This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# **FIXED INCOME AXA IM Fixed Income Investment Strategies - US Corporate Intermediate** Bonds

A Sub-Fund of AXA IM Fixed Income Investment Strategies

Share class: AXA IM Fixed Income Investment Strategies - US Corporate Intermediate Bonds F Distribution Monthly USD (ISIN : LU2496290730) This Sub-Fund is managed by AXA Funds Management S.A., part of the AXA IM Group

### **Objective and Investment Policy**

#### **Investment Objective**

The Sub-Fund seeks to achieve a mix of income and capital growth by investing mainly in investment grade corporate debt securities denominated in USD, over a medium term period.

### **Investment Policy**

The Sub-Fund is actively managed in order to capture opportunities in the US investment grade debt market, primarily investing in securities that are part of the Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Intermediate benchmark index (the "Benchmark") universe. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager has broad discretion over the composition of the Sub-Fund's portfolio and can take, based on its investment convictions, exposure to companies, countries or sectors not included in the Benchmark or take different positioning in terms of duration, geographical allocation and/or sector or issuer selection compared to the Benchmark, even though the Benchmark constituents are generally representative of the Sub-Fund's portfolio. Thus, the deviation from the Benchmark is likely to be significant. The following investment decisions are undertaken after comprehensive macroeconomic and microeconomic analysis of the market:

- issuer selection - sector allocation

- credit curve positioning (the credit curve illustrates the relationship between investment term and credit yield)

instrument selection

The Sub-Fund invests essentially in USD denominated corporate, government or public institutions bonds rated. The Sub-Fund may also invest on an ancillary basis in securities which are

rated sub-investment grade at the time of purchase.

Investment grade securities will be rated at least BBB- by Standard & Poor's or equivalent rating by Moody's or Fitch or if unrated then deemed to be so by the Investment Manager. Sub-investment grade securities will be rated between BB+ and B- by Standard & Poor's or equivalent rating by Moody's or Fitch or if unrated then deemed to be so by the Investment Manager. In case of downgrade below B- by Standard & Poor's or equivalent rating by

Moody's or Fitch or if unrated then deemed to be so by the Investment Manager, securities will be sold within 6 months.

If two different ratings of rating agencies exist, the lower rating will be considered, if more than two different ratings of rating agencies exist, the second highest rating will be considered.

The Sub-Fund may also hold money market instruments. Within the limit of 200% of the Sub-Fund net assets, the investment strategy may be achieved by direct investments and/or through derivatives, especially

### **Risk and Reward Profile**

Lower risk				Higher risk		
Potentially lower reward			Potentially higher reward			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

The risk category is calculated using historical performance data and may not be a reliable indicator of the Sub-Fund's future risk profile.

The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may shift over time.

The lowest category does not mean risk free.

#### Why is this Sub-Fund in this category?

The capital of the Sub-Fund is not guaranteed. The Sub-Fund is invested in financial markets and uses techniques and instruments which are subject to some levels of variation, which may result in gains or losses.

#### Additional Risks (risks materially relevant to the fund which are not adequately captured by the indicator)

Counterparty Risk: Risk of bankruptcy, insolvency, or payment or delivery failure of any of the Sub-Fund's counterparties, leading to a payment or delivery default.

Operational Risk: Risk that operational processes, including those related

by entering into Credit Default Swaps. Derivatives may also be used for hedging purposes.

The Sub-Fund may invest up to 10% of net assets in contingent convertible bonds (CoCos).

The Sub-Fund is a financial product that promotes environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of the Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial sector.

#### Income

For Distribution share classes (Dis), the dividend is distributed.

### Sub-Fund Currency

The reference currency of the Sub-Fund is USD.

### **Investment Horizon**

The Sub-Fund is designed for investors who plan to invest for at least three (3) years.

### Processing of subscription and redemption orders

The subscription, conversion or redemption orders must be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent on any Valuation Day no later than 10 a.m. Luxembourg time. Orders will be processed at the Net Asset Value applicable to such Valuation Day. The investor's attention is drawn to the existence of potential additional processing time due to the possible involvement of intermediaries such as Financial Advisers or distributors

The Net Asset Value of this Sub-Fund is calculated on a daily basis.

to the safekeeping of assets may fail, resulting in losses.

Liquidity Risk: risk of low liquidity level in certain market conditions that might lead the Sub-Fund to face difficulties valuing, purchasing or selling all/part of its assets and resulting in potential impact on its net asset value.

Credit Risk: Risk that issuers of debt securities held in the Sub-Fund may default on their obligations or have their credit rating downgraded, resulting in a decrease in the Net Asset Value.

Impact of any techniques such as derivatives: Certain management strategies involve specific risks, such as liquidity risk, credit risk, counterparty risk, legal risk, valuation risk, operational risk and risks related to the underlving assets.

The use of such strategies may also involve leverage, which may increase the effect of market movements on the Sub-Fund and may result in significant risk of losses.



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### Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the cost of running the fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

### One-off charges taken before or after you invest

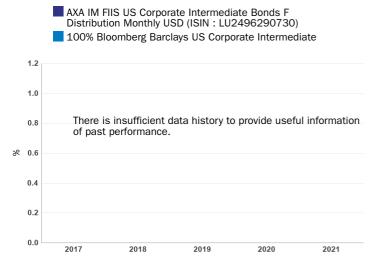
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Entry charge	3.00%				
Exit charge	none				
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested and before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.					
Charges taken from the fund over a year					
Ongoing charge	0.93%				
Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions					
Performance fees	none				

The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases, you might pay less - you can find this out from your Financial Adviser. The percentage of ongoing charges is an estimate. It excludes:

- Performance fees
- Portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Sub-Fund when buying or selling units in an other collective investment undertaking

For more information about charges, please refer to the Fees and Expenses section of the prospectus which is available at <a href="https://funds.axa-im.com/">https://funds.axa-im.com/</a>.

## Past performance



The Sub-Fund was launched on 17/05/2004.

The performance of the Sub-Fund is not tracking the benchmark index. For the different shareclasses of the Sub-Fund, the performance of the benchmark is displayed in the "Past Performance" section either as converted to the currency of the relevant shareclass or hedged against the reference currency of the Sub-fund in the case of hedged shareclasses ("hedged benchmark"). For some cases where the hedged benchmark is not available, the benchmark is displayed in the reference currency of the Sub-Fund, thus the performance of the displayed benchmark may deviate from the one of the relevant shareclass due to the performance differential inherent within the currency hedging activity not reflected in the benchmark.

### **Practical information**

### Custodian:

State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch 49, Avenue J.F. Kennedy L-1855 Luxembourg

### Further Information:

The Environmental, Social and Governance criteria, as further detailed in the prospectus, contribute to, but are not a determining factor in, the investment manager's decision making.

More detailed information on this Sub-Fund, such as the prospectus as well as the latest annual and semi-annual report, can be obtained free of charge, in English, German, French, Spanish and Italian from the Sub-Fund Management Company, the central administrator, the Sub-Funds' distributors or online at <a href="https://funds.axa-im.com/">https://funds.axa-im.com/</a>.

More share classes are available for this Sub-Fund. For more details about other share classes, please refer to the prospectus, which is available at <a href="https://funds.axa-im.com/">https://funds.axa-im.com/</a>.

Details of the up to date remuneration policy of the company are published online at <u>www.axa-im.com/important-information/remuneration-policy</u>.

This includes the description of how remuneration and benefits are awarded for employees, and information on the remuneration committee. The company provides a paper copy free of charge upon request.

Each Sub-Fund corresponds to a distinct part of the assets and liabilities of the UCITS. As a consequence, the assets of each Sub-Fund are segregated from the assets of the other Sub-Funds and exclusively available to satisfy the rights of investors in relation to that Sub-Fund and the right of creditors whose claims have arisen in connection with the creation, the operation or the liquidation of that Sub-Fund.

### **Net Asset Value Publication:**

The Net Asset Value per unit is available at  $\underline{https://funds.axa-im.com/}$ , and at the registered office of the Management Company.

#### Tax Legislation:

The Sub-Fund is subject to the tax laws and regulations of Luxembourg. Depending on your own country of residence this might have an impact on your investments. For further details, you should consult a Tax Adviser.

### Liability Statement:

AXA Funds Management S.A. may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus for the Sub-Fund.

### Switching between Sub-Funds:

Unitholders may apply for any units of any Sub-Funds to be converted into units of another Sub-Fund, provided that the conditions for accessing the target unit, type or sub-type are fulfilled with respect to this Sub-Fund, on the basis of their respective Net Asset Value calculated at the applicable Valuation Point following receipt of the conversion request. The redemtion and subscription costs conversion may

The redemption and subscription costs connected with the conversion may be charged to the unit holder as indicated in the prospectus. For more details about how to switch compartment, please refer to the

prospectus, section switch between Sub-Funds, which is available at <u>https://funds.axa-im.com/</u>.

### Information for Investors in Switzerland:

The Swiss representative is First Independent Fund Services Ltd, Klausstrasse 33, CH-8008 Zurich. The Swiss paying agent is NPB New Private Bank Ltd, Limmatquai 1 / am Bellevue, PO Box, CH-8024 Zurich. The current prospectus, the Key Investor Information Documents (the "KIID"), the management regulations as well as the annual and semi-annual reports can be obtained free of charge from the Swiss representative.



This Sub-Fund is authorised in Luxembourg and regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF). AXA Funds Management S.A. is authorised in Luxembourg and regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier. This key investor information is accurate as at 11/07/2022.