



# OYSTER MONTHLY REPORT

For professional, qualified and institutional investors

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# OYSTER MULTI-ASSET ABSOLUTE RETURN EUR R EUR PR

### Investment objective

A lower-risk, diversified multi-asset fund designed to generate bond-like absolute returns, with a strong focus on capital preservation and liquidity. Benchmark agnostic, the fund has fixed income at its heart. while also investing in equities (max. 25%) and selective special opportunities to add diversification and generate alpha within a strict risk budget. Investment ideas are generated by thorough research across six unique asset classes and covering about 23 countries, providing multiple performance drivers and allowing the fund to identify investment ideas in any market environment. Active risk management is embedded in every step of the investment process. Currency risk is hedged back to EUR at a minimum of 95%.

### **Fund facts**

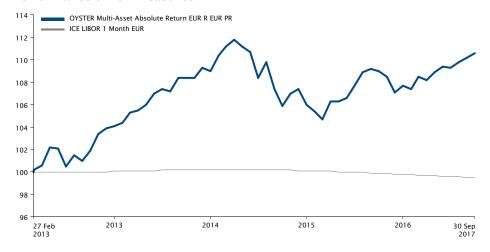
SYZ Asset Management (Suisse) SA, Manager Fabrizio Quirighetti, Adrien Pichoud Dividend policy Accumulation EUR 1106.11 Last NAV Fund size EUR 262.6 mn Fund type Mixed Investment zone World Recommended invest. At least 3 years horizon EUR Share class currency 27.02.2013 Inception date Libor 1M EUR Index Legal structure Luxembourg SICAV - UCITS AT, BE, CH, DE, FR Registration IT (QI), LU, NL, SG (QI)

## Risk/Return profile

■ Lower risk					High	er risk 🕨
Typically lower rewards				Typically higher rewards		
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Sources: OYSTER Sicav, KIID

## Performance & risk measures



	Fund	Index
Calendar year performand	ce	
2017 YTD	+2.7%	-0.3%
2016	+1.6%	-0.3%
2015	-2.7%	-0.1%
2014	+4.7%	+0.1%
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Annualised risk measures	;	
Volatility	+3.2%	+0.1%
Sharpe ratio	0.3	-2.1
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Maximum drawdown	-6.3%	-0.7%
Recovery period	-	-
-		
Duration	3.0	-
Yield to maturity	+2.6%	-

	Fund	Index
Cumulative performance		
1 M	+0.4%	0.0%
3M	+1.2%	-0.1%
6M	+2.2%	-0.2%
1Y	+1.5%	-0.4%
3Y	+2.1%	-0.7%
5Y	-	-
Since inception	+10.6%	-0.5%
-		
Annualised performance		
3Y	+0.7%	-0.2%
5Y	-	-
Since inception	+2.2%	-0.1%

Sources: OYSTER Sicav, Morningstar. Past performance does not guarantee or predict future performance. Annualised risk measures based on 3-year monthly returns if more than 3-year history or 1-year if less than 3-year history.

# Monthly returns

	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	+2.7%	-0.3%	+1.0%	-0.3%	+0.6%	+0.5%	-0.1%	+0.5%	+0.4%	+0.4%			
2016	+1.6%	-0.6%	-0.7%	+1.5%	0.0%	+0.3%	+1.1%	+1.1%	+0.2%	-0.1%	-0.5%	-1.3%	+0.6%
2015	-2.7%	+1.2%	+0.8%	+0.6%	-0.6%	-0.4%	-2.1%	+1.3%	-2.2%	-1.3%	+1.0%	+0.3%	-1.2%
2014	+4.7%	+0.2%	+0.9%	+0.1%	+0.5%	+1.0%	+0.3%	-0.1%	+1.1%	0.0%	+0.1%	+0.8%	-0.3%
2013				+0.4%	+1.6%	-0.2%	-1.5%	+1.0%	-0.5%	+0.9%	+1.5%	+0.5%	+0.2%

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Minimum initial investment

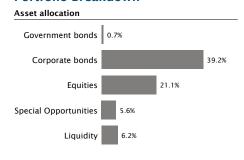
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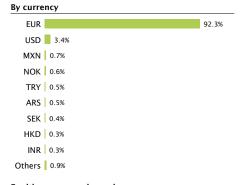
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### Portfolio Breakdown





Equities	exposure	by soct
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Equities exposure by sector	
Information Technology	3.6%
Financials	3.3%
Materials	2.0%
Consumer Staples	2.0%
Consumer Discretionary	1.9%
Industrials	1.6%
Health Care	1.4%
Energy	0.7%
Utilities	0.1%
Others	4.7%
Bonds exposure by rating	

Equities exposure by region	
North America	9.0%
Eurozone	4.4%
Japan	2.5%
Europe ex Euro	1.8%
Emerging Markets	1.8%
United Kingdom	1.0%
Other developed markets	0.5%

AAA	11.7%
AA	10.9%
Α	11.2%
BBB	26.6%
BB	2.8%
В	0.2%
NR	7.6%

### Bonds exposure by region

Eurozone	17.2%
Emerging Markets	13.1%
Supranational	7.3%
Europe ex Euro	3.2%
United Kingdom	2.4%
Japan	1.1%
Other developed markets	0.9%
North America	-5.3%

Source: OYSTER Sicav

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### **Manager Comment**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- · The Goldilocks economic scenario remained in place in September, although reflation trades resurfaced in the markets
- · It was a strong month for European and Japanese equities, US small caps, and banks as the US dollar bottomed out and global rates moved higher
- The fund rose in value, with positive performance from its equity holdings and duration hedging more than offsetting losses from the bond allocation
- $\cdot$  The managers further reduced the fund's duration and increased the net equity allocation

### MARKET REVIEW

The economic backdrop remains favourable, but with inflation now probably bottoming out, President Trump's (reduced) promises back on the table and the Fed signalling its intention to go ahead with monetary policy normalisation, reflation trades resurfaced in the markets last month. European and Japanese equities, US small caps, and banks were the main beneficiaries, rising by between 3% and 6%. Emerging equities underperformed, the US dollar bottomed out and global rates moved higher (US Treasuries +21bp, Bunds +10bp). Credit, especially high yield, continued to outperform rates.

### **FUND REVIEW**

The fund rose in value in September. Within equities its exposure to US small caps and US banks and its overweights in Europe and Japan boosted its return, as did its duration hedging (short bond futures and put options). These effects more than offset losses incurred on its bond holdings. The fund's allocation to cash bonds fell marginally (-1% to 69%) as the managers sold some direct holdings in subordinated bonds (-1%) and core and peripheral duration (-2%), while adding linkers (+1% to 4%). At the end of the month, as reflation trades gained momentum, they further reduced overall

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duration from 3.2 to 2.9 years through a 5% short position on French tenyear OAT futures. The fund's net equities allocation rose from 18% to 21% as the managers increased their exposure to Eurozone and Japanese equities using futures and, to a lesser extent mechanically, as the delta of the put options tended towards 0. They added Eni to the undervalued stocks allocation. In the special opportunities allocation, the managers sold a yielding structured product on US autos that has risen by 4% in four months and trimmed the allocation to alternative strategies. The cash allocation was kept at 5%. The one-month VaR 95% remained fairly stable around 1.4 over the month.

### OUTLOOK

The managers expect more of the same in terms of the economic and financial backdrop over the next few months. As economic expansions or bull market phases have never yet died of old age, it is still (much?) too early to worry. While they don't believe that inflation will roar back, they acknowledge investors' concerns as a return of inflation could disrupt the favourable economic backdrop by forcing central banks to hike much faster than expected and thus create a volatility shock in the financial markets. The threat of inflation, real or false, is probably the biggest risk in the foreseeable future.

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