

# Product Key Facts Legg Mason Global Funds Plc Legg Mason Western Asset Euro Core Plus Bond Fund

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- This statement provides you with key information about Legg Mason Western Asset Euro Core Plus Bond Fund.
- This statement is a part of the offering document.
- You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.

## **QUICK FACTS**

**Manager:** Franklin Templeton International Services S.à r.l. **Investment Manager (internal delegation):** Western Asset

Management Company Limited (located in the UK)

Sub-Investment Manager (internal delegation): Western Asset

Management Company, LLC (located in the USA)

Depositary: The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch

Base Currency: EUR

Financial Year End of this Fund: Last day of February

Dealing Frequency: Daily
Ongoing Charges over a Year#:

Class A US\$ Accumulating (Hedged): 1.29% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A US\$ Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.29% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A EUR Accumulating: 1.26% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A EUR Distributing (D): 1.26%1

Class A EUR Distributing (M) Plus: 1.26% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A AUD Accumulating (Hedged): 1.29% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A AUD Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.29% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A HKD Accumulating (Hedged): 1.29% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A HKD Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.29% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A NZD Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.29% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A GBP Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.29% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A CAD Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.29% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

\* The ongoing charges figure is expressed as a percentage of the expenses over the average net asset value of the share class for the corresponding period as described below. This figure may vary from year to year.

<sup>1</sup> This figure is based on the expenses for the 12 month period from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 and the average net asset value of the share class for the corresponding period.

<sup>2</sup> This figure is the Investment Manager's best estimate of the expenses and the average net asset value of the share class over a 12 month period based on information available on another active share class of the Fund with similar fee structure, as this share class is newly established or is yet to be launched.

## **Dividend Policy:**

For Class A Distributing (M) Share Classes\* – any dividends will be declared and paid monthly

For Class A Distributing (D) Share Classes – any dividends will be declared daily and paid monthly

No distributions will be made for Class A Accumulating Share Classes

\* Distributing Plus Share Classes available within this Fund may, at the discretion of the Directors of Legg Mason Global Funds Plc, pay dividends out of capital. Such distribution will result in a corresponding immediate decrease in the net asset value per share of the Distributing Plus Share Classes.

## **Minimum Investment:**

Class A EUR - EUR 1,000 (Initial)

Class A US\$ - US\$ 1,000 (Initial)

Class A AUD - AUD 1,000 (Initial)

Class A HKD - HKD 8,000 (Initial)

Class A NZD - NZD 1,000 (Initial)

Class A GBP - GBP 1,000 (Initial)

Class A CAD - CAD 1,000 (Initial)

There is no minimum for subsequent investment.

## WHAT IS THIS PRODUCT?

Legg Mason Western Asset Euro Core Plus Bond Fund (the "Fund") is a sub-fund of Legg Mason Global Funds Plc, which is constituted in the form of a mutual fund. It is domiciled in Ireland and its home regulator is Central Bank of Ireland.



## **OBJECTIVE AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

Objective: The Fund seeks to maximise total return, through capital appreciation and income.

**Strategy:** The Fund invests at least 70% of its net asset value in debt securities denominated in Euro that are listed or traded on regulated markets located in developed countries and emerging market countries. The Fund invests in the following types of securities that are listed or traded on regulated markets: debt securities issued or guaranteed by national governments of developed or emerging market countries; debt securities of supranational organisations; corporate debt securities of issuers located in or whose securities are listed or traded on regulated markets in developed or emerging market countries; mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities; credit-linked notes; preferred shares; and other open-ended collective investment schemes.

The Fund may invest in collective investment schemes, convertible debt securities and unsecuritised participations in or assignments of floating rate mortgages or other commercial loans. The Fund will not invest in equity securities, including warrants, except for (1) preferred shares to a maximum of 10% of the Fund's net asset value and (2) equity securities acquired via conversions of convertible debt securities or via corporate actions of issuers (such as issuing equities to replace previously issued debt securities).

Any exposure to non-Euro currencies will be hedged back to the Euro, except that up to 10% of the Fund's net asset value may be exposed to other European currencies without being hedged back to the Euro.

The Fund will only purchase debt securities rated at least B- by S&P or its equivalent by another nationally recognised statistical rating organisation ("NRSRO") or, if unrated, deemed to be of comparable quality by the Investment Manager and Sub-Investment Manager (collectively, "Western Asset"). Debt securities that qualify as asset-backed securities, credit-linked notes and similar assets (i.e., investments whose yield or repayment is linked to credit risks or that are used to transfer the credit risk of a third party) may only be purchased by the Fund if rated Investment Grade or if unrated deemed by Western Asset to be of comparable quality.

If more than one NRSRO rates a security and the ratings are not equivalent, the second highest rating will be considered the security's rating. If a security is downgraded after its purchase by the Fund to below the minimum required rating, subject to the current BaFin VAG requirements, if less than 3% of the Fund's net asset value is invested in assets lower than B- / B3, the downgraded assets can be held for up to six months.

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its net asset value in (i) Additional Tier 1 capital, Tier 2 capital and senior non-preferred debt instruments; (ii) contingent convertible securities and (iii) bail-in bonds that have contingent write down or loss absorption features. The Fund may have exposure to reverse repurchase agreements for efficient portfolio management purposes and subject to the requirements of the Central Bank.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments (FDIs) (including options, futures and options on futures, swaps (including total return swaps), and forward currency exchange contracts) for hedging, investment and other non-hedging purposes. The Fund may be leveraged to up to 100% of its net asset value (as calculated using the commitment approach) as a result of its use of FDIs. The Fund may have long positions (including derivatives) up to 200% of its net asset value, and the Fund may have short derivative positions of up to 100% of its net asset value, as calculated using the commitment approach. Subject to these limits, the Fund is expected to be net long. The Fund may take long and short derivative positions to gain or hedge exposure to individual debt securities, indices (which meet the eligibility requirements of the Central Bank) comprised of the assets described in this strategy, currencies and interest rates, or to adjust the average weighted duration of the Fund's portfolio. However, the Fund will not take direct short positions on individual securities. The commitment approach calculates leverage by measuring market value of the underlying exposures of derivatives relative to the Fund's net asset value, taking into account netting and hedging arrangement when calculating exposure. The Fund does not employ any specific strategy in relation to the use of FDIs.

# **USE OF DERIVATIVES/ INVESTMENT IN DERIVATIVES:**

The Fund's net derivative exposure<sup>1</sup> may be more than 50% but up to 100% of the Fund's net asset value.

<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the offering document for details regarding the calculation methodology of net derivative exposure.

# WHAT ARE THE KEY RISKS?

Investment involves risks. Please refer to the offering document for details including the risk factors.



- **Debt Securities Risk:** Investments in debt securities are subject to risks such as credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, valuation risk and pricing volatility, which may cause substantial losses to the Fund. The prices of debt securities fluctuate in response to perceptions of the issuer's creditworthiness and also tend to vary inversely with market interest rates. Generally, and in the absence of hedging measures, the longer the average weighted duration of a fund, the greater the sensitivity to interest rates. Investment Grade securities may be subject to the risk of being downgraded to below Investment Grade. Debt securities rated below Investment Grade are deemed by rating agencies to be predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal and may involve major risk of exposure to adverse conditions.
- Risk of Government Securities: Government-issued debt securities are sensitive to changes in macro policy and associated interest rate trends, political and economic instability, social unrest and potentially default. Not all government debt securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the relevant government. Some are backed only by the credit of the issuing agency, instrumentality or sponsored entity, although they may be implicitly guaranteed by the relevant government. There is a chance of default on all government securities, particularly those not backed by the full faith and credit of the relevant government.
- Risk related to below investment grade / unrated securities: Debt securities rated below Investment Grade are deemed by rating agencies to be predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal and may involve major risk exposures to adverse conditions affecting the issuer. Unrated debt securities are not necessarily of lower quality than rated securities, however, they may not be attractive to as many buyers hence may be less liquid and with higher risks. The Fund may be invested in 'below investment grade' and/or unrated debt securities, which carry a higher degree of pricing volatility, market risk, liquidity risk and default risk than 'investment grade' debt securities. When any such risk materialises, the Fund may suffer a substantial loss.
- Risk of Unsecured European Bank Debt Instruments: Investments in capital or senior unsecured debt issued by EU
  domiciled financial institutions that are being affected by the Banking Recovery & Resolution Directive (Directive 2015/59/EU,
  "BRRD") are subject to the BRRD resolution regime. In the event of resolution, the repayment and/or liquidity of such
  investments may be adversely affected and the Fund may suffer a substantial loss as a result.
- Interest Rate Risk: The value of debt securities is likely to decline in times of rising interest rates. Conversely, when rates fall, the value of these investments is likely to rise. The longer the time to maturity the greater are such variations.
- Credit Risk: The Fund's investment in debt securities expose the Fund to credit risk, i.e. the risk that an issuer of securities will be unable to pay principal and interest when due, or that the value of the security will suffer because investors believe the issuer is less able to pay. Ratings are only the opinions of the agencies issuing them. Such ratings are relative and subjective, and are not absolute standards of quality. The credit rating agency may change their ratings on particular debt securities held by the Fund, and downgrades are likely to adversely affect the price hence the Fund may suffer a substantial loss..
- Liquidity Risk: In certain circumstances it may be difficult to sell the Fund's investments because there may not be enough demand for them in the markets, in which case the Fund may not be able to sell or liquidate such investments or to sell them at a significant discount to the purchase price hence the Fund may suffer a substantial loss.
- Custody and Settlement Risks: The Fund may invest in markets where custodial and/or settlement systems are not fully
  developed. Such investments may be subject to additional risks with respect to the safe keeping of assets and making of
  investments, hence the Fund may suffer a substantial loss.
- Mortgage-Backed Securities and Asset-Backed Securities Risk: The Fund invests in mortgaged-backed securities
   (including collateralized debt obligations) and asset-backed securities which may be highly illiquid and prone to substantial
   price volatility. These instruments may be subject to greater credit, liquidity and interest rate risk compared to other debt
   securities. They are often exposed to extension and prepayment risks and risks that the payment obligations relating to the
   underlying assets are not met, which may adversely impact the returns of the securities.



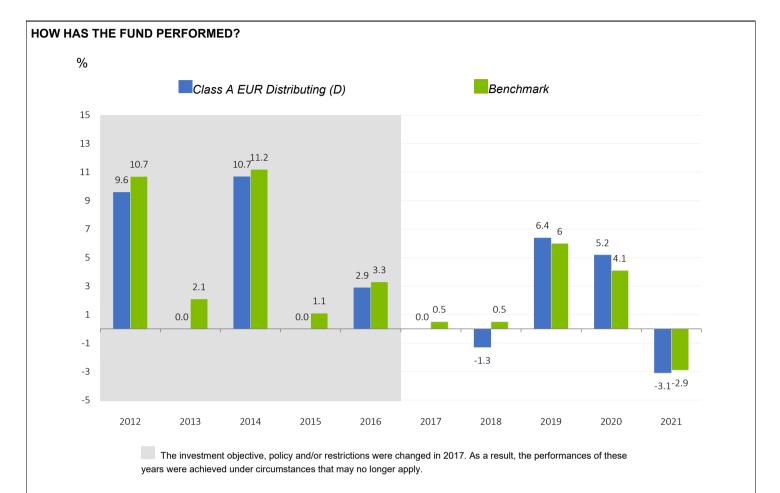
- **Derivatives Risks:** This Fund may use certain types of financial derivative instruments (FDIs). These instruments may involve a higher degree of risk including but not limited to counterparty, volatility, liquidity, leverage and valuation risks, and the Fund may suffer a substantial loss. There is no guarantee that the performance of FDIs will result in a positive effect to the Fund.
  - **Counterparty Risk:** The use of FDIs involves the risk of loss due to default by a counterparty to make required payments or otherwise comply with the terms of the contract.
  - Volatility and Leverage Risks: Some FDIs create leveraged positions and carry a greater pricing volatility. The use of FDIs may therefore magnify or otherwise increase investment losses to the Fund.
  - **Liquidity risk:** A liquid secondary market may not always exist for the Fund's derivative positions at any time, and therefore the Fund may be unable to terminate or sell derivative positions when desired.
  - · **Valuation Risk:** The use of FDIs involves the risk of mispricing or improper valuation and the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset.
- European Region Risk: This Fund has a significant exposure to Euro denominated securities and/or the European Region and as a result the Fund carries more risk than other funds that diversify across multiple regions or currencies. Additionally, in light of the current fiscal conditions and concerns of the sovereign risk of certain European countries, there is an increased amount of volatility, liquidity, price and foreign exchange risk associated with investments in Euro denominated securities or securities issued by European government or non-government issuers within the European Region and/or the European Region. The performance of this Fund could deteriorate significantly should there be any adverse credit events (e.g. downgrade of the sovereign credit rating of a European country), or when any country abandons the Euro and/or withdraws from the European Union.
- Emerging Markets Risk: This Fund may have significant exposure in emerging markets which involve increased risks and special considerations not typically associated with investment in more developed markets, including liquidity risks, currency risks/control, political and economic uncertainties, legal and taxation risks, settlement risks, custody risk and the likelihood of a high degree of volatility. Emerging market issuers may not be subject to the same accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards as developed countries. Emerging markets may have less reliable custody arrangements than mature markets which may also lead to a higher degree of risk. These factors may adversely affect the value of the securities owned by, hence a substantial loss to, the Fund.
- Currency Risk: Fluctuations in exchange rates between the currency of the underlying securities and the Fund's base currency may adversely affect the value of an investment and any income derived from it. In addition, the value of your investment may fall due to changes in the exchange rate between the currency of your share class and the base currency of the Fund. With respect to any share class with "(Hedged)" in its name, the Fund will attempt to hedge the currency risk between the base currency of the Fund and the currency of the share class, although there can be no guarantee that it will be successful in doing so. The use of share class hedging strategies may substantially limit shareholders in the relevant Hedged Share Class from benefiting if the currency of the Hedged Share Class falls against the base currency and/or the currencies that are significant to the Fund's investment strategy, as applicable. Any hedging transactions, while potentially reducing the currency risks to which the Fund would otherwise be exposed, may involve certain other risks, including the risk of a default by a counterparty, and the risk that the Fund's forecast with respect to currency movements is incorrect. If the abovementioned hedging transactions become ineffective, the Fund may suffer a substantial loss.
- Risk of Investing in Distributing Plus Share Classes: Distributing Plus share classes may pay dividends out of capital. The payment of dividends out of capital effectively amounts to a return or withdrawal of an investor's original capital investment or of capital gains attributable to that original investment. Such distribution will result in a corresponding immediate decrease in the net asset value per share of the Share Classes. There is also an increased risk that on a redemption, you may not receive back the full amount invested. The distribution amount and net asset value of the Distributing (Hedged) Plus Share Class may be adversely affected by differences in the interest rates of the reference currency of the Distributing (Hedged) Plus Share Class



and the Fund's base currency, resulting in an increase in the amount of distribution that is paid out of capital and hence a greater erosion of capital than other Share Classes.

- **Investment Risk:** The value of investments in the Fund and the income from them can go down as well as up, and investors may not get back the amount originally invested and may suffer a substantial loss to their investments. Past performance is no guide to future returns and may not be repeated. There is no guarantee of the repayment of principal.
- Risk of investing in instruments with loss-absorption features: The Fund may invest in debt instruments that have contingent write down or loss absorption features. Such instruments may be written-off fully or partially or converted to common stock on the occurrence of a trigger event. These instruments generally absorb losses in a trigger event, for example, where the issuer's capital falls below a certain level, and may be compulsorily redeemed as a result which may be out of the issuer's control. Such trigger events are complex and hard to predict, and may potentially lead to losses to the Fund. The Fund may invest in contingent convertible debt securities, commonly known as CoCos, which are highly complex and are of high risk. Upon the occurrence of the trigger event, CoCos may be converted into shares of the issuer (potentially at a discounted price), or may be subject to the permanent write-down to zero. Coupon payments on CoCos are discretionary and may be cancelled by the issuer at any point, for any reason, and for any length of time. The Fund may also invest in senior non-preferred debts. While these instruments are generally senior to subordinated debts, they may be subject to write-down upon the occurrence of a trigger event and will no longer fall under the creditor ranking hierarchy of the issuer. This may result in total loss of principal invested.





- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-To-NAV, with dividend reinvested.
- These figures show by how much the Class A EUR Distributing (D)\* increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. Performance data has been calculated in EUR including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee you might have to pay.
- Fund launch date: 2003.
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- The benchmark of the Fund is FTSE Euro Broad Investment Grade Index.

# IS THERE ANY GUARANTEE?

The Fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.

<sup>\*</sup> This share class is a representative share class of the Fund as it has the longest track record.



## WHAT ARE THE FEES AND CHARGES?

# Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the shares of the Fund:

Fees in respect of each Class A Share Class	What you pay
Subscription Fee (Initial Sales Charge)	Up to 5.00% of the amount you subscribed
Switching Fee	Not applicable
Redemption Fee	Not applicable

## Ongoing fees payable by the Fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the Fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments:

Expenses in respect of each Class A Share Class*	Annual rate (as a % of the Fund's NAV)
Management Fee	Up to 1.00%
Combined Administration and Depositary Fee	Up to 0.15%
Performance Fee	Not applicable
Shareholder Servicing Fee	Up to 0.15%

<sup>\*</sup> For Hedged Share Classes, (i) the Currency Administrator is entitled to receive fees for hedging administration services (currently charged at 0.04% per annum of the value of the hedging transactions), which shall be borne exclusively by the relevant Hedged Share Class; and (ii) the Collateral Manager is entitled to receive fees for its collateral management services in relation to currency hedging (such fees not exceeding GBP 340 per month for the Fund), which shall be charged only to the relevant Hedged Share Classes.

## Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when dealing in the shares of the Fund.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- You generally buy and redeem shares at the Fund's next-determined net asset value (NAV) after the authorised dealer or sub-distributor receives your request in good order on or before 4:00 p.m. in New York (EST) on any relevant dealing day. Certain dealer or sub-distributors may impose a deadline for receipt of orders that is earlier than this.
- The NAV of this Fund is calculated on each dealing day and published no later than the second business day immediately succeeding each dealing day on <a href="https://www.leggmason.com.hk">www.leggmason.com.hk</a>.
- In respect of Distributing Plus Share Classes, the composition of dividend payouts (i.e. the relative amounts paid out of (i) net distributable income and (ii) capital) for the last 12 months will be available from the Hong Kong Representative on request and on our website, www.leggmason.com.hk.
- Investors may obtain the past performance information of other share classes offered to Hong Kong investors from our website, www.leggmason.com.hk.

## **IMPORTANT**

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

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