

# Ascend Asia Global Multi Asset Income (USD)

30 September 2025

## **Our Strategy**

Bond markets experienced a massive reset in 2022 when the US Federal Reserve embarked on the fastest interest rate hiking cycle in modern history, bringing great opportunities for long-term fixed income investors. The Ascend Asia Global Multi Asset Income (AGI) strategy is designed as a choice for investors who want to **receive regular income** but also recognize that the opportunity comes with a more unpredictable landscape going forward. **Beyond traditional markets and asset classes**, AGI aims to generate **multiple streams of truly diversified and solid income**, with potential capital appreciation to prepare for the uncertain world.

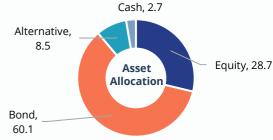
Multi asset holding **beyond traditional** fixed income and equity



Generate solid income targeted at **3% above money market** per annum



Focus on undervalued opportunities with good fundamentals in sustainable trends



## **Enhanced Income Solution**

Since July 2023, AGI has focused its strategy on taking advantage of the higher interest rate environment. By going beyond common Developed Markets into underappreciated Emerging Markets and Alternative assets, the strategy captures attractive solid income from diversified sources across global markets.

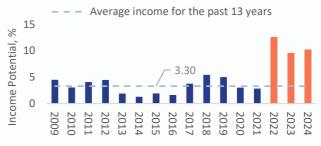
## Embrace higher yields in underappreciated markets

Compared to more common Developed Market bonds, Emerging Market and Asia High Yield bonds are higher yielding options, providing solid income with potential upside.



#### **Income potential from Alternative Assets**

Non-market related (-0.01 correlation) investment is giving around 10% income in years 2022 and 2023 compared to the average 3.3% average income over the past 13 years.



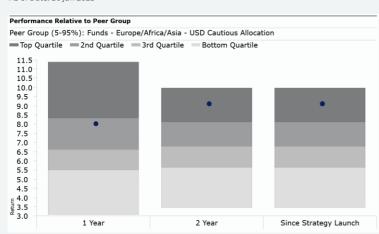
\*Data as of 31 December 2024. Yield figures are updated semiannually.

#### **Performance Overview**

## Peer group comparison<sup>1</sup>

Ascend Asia Global Income

As of Date: 30 Jun 2025



#### Calendar performance

Class	1Month	YTD	2024	Jul – Dec 23	Total Return <sup>2</sup>
A USD	1.92	8.13	8.56	5.95	24.36
Yield To Maturity	5.77				

Since the strategy launch in July 2023, AGI performance has remained in top-quartile performance (top 25%) in Morningstar's Peers comparison (refer to the left-side chart)

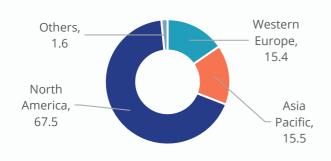
Source: Share class performance is calculated using NAV of the share class with income reinvested and including ongoing charges, excluding any entry and exit fees. <sup>1</sup>Peer group comparison data is updated on the last month of each quarter. <sup>2</sup> Total return since shift of strategy focus to an income strategy starting July 2023 onwards. <sup>3</sup> Distribution date refers to the payable date for cash dividends.





## **Strategy Characteristics**

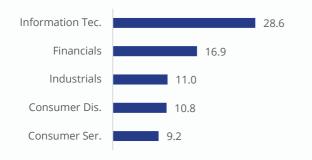
## **Equity Geographical Allocation, %**



## Top 5 Market Allocation, %



## Top 5 Equity Sector Allocation, %



#### Top 5 Fund Holdings, %

Man Emerging Market Corporate Credit Alternative 15.0	
PIMCO GIS Income Fund	12.9
Vontobel Credit Opportunities Fund	12.6
ISHARES MSCI ACWI ETF	9.8
Lombard Odier Asia Value Bond Fund	9.3

Source: Ascend Asia Asset Management. Top 5 market allocation and fund holdings are at fund level. Geographical allocation and top 5 sector allocation are at portfolio look-through level. For illustrative purposes only and does not constitute to any recommendations to invest in the above-mentioned country/sector/security.

# **Discerning The Signals From The Noise**

A three-pronged research process to identify signals that point us to **sustainable trends** which are underappreciated by the market, which come with **good fundamentals** and **attractive valuation**, with a higher likelihood of outperforming over the long term.





Fundamental

Study financial and economic data (e.g. GDP, unemployment rate, and inflation rate etc.) that may drive market movement to find opportunities with **good fundamentals** that are underappreciated.



Valuation

Picking the right valuation metrics (e.g. price-to-earnings, price-to-book, EV/EBITDA etc.) to spot <u>undervalued opportunities</u> and avoid overpaying for any investment with only good stories.



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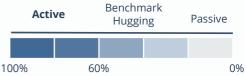
Seek inflection points in <u>sustainable trends</u> to capture overlooked opportunities and avoid less recognised risks (such as the end of a bond supercycle).

# **High Level of Active Management**

Many actively managed funds underperform because they have a low active share. This happens when a portfolio's holdings are very similar to the referenced benchmark, a practice commonly referred to as 'benchmark hugging'. In contrast, **funds with a high level of active management may have greater potential for outperformance in the long run**, as there is no way any fund can outperform the market if they are investing like the market.

By investing in areas where we have the greatest conviction and applying it to our whole portfolio, we aim to provide better returns over risk through a full market cycle.









## **Market & Portfolio Developments**

#### **Commentary**

The Fed's first 25bps rate cut on September 17th provided a supportive tailwind for financial markets, lifting sentiment across both equities and bonds. Fixed income markets posted broad-based gains — with Global Investment Grade bonds rising 0.65% and Asian High Yield up 0.89%. AGI, our multi-asset income strategy, delivered a 1.92% gain in September, driven by a combination of steady income (from bonds) and capital appreciation (from equity), continuing to outperform its Morningstar peer group.

Income generation remains attractive today. AGI's average past 3 months' income distribution was 6.14% p.a. In USD, holding steady even as broader interest rates – and money market yields – continue to decline. A notable performance contributor was our allocation to Asian credit, which has delivered strong gains. Which have continued to take profits here and re-allocate to segments offering better income-to-risk potential, ensuring the sustainability of our income.

Today's environment remains favourable for income investors: all-in yields are still historically attractive, and the current "Goldilocks" backdrop of contained inflation and resilient growth provides continued support. That said, an active and dynamic approach is essential to harvest good income while maintaining resilience in the face of unexpected risks.

We continue to find attractive opportunities, such as in agency mortgage-backed-securities, which are backed by government-backed enterprises, as well as select higher-quality 'crossover' bonds (rated BBB to BB) offering attractive yields with resilience.

At its core, AGI aims to deliver good income while managing risk in line with evolving market conditions. By staying selective, flexible, and diversified, the portfolio remains well-positioned to navigate uncertainties and continue delivering reliable income for our investors.

## **Key Position Highlights**

We highlight positions that reflect the strategy's tactical asset allocation view, backed by our study of market patterns and trends over time. As a result, our strategies can be highly differentiated from conventional benchmarks, with the aim of long-term investment success.

# Alternative Assets To Provide An Attractive And Differentiated Source of Income

- Alternatives are an essential part of any income strategy going forward. AGI's alternative income provides stable and uncorrelated returns for investors.
- Traditional income investments experienced large price swings and declines in 2022 as the Fed embarked on one of the fastest interest rate increases in recent memory.
- Differentiated alternative income assets such as music royalties and assets with 'toll-booth' investment qualities (that offer significant recurring revenue for their investors) offer the potential to generate stable income independent of traditional equity and bond performance.
- AGI's current focus is on insurance-linked alternative assets due to the high-income potential offered while being highly differentiated from market risks.





## **Fund Details**

Item	Class A			
Currency	USD			
ISIN	SGXZ71589303 (Distribution Class)			
Min. Subscription	USD 1,000,000			
Min. Subsequent Subscription	USD 10,000			
Max Sales Charge	5%			
Management Fee	1.5%			
Targeted Distribution <sup>1</sup>	Money market + 3% p.a.			
Distribution Frequency	Monthly			
Fund Name	Global Multi Asset Income Fund			
Dealing Frequency	Daily			
Inception Date*	18 Jul 2018			
Fund Focus	Global Multi-Asset			
Fund Domicile	Singapore			
Investment Manager	Ascend Asia Asset Management			
Fund Administrator	Standard Chartered Bank			
Custodian	Standard Chartered Bank			
Auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP			
Trustee	Perpetual (Asia) Limited			

<sup>1</sup>Please note that the distributions at 6% p.a. (if any) may be declared semi-annually based on the Investment Manager's discretion. Distributions are not a forecast, indication, or projection of the future performance of the Fund.\*Income strategy is implemented from July 2023.

## **Highlights of Sub-Fund Managers**

# **Lombard Odier** Asian High Yield

Lombard Odier Investment Managers is part of the Lombard Odier Group, a global private bank managing \$300+ billion in assets across its wealth and asset management expertise. With a dedicated team of 180 professionals, it manages \$70 billion of assets across diverse strategies in equity, fixed income, multi-asset, convertible bond, alternatives, and private markets.

The Lombard Odier Asia Value Bond is one of the largest Asia credit fund today. Managed by a team of five investment experts as part of a 22-strong global fixed income team, the strategy has seen a long track record of outperformance against its peer group.

The strategy is underpinned by a 'value-biased strategy that leverages on rigorous top-down and bottom-up analysis to uncover value and fundamentally strong opportunities through market cycles; maintaining close interaction with companies and management. The strategy was awarded the Platinum award at the Fund Selector Asia Awards in 2020, in addition to Lipper awards for "Best Asia Credit Strategy in Hard Currency".



**50 years** investment experience



**70 billion** AUM Worldwide



**22 Global FI** professionals



Fund Selector Asia Awards 2020





## **Dividend Distribution**

Strategy Launch: Distribution Frequency: 30 June 2023 Monthly

Objective:

Diversified and solid income, with potential capital appreciation. Current payout target of Money Market + 3%.

			A USD Class	
Ex-Dividend Date	Distribution Date	Payout Amount (US\$ / Unit)	Ex-Date Nav (US\$)	Annualized Dividend Yield (%)
30 Sep 2025	07 Oct 2025	0.51	102.584	6.13%
29 Aug 2025	05 Sep 2025	0.51	101.151	6.22%
31 Jul 2025	07 Aug 2025	0.51	100.388	6.27%
30 Jun 2025	07 Jul 2025	0.51	99.716	6.31%
30 May 2025	06 Jun 2025	0.51	98.393	6.40%
30 Apr 2025	08 May 2025	0.51	97.303	6.47%
28 Mar 2025	07 Apr 2025	0.51	98.842	6.37%
28 Feb 2025	07 Mar 2025	0.51	100.479	6.26%
31 Jan 2025	07 Feb 2025	0.51	100.530	6.26%
31 Dec 2024	08 Jan 2025	0.51	99.322	6.34%
29 Nov 2024	06 Dec 2024	0.51	100.865	6.24%
30 Oct 2024	07 Nov 2024	0.51	100.346	6.27%
30 Sep 2024	07 Oct 2024	0.48	101.288	5.84%
30 Aug 2024	06 Sep 2024	0.48	100.144	5.91%
31 Jul 2024	07 Aug 2024	0.48	99.106	5.97%
28 Jun 2024	05 Jul 2024	2.90	98.028	6.00%
29 Dec 2023	08 Jan 2024	2.80	97.028	5.85%
30 June 2023 (Strategy Launch)	-	-	94.222	-

## Glossary

- Ex-Dividend Date: The date which you will be entitled to a recently announced dividend if you have units held.
- Distribution Date: Payable date for cash dividends.
- Prior to August 2024, payouts were made for 6 months of net distributable income, with subsequent dividend distributions paid monthly.

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