# **York Event-Driven UCITS Fund**

**UCITS Luxembourg Fund** 



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EUR F (acc) Strategy: Event-Driven

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The investment objective of the York Event-Driven UCITS Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve attractive risk-adjusted investment results over time. The Fund invests principally in securities subject to or potentially subject to meaningful corporate activity where the investment manager believes the market price does not adequately reflect the effect that such activity will have on the securities' valuation. The Fund focuses on four areas of investment - Event Equities, where the Fund attempts to benefit from price movements resulting from corporate events; Risk Arbitrage, where the Fund analyses transactions and seeks to profit from securities which are trading cheaply due to uncertainty in the markets; Value Equities, where stocks are selected on the basis that they are cheap relative to its fundamentals such as dividends, earnings and sales; and Credit, which focuses on debt instruments issued by companies undergoing reorganisations, or bankruptcies.

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### **ABOUT THE INVESTMENT MANAGER<sup>1</sup>**

The York Event-Driven UCITS Fund offers access to York Capital Management's ("York's") Event-Driven Strategies in a UCITS compliant fund. York has been managing successful Event-Driven strategies for 26 years. The fund is managed by York's senior investment team, and follows York's investment and risk management guidelines, tailored as appropriate to comply with the UCITS regulations. York's investment approach couples fundamental, research-driven financial and business analysis with an experienced view of market and industrial trends. The firm leverages its approximately 60 investment professionals to employ a rigorous, research-intensive due diligence process with an emphasis on companies experiencing corporate catalysts.

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER COMMENTARY 1**

Global markets dismissed increased trade tensions, ending the month higher driven by strong earnings. Despite strong markets, the Fund incurred a net loss of -2.28%, primarily driven by losses in our arbitrage portfolio. Detractors from performance included NXP Semiconductors as Qualcomm walked away from the deal to buy the company after failing to secure Chinese regulatory approval. Post the failed Qualcomm/NXP Semiconductors transaction, concern over pending Chinese approval for Walt Disney/Twenty-First Century Fox caused the spread to widen.

Broadcom decreased after it announced the acquisition of CA Technologies, disappointing investors as this signals a pivot to software deals. Dycom Industries detracted as the market remains worried about continued permitting issues and delays in the launch of big projects. Contributors to performance included Akzo Nobel, which increased as the market believes that the raw material pricing initiatives implemented by the company should support a recovery of margins in the second half of the year. Dell Technologies, the tracking stock of VMware, advanced after it announced a reverse merger with Dell, bringing the private company public. Our arbitrage position in CVS/Aetna contributed to performance after credible news reports said that the US Department of Justice is expected to approve the deal.

AstraZeneca moved higher after the company reported strong earnings and there was continued speculation around potential M&A activity. Despite the Qualcomm/NXP Semiconductors deal break, corporate activity has remained strong and we continue to be constructive on the event driven opportunity set through year end.

### HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

| Previous years | 1         | 2         | 3         | 4         | 5         |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Date From      | 01 Aug 17 | 30 Jul 16 | 01 Aug 15 | 01 Aug 14 | 01 Aug 13 |
| Date To        | 31 Jul 18 | 31 Jul 17 | 29 Jul 16 | 31 Jul 15 | 31 Jul 14 |
| EUR F (acc)    | (5.38)%   | 9.69%     | (21.67)%  | 0.26%     | 17.27%    |

Only full year historical performance is shown. Annual returns are not cumulative

#### SHARE CLASS CURRENT VALUATION

| Share Class | ISIN         | BBG     | SEDOL   | NAV          |
|-------------|--------------|---------|---------|--------------|
| USD C (acc) | LU0438635848 | MLISY10 | B624937 | not invested |
| EUR C (acc) | LU0438635764 | MLISY09 | B623Z36 | 118.04       |
| GBP C (inc) | LU0438636069 | MLISY12 | B623BL6 | not invested |
| EUR F (acc) | LU0508546719 | MLISY18 | B66SQ23 | 104.62       |
| GBP F (acc) | LU0508546800 | MLISY20 | B684J42 | 103.96       |
| USD F (acc) | LU0508546636 | MLISY22 | B65FLW0 | 110.40       |
| CHF F (acc) | LU0562700608 | MLISY25 | B3RP9G7 | 101.02       |

Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch

The performance figures contained herein are net of fees at the level of the Fund. The returns shown are based on the reference Retail Share Class and therefore such historical information does not represent actual returns that an investor in share classes other than the reference Retail Share Class may receive, but is for information purposes to illustrate the performance of the Fund and should be interpreted accordingly. Past performance is not an indication of future performance or actual realised returns on an investment in the Fund (which may be affected by a number of factors including, but not limited to, applicable fees and the timing of subscriptions and redemptions in the Fund). An investor may be subject to additional fees, commissions or costs charged by their distributor, broker or other intermediary. A significant or total loss of investment could occur. There can be no assurance that the investment objective of the Fund will be achieved and investment results may vary substantially over time. Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for more information.

#### **POSITION CONCENTRATION<sup>2</sup>**

|       | # of Positions |               | % of Fund |
|-------|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| Long  | 69             | Top 20 Longs  | 67.28%    |
| Short | 20             | Top 20 Shorts | (56.74)%  |

Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch

## TOP HOLDINGS<sup>3</sup>

| Long                         |       | Short                           |         |
|------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Aetna Inc                    | 8.91% | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - EQUITY | (3.83)% |
| Twenty-First Century Fox Inc | 6.22% | HEALTH CARE - EQUITY            | (2.57)% |
| Altaba Inc                   | 5.80% | CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY - EQUITY | (1.88)% |
| Express Scripts Holding Co   | 5.33% | INDUSTRIALS - EQUITY            | (1.21)% |
| XL Group Ltd                 | 4.99% | FINANCIALS - EQUITY             | (1.03)% |

Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch

<sup>3</sup> Top holdings positions exclude positions held for hedging purposes



The views put forward in the above commentary are the views of the Investment Manager. Neither the past performance of the fund or of the York Event-Driven strategies in other investment vehicles are indicative of future results of the fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> # of positions include long positions where exposure is 0.25% of the fund value and short positions under -0.25% of the fund value. Top 20 exposure values are based on delta adjusted positions and includes all positions in an individual issuer as a \$ of the Fund NAV. The calculation includes positions held for market hedging.

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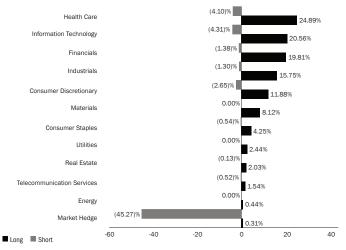
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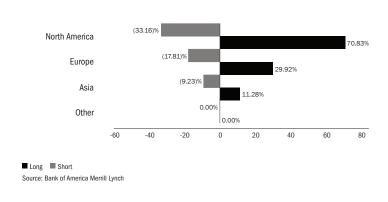
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## SECTOR ANALYSIS<sup>1</sup> (%)

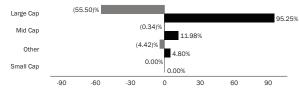


GEOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS<sup>1</sup> (%)



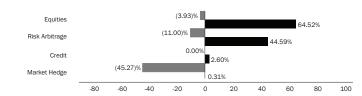
Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch

## MARKET CAPITALISATION ANALYSIS 2 (%) (FOR PUBLIC EQUITIES)



■ Long ■ Short Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch

### PORTFOLIO EXPOSURE 1 (%)



■ Long ■ Short Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch

## **FUND MANAGEMENT**

| Investment Manager | York UCITS Holdings, LLC            |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fund Promoter      | Merrill Lynch International         |
| Auditor            | PricewaterhouseCoopers S.à r.I      |
| Custodian          | State Street Bank Luxembourg S.C.A. |
| Administrator      | State Street Bank Luxembourg S.C.A. |

## **FUND CHARACTERISTICS**

| Base Currency                         | EUR  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Inception Date                        | 29 July 2009                                     |  |
| Reference Share Class Inception Date  | 10 Nov 2010                                      |  |
| Redemption/Subscription Frequency     | Weekly   |  |
| Redemption/Subscription Notice Period | 3 Banking Days                                   |  |
| Performance Fee                       | 20%  |  |
| Ongoing Charges <sup>3</sup>          | 2.7% (includes the management fee of 2.25% p.a.) |  |
| Dividend Policy                       | Capitalisation                                   |  |
| Fund's Assets Under Management        | EUR 72,107,107                                   |  |
| Minimum Investment                    | €/\$/£ 1,000                                     |  |
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Option delta is the ratio of the change in price of an option given a change in the underlying security's price. Delta adjusted option exposure provides an estimate of the effective exposure of portfolio to the underlying security.



 $<sup>^{</sup>m 1}$  Option positions are delta adjusted. Graph includes positions held for hedging market risk.

<sup>2</sup> Delta adjusted, includes Market Hedges. DEFINITION: Small Cap - Companies with a Market Capitalisation of between €0-1 billion. Medium Cap - Companies with Market Capitalisation of between €1 billion and €5 billion. Large Cap - Companies with Market Capitalisation of above 65 billion.

3 Ongoing Charges include the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF) Subscription Tax of 0.01% p.a. for Institutional Share Classes and 0.05% p.a. for Retail Share Classes.

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