



## OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™

Morningstar rated the Barings Global Floating Rate Fund class Y share 5 stars among 204 Bank Loan Funds for the overall rating and the 5 year period as of 10/31/2021. The Overall Morningstar Rating is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with a fund's three-, five-, and ten-year (as applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. For additional information refer to page three.

CLASS	SYMBOL	CUSIP
A	BXFAX	06759W109
C	BXFCX	06759W208
Y	BXFYX	06759W406

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS<sup>6</sup>

### Sean Feeley

24 years of experience

### Thomas McDonnell

24 years of experience

### Martin Horne

24 years of experience

### David Mihalick

16 years of experience

### Chris Sawyer

15 years of experience

## CHARACTERISTICS

Total Assets (all classes)	\$430.6M
Net Assets (all classes)	\$428.7M
Average Duration	0.22 yrs
Number of Issuers	318
Average Price	\$98.36
Sub. SEC 30-Day Yield (Y-Class)	3.41%
Unsub. SEC 30-Day Yield (Y-Class)	3.16%

## OCTOBER 2021 / MONTHLY UPDATE

### OVERVIEW

Barings Global Floating Rate Fund seeks a high level of current income. Preservation of capital is a secondary goal.

### STRATEGY

- Take advantage of a broader opportunity set by investing in non-U.S. based issuers of loans
- Take advantage of inefficiencies between geographies, primarily North America and European markets
- Bottom-up, fundamental approach to credit analysis with a targeted approach to high conviction ideas and active portfolio management style to manage risk while optimizing relative value
- Substantially all of its currency exposure will be hedged back to the U.S. dollar (USD)

### MARKET OPPORTUNITY

- Performing loans provide steady interest income in a broadly low rate environment
- Senior and secured position in the capital structure provides a defensive position in default situations
- Secondary market volatility may present opportunities for price appreciation in addition to current income

### FUND PERFORMANCE

	1 MONTH	YTD	QUARTER	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION <sup>1</sup>
	MONTH END AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2021		QUARTER END AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021				
Class A (NAV)	-0.07%	5.00%	0.83%	9.78%	4.14%	4.68%	3.98%
Class A (MOP) <sup>2</sup>	-3.07%	1.85%	-2.20%	6.49%	3.09%	4.05%	3.59%
Class C (NAV)	-0.13%	4.37%	0.64%	8.99%	3.37%	3.92%	3.22%
Class C (CDSC) <sup>2</sup>	-1.14%	3.37%	-0.36%	7.99%	3.37%	3.92%	3.22%
Class Y	-0.05%	5.22%	0.89%	10.06%	4.41%	4.94%	4.25%
Benchmark A <sup>3</sup>	0.23%	4.85%	1.14%	8.48%	4.31%	4.79%	4.45%
Benchmark B <sup>4</sup>	0.24%	4.90%	1.13%	8.46%	4.09%	4.64%	4.22%

### EXPENSE RATIOS

	CLASS A	CLASS C	CLASS Y
Gross	1.25%	2.05%	0.95%
Net <sup>5</sup>	1.00%	1.75%	0.75%

1. Inception date: 9/16/2013
2. Class A performance with the sales charges includes the maximum 3.00% sales charge. Class C performance with the sales charges includes the 1.00% contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) for returns of one year or less.
3. Benchmark A: Credit Suisse Global Loan. The benchmark is a market capitalization weighted average of the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index and the Credit Suisse Western European Leveraged Loan Index. Indices are unmanaged. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.
4. Benchmark B: Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan. The benchmark is designed to mirror the investable universe of the US dollar-denominated leveraged loan market. The Credit Suisse Western European Leveraged Loan Index is designed to mirror the investable universe of the Western European leveraged loan market, with loans denominated in US and Western European currencies. Indices are unmanaged. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.
5. The net expense ratio reflects a contractual commitment by the Fund's investment adviser to waive certain fees and reimburse certain expenses through November 1, 2022. Absent the waiver and reimbursement, expenses would be higher and total returns would be less. The gross expense ratio reflects the total annual fund operating expense as of the Fund's most recent prospectus.
6. As of the Fund's most recent prospectus.

**Performance shown is historical and does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher. Because share price, principal value, and return will vary, you may have a gain or loss when you sell Fund shares. For current month-end performance information, call 1.855.439.5459. Performance includes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Performance less than one year is cumulative; all other performance is annualized.**

*Investment products: Not FDIC insured. No bank guarantee. May lose value.*

## QUALITY DISTRIBUTION<sup>1,2</sup>

Baa	1.54 %
Ba	19.82 %
B	62.16 %
Caa and Below	8.32 %
Not Publicly Rated	2.34 %
Cash and Accrued Income	5.67 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## TOP FIVE COUNTRIES<sup>1</sup>

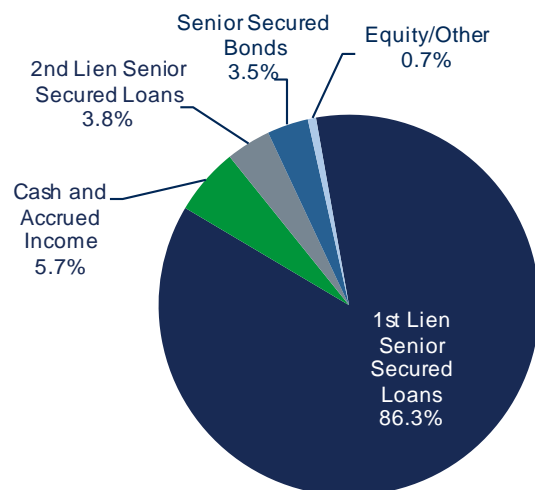
United States	67.00 %
United Kingdom	8.57 %
Germany	5.47 %
France	3.36 %
Netherlands	2.33 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86.73%</b>

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS<sup>1</sup>

Flint Group	1.74 %
RCN Cable	1.16 %
WS Audiology (fka Sivantos & Widex)	1.11 %
Asurion	1.04 %
Virgin Media	1.02 %
CeramTec	0.81 %
Kantar	0.81 %
Finastra (fka Misys)	0.79 %
Ion Trading Technologies	0.73 %
BMC Software	0.72 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9.93 %</b>

## PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION<sup>1,3</sup>

Floating Rate Debt	91.28%
Fixed Rate Debt	2.66%
Other	0.40%
Cash and Accrued Income	5.67%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



## TOP 10 MOODY'S INDUSTRIES<sup>1</sup>

Diversified / Conglomerate Service	14.65 %
Healthcare, Education and Childcare	13.21 %
Telecommunications	7.64 %
Broadcasting and Entertainment	6.44 %
Leisure, Amusement, Entertainment	6.03 %
Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber	5.39 %
Retail Stores	4.22 %
Electronics	4.19 %
Insurance	3.02 %
Hotels, Motels, Inns and Gaming	2.65 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67.44 %</b>

- Percentages of total assets are expressed by market value including cash, short-term instruments and accrued income, and will vary over time.
- Ratings shown are the highest rating given by one of the following national rating agencies: S&P, Moody's or Fitch. Additional information about ratings can be found at [www.standardandpoors.com](http://www.standardandpoors.com), [www.moodys.com](http://www.moodys.com) and [www.fitchratings.com](http://www.fitchratings.com). Credit ratings are subject to change. AAA, AA, A, and BBB are investment grade ratings categories used by S&P and Fitch; BB, B, CCC/CC/C and D are below investment grade ratings categories used by S&P and Fitch. Aaa, Aa, A and Baa are investment grade ratings categories used by Moody's; Ba, B, Caa/Ca and C are below investment grade ratings categories used by Moody's. Ratings categories may include gradations within each category. Bonds backed by U.S. Government or agency securities are given an implied rating equal to the rating of such securities. Holdings designated Not Publicly Rated are not rated by these national rating agencies.
- Debt investments consist of senior secured loans and senior secured bonds, second lien loans, senior unsecured and subordinated loans, senior and subordinated corporate debt obligations and structured products (consisting of collateralized bond and loan obligations). The loans, or bonds, in which the Fund intends to invest may include, but are not limited to, secured loans or bonds that are senior ("first lien") or subordinated ("second lien") loans, and unsecured loans and bonds. Special Situations refer to distressed or stressed securities.

The data in this factsheet relates to the portfolio and the underlying securities held in the portfolio. It should not be construed as a measure of performance for The Fund itself. Duration measures the time-weighted expected cash flows of a security, which can determine a security's sensitivity to changes in the general level of interest rates. Average Market Price is the weighted average market price of the Fund's holdings. The Securities and Exchange Commission 30-Day Yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula. Subsidized (Sub.) yields reflect fee waivers in effect. Without such waivers, yields would be reduced. Unsubsidized (Unsub.) yields do not reflect fee waivers in effect.

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## RISKS

**Investing in the Fund involves risks**, including the risk that you may receive little or no return on your investment or that you may lose part or even all of your investment. Fixed Income investing is subject to interest rate risks. Bond prices and other fixed income product prices generally fall when interest rates rise. The Fund invests in **high yield loans and bonds**, commonly referred to as "junk bonds," including **distressed securities**, which are subject to greater credit risk (the risk that an issuer won't make timely payments of principal and interest) and **market risk** (the risk that the value of the Fund's investments may fall, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, as a result of increasing interest rates or otherwise); **loans and derivative securities**, which may carry market, credit and liquidity risk (the risk that the Fund's investments may be difficult to sell at an advantageous time or price); **foreign securities**, which are subject to additional risks including political and economic risks. The Fund may also invest in **structured products** which bear the risks of the underlying investments and are subject to counterparty risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk.

Although these securities tend to provide higher yields than higher rated securities, there is a greater risk that the Fund's share price will decline.

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