISIN	LU0326422689
Bloomberg Ticker	H2ZG GR

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

BARRICK GOLD CORP	7.43
AGNICO EAGLE MINES LTD	7.11
NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	6.13
ENDEAVOUR MINING PLC	5.82
WHEATON PRECIOUS METALS CORP	5.45
ALAMOS GOLD INC	4.73
GOLD FIELDS LTD	4.31
NEWMONT CORPORATION	3.82
SPROTT PHYSICAL SILVER TRUST	3.76
ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI PLC	3.58
Total of Portfolio	52.14

SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Gold	85.10%	99.44%
Silver	9.60%	0.56%
Copper	3.21%	0.00%
Cash and/or	2.09%	0.00%
Derivatives		

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Weighted Average Market Capitalisation (millions)	11310.05713
Price to Earnings Ratio	17.08x
Price to Book Ratio	1.39x
3 Years Volatility	29.09
5 Years Volatility	33.99
3 Years Beta	0.86
5 Years Beta	0.92

FEES AND CHARGES*

Max Initial Charge (IC)	5.00%
Management Fee	1.75%
Performance Fee	0.00%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Canada	53.12%	46.61%
US	28.18%	24.39%
Australia	12.60%	10.49%
South Africa	2.97%	14.97%
Cash and/or	2.09%	0.00%
Derivatives		
United Kingdom	1.03%	2.82%
Hong Kong	0.00%	0.71%
Kazakhstan	0.00%	0.00%
Russia	0.00%	0.00%

Allocations are subject to change. **Source:** BlackRock

MARKET CAPITALISATION (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Cash and	2.09%	0.00%
Derivatives		
L. Cap >\$10bn	34.90%	62.94%
Mid Cap - \$1-10bn	53.02%	33.93%
Small <-\$1bn	9.98%	3.13%

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MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	A	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	6.85
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	64.05%	MSCI ESG % Coverage	92.06%
Fund Lipper Global Classification	Equity Sector Gold&Prec Metals	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	299.96
Funds in Peer Group	153		

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21 Feb 2024**, based on holdings as of **30 Sep 2023**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

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