

# NB Global Floating Rate Income Fund Limited

30 September 2019

## FUND OBJECTIVE

The NB Global Floating Rate Income Fund Limited ("the Fund") targets income generation whilst seeking to preserve investors' capital and give protection against rising interest rates.

The Fund's managers seek to generate this yield by investing in a global portfolio of below investment grade senior secured corporate loans with selective use of senior secured bonds, diversified by both borrower and industry.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

### Vivek Bommi

Senior Portfolio Manager  
Joined 2007

### Stephen J. Casey

Senior Portfolio Manager  
Joined 2002

### Joseph P. Lynch

Senior Portfolio Manager  
Joined 2002

### Simon Matthews

Senior Portfolio Manager  
Joined 2019

The Fund is managed by experienced portfolio managers with an average 22 years' industry experience, backed by what we believe to be one of the largest and most experienced credit teams in the industry. Neuberger Berman has a large team of 173 fixed income investment professionals, with total fixed income assets of \$154 billion.

## FUND FACTS

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|--|--|
| Annualised Dividend Yield (GBP) % as at 30-09-2019 | 5.35%  |
| Annualised Dividend Yield (USD) % as at 30-09-2019 | 5.37%  |
| Last Dividend (GBP) 30-09-2019                     | 0.0129   |
| Last Dividend (USD) 30-09-2019                     | 0.0133   |
| Share Price (GBP)                                  | 0.9030   |
| Share Price (USD)                                  | 0.9250   |
| Share Price Premium/Discount (GBP)                 | -4.86%   |
| Share Price Premium/Discount (USD)                 | -5.55%   |
| NAV (GBP)  | 94.91  |
| NAV (USD)  | 97.94  |
| Market Cap (USD million)                           | 572.40   |
| NAV Frequency                                      | Daily  |
| Dividend Policy                                    | Quarterly  |
| Admission Date                                     | 20 April 2011  |
| Vehicle  | Closed-ended Investment Company                          |
| Domicile   | Guernsey   |
| Market   | Main market of London Stock Exchange                     |
| Year End   | 31 December  |
| Management Fee                                     | 0.75% (reduced to 0.65% with effect from 1 October 2019) |
| Bloomberg (GBP)                                    | NBLS:LN  |
| Bloomberg (USD)                                    | NBLU:LN  |
| ISIN (GBP)   | GG00B3KX4Q34   |
| ISIN (USD)   | GG00B3P7S359   |

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## SHARE PRICE MOVEMENT



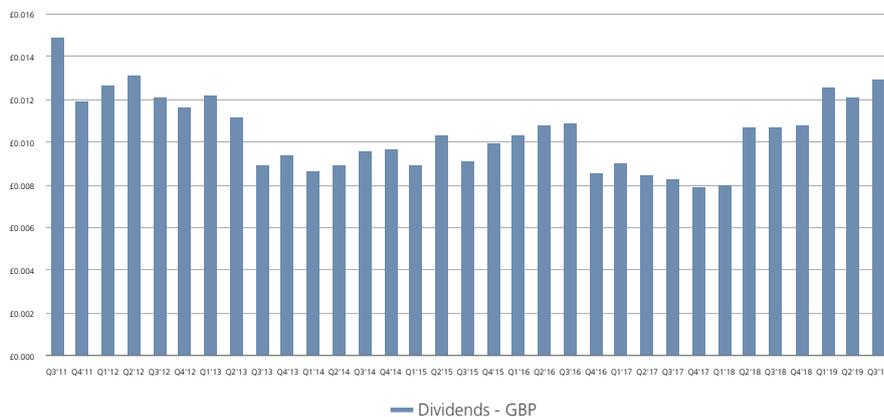
Share price and Net Asset Value (NAV) movement is representative of GBP.  
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Source: U.S. Bank Global Fund Services (Guernsey) Limited and Bloomberg.

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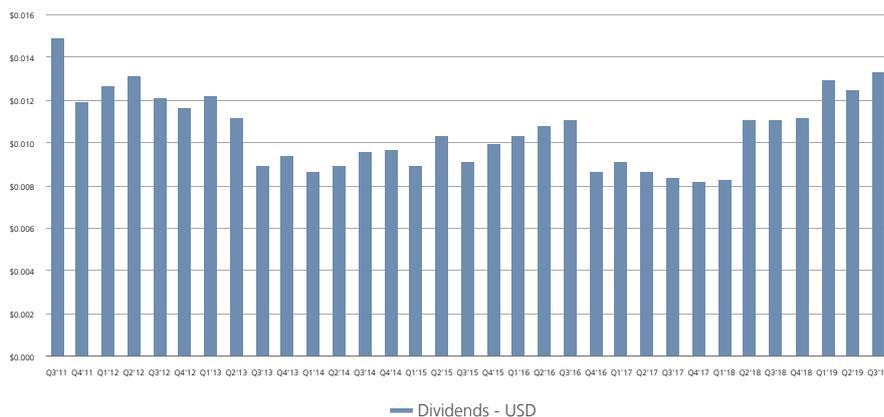


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## DIVIDEND AMOUNT



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## TOP 10 ISSUERS % (MV)

|                         | Sector                       | Fund |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------|
| Numericable Group       | Cable Television             | 1.51 |
| Sprint Corp             | Telecommunication            | 1.32 |
| Asurion LLC             | Insurance                    | 1.24 |
| Staples Inc             | Retailers                    | 1.17 |
| Bass Pro                | Retailers                    | 1.15 |
| Intelsat                | Telecommunication            | 1.13 |
| Rackspace               | Electronics                  | 1.03 |
| Century Link            | Telecommunication            | 1.01 |
| Univision               | Broadcast Radio & Television | 1.01 |
| Bausch Health Companies | Drugs                        | 0.99 |

Holdings data excludes cash

## CURRENCY ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

|                      | Fund  |
|----------------------|-------|
| Euro                 | 6.44  |
| British Pound        | 1.42  |
| United States Dollar | 92.14 |

Holdings data excludes cash

## CREDIT QUALITY % (MV)

|               | Fund  |
|---------------|-------|
| BBB           | 2.32  |
| BB            | 29.34 |
| B             | 64.06 |
| CCC and below | 2.89  |
| NR            | 1.39  |

Holdings data excludes cash

## SECURITY BREAKDOWN % (MV)

|                 | Fund  |
|-----------------|-------|
| Secured Loans   | 93.22 |
| Secured Bonds   | 5.47  |
| Unsecured Bonds | 0.26  |
| Other           | 1.05  |

Holdings data excludes cash

## KEY STATISTICS

|  | Fund  |
|--|-------|
| Current Portfolio Yield (%)            | 5.58  |
| Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (%) | 6.18  |
| Duration (years)                       | 0.31  |
| Number of Investments                  | 297   |
| Number of Issuers                      | 236   |
| Average Credit Quality                 | B+    |
| Weighted Average Price (USD)           | 96.60 |

Current Portfolio Yield is a market-value weighted average of the current yields of the holdings in the portfolio, calculated as the coupon (base rate plus spread) divided by current price. The calculation does not take into account any Fund expenses or sales charges paid, which would reduce the results. The Current Yield for the Fund will fluctuate from month to month. The Current Yield should be regarded as an estimate of the Fund's rate of investment income, and it may not equal the realised distribution rate for each share class. You should consult the Fund's prospectus for additional information about the Fund's dividends and distributions policy. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.**

## TOP 10 S&P SECTORS % (MV)

|                               | Fund |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Health Care                   | 9.59 |
| Business Equipment & Services | 8.88 |
| Electronics                   | 8.63 |
| Telecommunication             | 7.98 |
| Oil & Gas                     | 5.67 |
| Utilities                     | 5.48 |
| Financial Intermediaries      | 5.27 |
| Hotels & Casinos              | 5.02 |
| Retailers                     | 4.52 |
| Leisure                       | 4.44 |

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## QUARTERLY COMMENTARY\*

### Performance Highlights

The Neuberger Berman Global Floating Rate Income Fund's gross of fee return for the 3rd quarter was 1.42%, which outperformed the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (the "Index") return of 0.99%.

From a sector perspective, the largest contributors for the quarter came from security selection within Retailers, security selection within and an underweight to Nonferrous Metals & Minerals and security selection within Leisure. Conversely, selection decisions within Electronics, Drugs, and Financial Intermediaries sectors detracted.

### Market Update

The US senior floating rate loan market saw positive results in a quarter with increased volatility on continuing global economic concerns and increased credit quality differentiation as the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index returned 0.99% in the third quarter and the European Leveraged Loan Index (the "ELLI") returned 1.15%, excluding currency effects. In the U.S., year to date through September, higher-quality securities outperformed their lower-quality counterparts in the U.S. as BB-rated loans outperformed both B-rated and CCC-rated loans. The reverse was true in the European market as B-rated loans had better returns than BB-rated loans. Overall, in both markets, credit quality remains stable as fundamental trends continue to be relatively constructive. While revenue growth continues to moderate, interest coverage is reasonable, even as leverage for seasoned leveraged loans rose modestly.

Third quarter new issuance volume in the U.S. loan market reached its highest level in five quarters supported by acquisition-related deals and an increase in refinancings. Institutional loans supply of \$91.9 billion was up 31% from the second quarter's \$69.9 billion and \$89.4 billion in 3Q18. A wave of repayments over the summer months pulled a sizeable amount of higher-quality loans out of the market. During the quarter, term loans repaid in the S&P/LSTA Leverage Loan Index in August alone were \$46.1 billion, the highest monthly total in the history of the index. High quality was in demand as 55% of refi volume was from issuers with at least one BB rating. Some lower-rated issuers had a tough third quarter as trade tensions and slowing growth moved investors to a risk-off mentality half way through the quarter.

Despite the increase in market volatility in the quarter, the default outlook continues to be benign. Additionally, even though there may be negative technical implications of further rate cuts by central banks, it is likely that the expectations of further easing will extend the cycle which provides support for issuers' operating environments and fundamentals. The U.S. loan market ended the month with a par-weighted default rate of just 1.29% which is much lower than the long-term average of 2.90%, based on annual default rates back to 1999. The LTM default rate within the European loan market remained at 0%.

While fundamentals remain constructive, generally, we continue to see credit differentiation becoming more of a factor in the loan market. Trading levels on credits that miss earnings or that are in secularly-challenged industries have been pushed down significantly. Overall, we expect revenue and cash flow growth to continue to slow, but interest coverage remains relatively strong at near five times.

### Portfolio Positioning

The portfolio has remained weighted toward USD issuance, which accounts for 92.1% of the portfolio at the end of the quarter. The bond allocation remained well below the 20% of NAV permitted, at 5.7%, as we remain focused on keeping duration low and limiting potential areas of volatility. Our current allocation to BBB/BB rated credits ended the quarter at 31.7% while our exposure to CCC rated names finished the quarter at 2.9%. Regarding sector allocation, we are overweight the Financial Intermediaries, Telecommunications and Oil & Gas sectors, and underweight the Electronics, Food Service and Chemical sectors.

### Outlook

We continue to believe that yields in the loan market are compensating investors for a relatively benign default environment. While headline risk and market volatility have increased recently, operating performance of underlying issuers has been relatively stable, revenue growth remains in positive territory and leverage has risen only modestly. The ability of most issuers to cover interest payments remains relatively constructive. While economic growth continues to slow, the Fed and other central banks continue to push a more dovish narrative. While the outlook for issuer fundamentals remains somewhat positive, risks continue to exist, including uncertainty around global growth expectations, US-China trade policy and political event risk, which could lead to periods of volatility. We believe our portfolio is well-positioned to provide downside protection as market volatility rises and that we will be able to tactically take advantage of the increased volatility to add to issuers/securities with stable to improving fundamentals and valuations.

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## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

**Market Risk:** The risk of a change in the value of a position as a result of underlying market factors, including among other things, the overall performance of companies and the market perception of the global economy.

**Liquidity Risk:** The risk that the Fund may be unable to sell an investment readily at its fair market value. In extreme market conditions this can affect the Fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.

**Credit Risk:** The risk that bond issuers may fail to meet their interest repayments, or repay debt, resulting in temporary or permanent losses to the Fund.

**Interest Rate Risk:** The risk of interest rate movements affecting the value of fixed-rate bonds.

**Counterparty Risk:** The risk that a counterparty will not fulfil its payment obligation for a trade, contract or other transaction, on the due date.

**Operational Risk:** The risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed processes, people and systems including those relating to the safekeeping of assets or from external events.

**Derivatives Risk:** The Fund is permitted to use certain types of financial derivative instruments ("FDI") (including certain complex instruments) which can give rise to particular risks, including market risk, liquidity risk and counterparty credit risk. This may increase the Fund's leverage significantly which may cause large variations in the value of your share.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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