# FUNDFACTS

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# **OASIS CRESCENT GLOBAL INCOME FUND**

# ■ 3RD QUARTER-2023

| Fund Manager | Adam Ebrahim     | Min. Initial Investment    | USD 5000          |
|--------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Launch Date  | 11 December 2020 | Min. Additional Investment | USD 1000          |
| Risk Profile |                  | Fund Size                  | USD 44.30 million |
|              | Low to Medium    | Total Expense Ratio        | 0.66%             |

The Oasis Crescent Global Income Fund (the Fund or OCGIF) is a Shari'ah compliant specialist income fund. The primary objective is to provide income from the underlying investments. To achieve this objective, the portfolio consists of a combination of foreign short-term, medium-term and long-term income generating securities. The Sub-Fund conforms to moral and cultural beliefs.

#### **Cumulative Returns**

| Cumulative Returns                   | Apr-Dec<br>2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 12 2013 | 2014 | 2015  | 2016 | 2017 | 2018  | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022  | YTD<br>SEPT<br>2023 | Return Since<br>Inception |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------|------|---------|------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----|
|                                      |                 |      |      |         |      |       |      |      |       |      |      |      |       |                     | Cum                       | Ann |
| Oasis Crescent<br>Global Income Fund | 4.5             | 2.1  | 8.5  | 1.6     | 4.0  | (0.6) | 1.3  | 4.1  | (0.5) | 7.8  | 5.2  | 1.2  | (6.1) | 1.2                 | 39.0                      | 2.5 |

The Fund was launched following Oasis Crescent Global Income Fund's (a sub-fund of Oasis Crescent Global Investment Fund (Ireland) Plc and hereinafter referred to as "OCGIF (Ireland)" merger with the Fund on 11 December 2020.

Note: Returns in USD, Net-of-Fees, Gross of Non Permissible Incomeof the OCGIF since inception to 30 September 2023.

NPI for the 12 months to September 2023 was 0.11%.

(Source: Oasis Research: April 2010 – September 2023)

## **Annualised Returns**

| Annualised Returns                | % Growth      | % Growth | % Growth | % Growth | % Growth | Return Since Inception |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|--|--|
| Allinounised Releants             | 1 year 3 year |          | 5 year   | 7 year   | 10 year  | Annualised             |  |  |
| Oasis Crescent Global Income Fund | 3.4           | (0.6)    | 1.9      | 1.5      | 1.8      | 2.5                    |  |  |

Performance (% returns) in USD Net-of-Fees Gross of Non Permissible Income of the OCGIF since inception to 30 September 2023.

(Source: Oasis Research: April 2010 – September 2023)

#### Diversification

| % exposure to issuers within                  | OCGIF | Peer group average |
|---|-------|--------------------|
| Non-diversified commodity exporting countries | 52    | 76                 |
| Diversified countries                         | 48    | 24                 |

#### Diversification of the OCGIF (30 September 2023)

(Source: Oasis Research; Morningstar Direct: September 2023)

# **Risk Profile & Yield**

|                       | OCGIF | Peer group average |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Average Credit Rating | A-    | BBB                |
| Modified Duration     | 3.5   | 5.2                |
| YTM (%)               | 6.4   | 6.1                |

#### Risk Profile and Yield of the OCGIF (30 September 2023)

(Source: Oasis Research; Morningstar Direct: September 2023)

All peer group figures are taken from the latest available fund facts statement.

#### **Fund Manager Comments**

In its July World Economic Outlook (WEO) update, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) warned that the global recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine was slowing. The IMF expects that global GDP growth will slow to 3.0% in both 2023 and 2024, having expanded 3.5% in 2022. At these rates, global growth remains weak by historical standards mainly reflecting the rapid increase in central bank policy rates over the past year to fight inflation which will continue to weigh on economic activity looking ahead. The most rapid interest rate hike cycle since the 1980s has seen the Federal Reserve increase the Funds Rate from 0.0% to 5.50% in the space of just 16 months. The impact on economic growth and credit extension is only just becoming apparent given the long impact lags from monetary policy. Although inflation has made a welcome decline from the 4-decade highs it reached in mid-2022, headline and core rates are still well above central banks targets around 2%. As a result, central banks continue to signal that policy rates will have to remain higher for longer in order to ensure that inflation returns to target leading to volatility in financial market assets. Most notably, the US 10 year benchmark bond yield rose significantly over Q3 2023 by around 0.7% to 4.5%, reflecting a sharp increase in the cost of borrowing. On the one hand, banks in advanced economies have significantly tightened lending standards, curtailing the supply of credit while on the other, higher interest rates have raised the debt service cost of countries leading to fiscal 'crowding out' of spending on infrastructure and social priorities.

Nevertheless, despite numerous headwinds to global growth, resilient consumer spending supported by savings drawdowns and tight labour markets in advanced economies combined with the reopening of China in late 2022 helped to stabilise the global economic outlook in H1 2023. Incoming data does point to weakness in goods producing sectors and in global trade, which has been partially offset by stronger services sector activity. Amid a more challenging global financial environment, there is evidence that firms are scaling back on investment in productive capacity which will act as a headwind to international trade and manufacturing output. Meanwhile, the economic rebound in China has showed signs of moderating over Q2 2023 as concerns about its property sector have grown. Against this backdrop, confirmation of a peak in the interest rate cycle could act as a major boost to economic and financial sentiment. However, central banks remain between a rock and a hard place. In order to ensure that inflation returns to target over the medium term whilst also preventing inflation expectations from becoming unanchored and feeding into elevated wage settlements requires keeping policy rates at levels which most economies in the world have become unaccustomed to over the past decade. However, tight monetary policy comes at a cost, slowing economic activity, weakening job creation, increasing the cost of borrowing and contributing to financial market volatility. Factors that could boost global growth are:

1) Peak in the global interest rate cycle; 2) Lower energy prices; 3) Renewed monetary & fiscal policy support, including reindustrialisation in the West; 4) Cessation of war in Ukraine; and 5) Technology led improvement in productivity. Factors that could constrain global growth are: 1) Higher global oil prices, raising inflation rates and leading to continued monetary policy tightening; 2) Worsening financial sector volatility and tightening of credit availability; 3) Disorderly unwind of Chinese property market; 4) signi

Signs over the past year that global inflation has pulled back from 40 year highs has given central banks the space in recent months to signal that a more moderate pace of interest rate hikes going forward is appropriate. The Fed Funds rate was raised 5.50 percentage points from practically 0% in just 16 months, marking the fastest tightening cycle since the early 1980s which has led to significant financial market volatility, particularly with respect to fixed income. However, the resilience of the global economy, particularly in personal consumption and services expenditures as well as employment and wages has kept core inflation rates elevated. As a result, developed market central banks like the U.S Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the Bank of England have continued to warn markets that the rate tightening cycle is not complete, which has led to bouts of market volatility. During Q3 2023, continued hawkish central bank signalling together with worries about an economic growth slowdown, fiscal sustainability and elevated debt levels, led the US 10 year yield to reach 4.70%, a 16 year high. Last quarter also saw a steepening of the US yield curve, with longer term yields rising faster than shorter term yields. This may indicate evidence of rising inflationary expectations as well as concerns over fiscal sustainability. Central banks will remain between a rock and a hard place for the foreseeable future, looking to maintain a tight monetary policy stance in order to ensure underlying consumer inflation returns back to target in coming months which at the same time increases headwinds to economic activity and employment.

Sources: Oasis Research, Bloomberg statistics, IMF World Economic Outlook

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