# Ver Capital High Yield Italian Selection

The aim of the sub-fund is to increase the value of the invested capital, through a diversified portfolio mainly invested in high yield bonds issued by companies with a permanent establishment in Italy. The sub-fund can be considered as a qualified investment for the establishment of a "Piano individuale di Risparmio a lungo termine" (PIR) under the Law 232/2016. VCCF is structured as a UCITS IV Compliant with daily NAV.

### Market

After a very positive month of May for the markets, the beginning of June was marked by conflicting events that increased volatility.

In Europe, markets are looking for a new equilibrium after destabilizing election results. France continues to generate political news that casts doubt on the future path of public spending restraint. Macron's decision to dissolve the Chambers further increased political uncertainty in France, driving up the OAT-Bund spread. The European Parliament elections negatively affected the bond market, causing spreads to widen, especially for French and peripheral country government bonds. Furthermore, China's response to EU tariffs is further penalizing European markets.

In early June, the ECB cut official rates by 25 basis points, as anticipated: the deposit rate is now at 3.75%. No precise guidance was given on the future course of rates: the Governing Council will decide meeting by meeting on the basis of on the basis of data developments.

In the US, the Fed kept the fed funds rate unchanged, but reduced its forecast for future cuts from three to one, generating a moderate hawkish effect. Despite a surprisingly low inflation figure, the Fed decided not to change its forecasts, adopting a cautious approach. Wall Street reacted positively, reaching new all-time highs and recording a reduction in bond yields.

Meanwhile, the Euro High Yield (HY) market has shown a very good performance in May. Interest rate uncertainties do not appear to significantly impact the Euro HY market dynamics, which continues to

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be a favorable option for cash parking. Despite the potential for lower rates from June onwards, issuers on the EUR HY market are not delaying their financing plans, as evidenced by the robust activity in the primary market over the past month. Higher interest rates have not deterred new Euro HY bond issuances at competitive levels, reflecting ongoing demand for credit and manageable financing costs for issuers. May was one of the strongest months on record, with €10.2 billion in new issuances, bringing the year-to-date total to €38.3 billion. The issuances included a mix of BB-rated (Air France KLM, Avis, Lottomatica, Nexans, Coty, Saipem, Eramet) and Single B-rated bonds from both new entrants (La Doria, Motel One, Befimmo, Bertrand Franchise) and repeat issuers (Multiversity, Engineering, Fedrigoni, Iliad, Bité). Consequently, the average coupon for the Euro HY market has increased slightly (4.85% vs 4.75% at the end of April) due to new issues carrying higher coupons.

In May, the Euro HY market achieved a positive return of 102 basis points, while the iTraxx Xover index decreased by approximately 22 basis points. The total return for the European HY market since the beginning of the year stood at 2.50% by the end of May, demonstrating notable resilience and outperformance relative to the Investment Grade market.

#### **Investment Tactics**

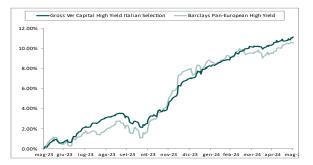
In the month of May 2024, the Fund experienced +0.67% of returns. The portfolio was not subject to any specific rotation. We will continue our monitoring activities and we do not expect to rotate portfolio composition.

### **NAV Performance**

1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years
+0.67%	+ 3.57%	+10.27%	+11.61%

### **Performance Comparison**

Comparing to the Barclays Pan-European High Yield Index, the dividend adjusted VC HYIS performance (gross fees) experienced a 29-bps underperformance over the month and a +55 bps over-performance over the last twelve months. The portfolio shows a low degree of risk both in terms of volatility and VaR, in fact, the latter, calculated over a one-month horizon and 99% confidence level, has been on average below 1.5% since inception.



Gross Ver Capital High Yield Italian Selection Barclays Pan-European High Yield 1.20% 1.00% 0.80% 0.60% 0.40% 0.20% 30/4 4/5 8/5 12/5 16/5 20/5 24/5 28/5

<u>Performance</u>: VC HYIS Capital performance LTM, vs. Barclays Pan-European HY Index.

<u>Performance Comparison</u>: VC HYIS last month vs. Barclays Pan-European HY Index

# VER CAPITAL HIGH YIELD ITALIAN SELECTION, May 2024

## **Portfolio Performance**

Geographical Distribution (EU)	100%
Currency denomination (EUR)	100%
Average rating	BB/BB-
Average coupon (not including cash)	5.6%
Yield to worst (not including cash)	9.0%
Yield To Maturity (not including cash)	10.4%
Modified Duration	1.99
Number of sectors	21
Number of issuers	38
Number of issuances	39
Top 10 holdings	33%

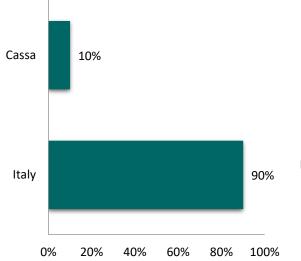
### **Top 10 holdings**

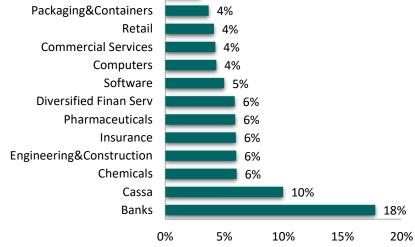
Top 10 securities	Ticker	wgt	Cumulated Wgt
1	WEBUILD SPA	6.01%	6.01%
2	ITALMATCH CHEMICALS SPA	3.21%	9.22%
3	BANCA IFIS SPA	3.15%	12.37%
4	BPER BANCA	3.11%	15.48%
5	UNIPOLSAI ASSICURAZIONI	3.04%	18.52%
6	FINECOBANK SPA	3.02%	21.54%
7	BANCO BPM SPA	3.00%	24.54%
8	NEOPHARMED GENTILI SPA	2.99%	27.53%
9	EVOCA SPA	2.97%	30.50%
10	CASSA DI RISPARMIO ASTI	2.95%	33.45%
	Totale		33.45%

### **Geographical allocation (Company headquarter)**



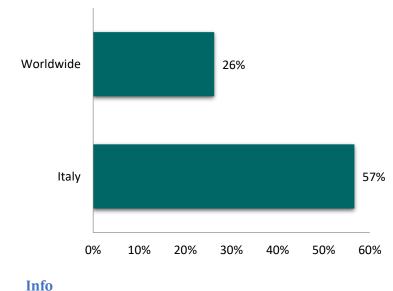
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## Geographical allocation (Country of risk)



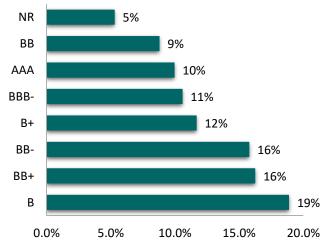
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Allocation by rating



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