## PIMCO

# Diversified Income Fund

PIMCO Funds: Global Investors Series Plc

SHARE CLASS: INSTITUTIONAL

AS OF: 31 OCTOBER 2021

**Monthly Commentary** 

Fund information		
Total net assets (in millio	\$16,932.4	
Fund type	UCITS	
Portfolio manager(s)		Eve Tournier Sonali Pier Alfred Murata Dan Ivascyn
Effective duration (yrs)		6.03
Benchmark duration (yrs)		6.55
Average maturity (yrs)		10.36
Class	CUSIP	ISIN
Accumulation Income	G7096X662 G7098B114	IE00B0C18065 IE00B138GV00

Unified Fee	
Institutional class, Accumulation shares	0.69% p.a.
Institutional class. Income shares	0.69% p.a.

### Performance summary

The PIMCO GIS Diversified Income Fund returned -0.85% (Institutional Class, Accumulation shares net of fees) and -0.82% (Institutional Class, Income shares net of fees) in October versus the 1/3 each - Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit ex Emerging Markets, USD Hedged; ICE BofAML BB-B Rated Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index, USD Hedged; and JPMorgan EMBI Global, USD Hedged, which returned -0.10%.

Inflation risk and China volatility took center stage in October, with COVID-19 related risk subsiding somewhat. Despite such developments we saw risk assets on a strong footing, driving equity prices higher for the most part alongside declining global COVID-19 cases. Rate markets priced in a shift in global monetary policy on the back of higher inflation prints and further hawkish cues from central banks. Core interest rates were broadly higher in October, with US 5yr yields rising over 20bps. Curves generally flattened as markets digested the potential for central bank action.

#### Contributors

- Exposure to securitized credit
- Positioning in high yield industrials

#### **Detractors**

- Security selection in China credit
- Curve positioning in developed markets
- Security selection in high yield financials



1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	10 Yr.	Since Inceptio	10/20 - 10/21	10/19 - 10/20	10/18 - 10/19		
4.44	7.13	5.39	5.74	6.50	4.44	3.88	13.31	-1.34	7.21
4.43	7.15	5.39	5.75	6.84	4.43	3.89	13.38	-1.36	7.17
4.71	6.71	4.78	5.51	_	4.71	3.57	12.06	-1.91	5.96

- PIMCO GIS Diversified Income Fund Institutional-Acc, net of fees (%)1
- PIMCO GIS Diversified Income Fund Institutional-Inc, net of fees (%)<sup>2</sup>
- 1/3 each Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit ex Emerging Markets, USD Hedged; ICE BofAML BB-B Rated Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index, USD Hedged; and JPMorgan EMBI Global, USD Hedged (%)\*

Past Performance is not a guarantee or reliable indicator of future results. Benchmark Performance represents the following: June 30 2005 to November 9 2015 - (1/3 each- Global Aggregate Credit Component USD Hdgd, BofA Merrill Lynch Global High Yield BB-B Rated Constrained USD Hdgd, JPMorgan EMBI Global); November 10 2015 onwards - (1/3 each - Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit ex Emerging Markets, USD Hedged; ICE BofAML BB-B Rated Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index, USD Hedged; and JPMorgan EMBI Global, USD Hedged). All periods longer than one year are annualised. SI is the performance since inception.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Accumulation class inception date: 30 June 2005

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Income class inception date: 8 September 2008

<sup>\*</sup> The fund is actively managed in reference to the 1/3 each - Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit ex Emerging Markets, USD Hedged; ICE BofAML BB-B Rated Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index, USD Hedged; and JPMorgan EMBI Global, USD Hedged as further outlined in the prospectus and key investor information document.

Portfolio characteristics as of 31 October 2021						
	% Market Value	Duration (years)				
	Fund	Fund	Index			
Government Related 1	35.2	2.53	0.00			
Securitized	5.1	0.09	0.00			
Invest. Grade Credit	29.2	1.37	0.00			
High Yield Credit	30.6	0.77	0.00			
Emerging Markets	24.8	1.17	0.00			
Municipal/Other <sup>2</sup>	0.2	0.02	0.00			
Net Other Short Duration	-25.1	0.07	0.00			
Instruments <sup>3</sup>						

Portfolio structure is subject to change without notice and may not be representative of current or future allocations.

MV% may not equal 100 due to rounding.

- <sup>1</sup> Includes U.S. Treasury notes, bonds, futures, and inflation-protected securities
- <sup>2</sup> Includes convertibles, euro/yankees, preferred stock, and municipal bonds
- <sup>a</sup> Net Other Short Duration Instruments includes securities and other instruments (except those instruments tied to emerging markets by country of risk) with an effective duration less than one year and rated investment grade or higher or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality, commingled liquidity funds, uninvested cash, interest receivables, net unsettled trades, broker money, short duration derivatives and derivatives offsets. With respect to certain categories of short duration securities, the Adviser reserves the discretion to require a minimum credit rating higher than investment grade for inclusion in this category. Derivatives Offsets includes offsets associated with investments in futures, swaps and other derivatives. Such offsets may be taken at the notional value of the derivative position.

### Portfolio positioning

We continue to find opportunities in financials, focusing on relative value opportunities across peripheral banks, given strong balance sheet fundamentals and consolidation trends. We have a cautiously optimistic approach to EM exposure, staying selective and sizing our positions conservatively. Given the cyclical recovery and re opening of economies we are focused on select COVID-impacted issuers and industries on a selective basis, emphasizing balance sheet resilience and ample liquidity to seek to limit potential downside. Conversely, we are underweight tight trading noncyclical issuers with limited upside. We are overweight high yield risk, focusing on fallen angel opportunities and secured bonds in non-cyclical and highly cash generative industries as a way to manage downside risks in the event volatility increases. Moreover, we remain constructive on non-agency mortgages given high levels of equity and seasoning and resilience across various market environments as well as AAA-rated EUR CLO tranches as a substitute to generic investment grade risk.

### Month in review

In October, global investment grade (IG) credit<sup>1</sup> spreads widened by 3 bps, global high yield bond<sup>2</sup> spreads widened by 5bps, and EM external<sup>3</sup> spreads widened by 3 bps.

The portfolio returned -0.85% after fees in October, underperforming its benchmark by 75 bps.

The Fund's underperformance was led by security selection in China credit, as spreads in the sector continued to widen due to rising liquidity concerns. Curve positioning in developed markets also detracted, as curves flattened over the month.

The underperformance was partially offset by exposure to securitized credit, as spreads tightened, as well as by positioning in high yield industrials, including an overweight to real estate and positive security selection in media.

### Outlook and strategy

As we see optically tight valuations paired with an uneven recovery for certain sectors we continue to emphasize a selective approach which focuses on bottom up opportunities. Given positive cyclical tailwinds we see opportunity in companies within COVID-impacted sectors, but only where we believe they have the balance sheet resilience to weather a range of possible scenarios. We also emphasize the crossover segment given positive rating momentum, as well as relative value opportunities in credit derivatives versus cash bonds.

#### Management profile



**Eve Tournier** Managing Director



**Sonali Pier** Executive Vice President



Alfred Murata Managing Director



**Dan Ivascyn** Managing Director and Group CIO

\$16.9BN ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

68 ANALYSTS

Dedicated research analysts. 42 in U.S., 17 in U.K./Europe, 8 in Asia/Pacific, 1 in South America

Higher income and growth potential from diversified global credit sectors

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