

SHARE CLASS B (DISTRIBUTOR) - FACT SHEET

Factsheet at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Month end NAV as at 31st December 2024

# **Investment Objective and Policies**

The Fund aims to maximise the total level of return through investment, primarily in debt securities and money market instruments issued by the Government of Malta, and equities and corporate bonds issued and listed on the MSE.

The Investment Manager may also invest directly or indirectly up to 15% of its assets in "Non-Maltese Assets". The Investment Manager will maintain an exposure to local debt securities of at least 55% of the value of the Net Assets of the

The Fund is actively managed, not managed by reference to any index.

Fund Type	UCITS
Minimum Initial Investment	€2,500

### Sustainability

Charges

The Fund is classified under Article 6 of the SFDR meaning that the investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

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Entry Charge	Up to 2.5%
Exit Charge	None
Total Evnense Ratio	1 97%

Currency fluctuations may increase/decrease costs.

## **Risk and Reward Profile**

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Lower Risk	Higher Risk
Potentially lower reward	Potentially higher reward
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Total Net Assets (in €mns)	17.37
Month end NAV in EUR	83.02
Number of Holdings	74
% of Top 10 Holdings	42.9

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Underlying Yield (%)	3.13
Distribution Yield (%)	4.25

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Country Allocation <sup>1</sup>	%	Top 10 Issuers <sup>2</sup>	%
Malta	94.4	GO plc	5.7
Other	5.6	Central Business Centres	4.7
		Bank of Valletta plc	3.5
		SD Finance plc	3.1
		PG plc	2.5
		Stivala Group Finance plc	2.5
		Hili Properties plc	2.1
		Malta International Airport plc	1.8
		Malita Investments plc	1.8
		JD Capital plc	1.6
<sup>1</sup> including exposures to CIS and Cash		<sup>2</sup> including exposures to CIS, excluding Cash	
Currency Allocation	%	Asset Allocation <sup>3</sup>	%
EUR	99.9	Cash	0.2
		Bonds	79.5
		Equities	20.2
		<sup>3</sup> including exposures to CIS	
Historical Performance	to Date		

106.00		CC Ma	Ita High Incon	ne Fund - Class	B Total Return		
104.00		M		MM			
102.00		<b>V</b>	A	<del>/ `</del> ──¥			
100.00	Apply 1	<b>/</b>			M	/\/\ <sup> \</sup>	M
98.00			<b> </b>   <b>:</b>		<u></u>	<u> </u>	
96.00			<u> </u>				
94.00							
Ap	or-18	May-19	Jul-20	Aug-21	Sep-22	Nov-23	Dec-24

Top 10 Exposures	%
4.00% Central Business Centres 2033	3.9
3.90% Browns Pharma 2031	3.5
4.65% Smartcare Finance plc 2031	3.3
3.50% GO plc 2031	3.2
4.35% SD Finance plc 2027	3.1
3.75% Tum Finance plc 2029	2.9
4.50% Endo Finance plc 2029	2.9
5.90% Together Gaming Solution 2026	2.7
Harvest Technology plc	2.7
GO plc	2.6

Maturity Buckets <sup>4</sup>	%
0 - 5 years	40.2
5 - 10 years	35.8
10 years +	0.6
<sup>4</sup> based on the Next Call Date	

Financial	55.1
Consumer, Non-Cyclical	10.1
Consumer, Cyclical	9.3
Communications	8.1
Industrial	6.7
Technology	4.6
Funds	2.8
Government	1.9
Energy	1.1

Sector Allocation<sup>3</sup>

Source: Calamatta Cuschieri Investment Management Ltd.

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Performance History						
Past performance does not predict future returns						
Calendar Year Performance	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	Annualised Since Inception **
Total Return***	0.23	1.03	-4.30	1.07	-1.05	0.08
Calendar Year Performance	1-month	3-month	6-month	9-month	12-month	
Total Return***	0.73	0.10	0.65	0.25	0.23	

<sup>\*</sup>The Distributor Share Class (Class B) was launched on 10 April 2018

<sup>\*\*</sup> Performance figures are calculated using the Value Added Monthly Index "VAMI" principle. The VAMI calculates the total return gained by an investor from reinvestment of any dividends and additional interest gained through compounding. The Annualised rate is an indication of the average growth of the Fund over one year. The value of the investment and the income yield derived from the investment, if any, may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance, nor a reliable guide to future performance. Hence returns may not be achieved and you may lose all or part of your investment in the Fund. Currency fluctuations may affect the value of investments and any derived income.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Returns quoted net of TER. Entry and exit charges may reduce returns for investors.

### **Market Commentary**

#### Introduction

**Market Environment and Performance** 

#### **Fund Performance**

**Market and Investment Outlook** 

In 2024, Malta's economy continued its growth trajectory, driven by strong domestic demand and solid export performance. Tourism arrivals to Malta remained on the rise, while employment stayed robust, with unemployment falling to 3.1%.

Malta's economy grew by 4.9% (annualized) in the third quarter of 2024, following an upwardly revised 8% increase in the previous quarter. This marked the slowest growth rate since the fourth quarter of 2022, influenced by a slowdown in household consumption. At the same time, imports grew at a faster pace than exports. However, both government spending and gross fixed capital formation showed stronger growth.

Inflation pressures on consumers also eased, with the annual inflation rate dropping to 1.8% in December from 2.1% in the previous month. This was the lowest inflation rate in nearly three years, as prices for food & non-alcoholic beverages, alcoholic beverages & tobacco, and transport all moderated.

The narrative for credit markets remained largely unchanged at the end of the year, with investor focus centered on the political landscape, economic data, and central bank policy.

Central banks have recently adopted a more accommodative stance, tailoring their policies to specific economic needs. The European Central Bank (ECB) continues to emphasize data-driven decision-making. Grappling with a weakening euro and declining economic activity, the ECB remains focused on ensuring inflation returns to its 2% target and will adjust its policies based on incoming data, without committing to a fixed rate path.

In line with recent portfolio adjustments, we will modify the portfolio's duration as necessary. Additionally, we aim to maintain the fund's exposure to other European sovereigns, utilizing the permitted 15% maximum allocation.

In December, the Malta High Income Fund registered a gain of 0.73% for the month, outperforming its internally compared benchmark which saw a 0.07% loss.

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Locally, we expect Malta's economy to continue performing well. Recent data has been promising, with easing price pressures and tax cuts set to be implemented in 2025, which should support domestic consumer spending. Additionally, the strong influx of tourists in 2024 is a positive sign. Optimism within the tourism sector is expected to grow, benefiting the economy further if this upward trend continues.

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