Theorema European Equity Long-Short UCITS Fund



UCITS Luxembourg Fund

Monthly Factsheet for Institutional investors only - 29 January 2016

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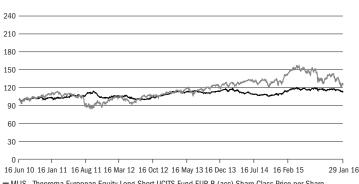
INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE²

The primary objective of the Theorema European Equity Long-Short UCITS Fund is to generate superior risk adjusted returns, irrespective of the market environment, through fundamental stock picking in Europe. The Fund will attempt to achieve annual returns of 10-14%, with a low volatility target of 6-8%, predominately through the purchase, sale and short sale via derivatives of equity instruments listed on the stock exchanges in Western Europe that the manager deems to be misvalued.

FUND DESCRIPTION

The Theorema European Equity Long-Short UCITS Fund is a UCITS compliant fund following the Theorema Europe strategy, with a balance sheet equal to 1.5x that of the flagship fund, Theorema Europe Fund (TEF) which has a 9yr track record. The investment style aims to select investment opportunities which can sustain superior returns over the midlong term without a significant degree of correlation to the market. This has been achieved by maintaining a very liquid, highly diversified portfolio with a strong focus on thorough fundamental research analysis and risk management.

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE¹



MLIS - Theorema European Equity Long-Short UCITS Fund EUR B (acc) Share Class Price per Share
MSPE Index

Fund performance is based on official daily valuations, shown since inception of share class. Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Bloomberg

FUND COMMENTARY

Global Equity markets tumbled in one of the worst starts of a year. The Dow Jones Eurostoxx 600 closed January down 6.44%. The correlation between the Chinese Stock Market and the Equity Markets in US and Europe increased substantially at the beginning of the month, causing an increase of realized volatility of the developed markets.

Chinese shares suffered notably from the start, plunging in the first session of the year to new lows. The price action reminded everybody of a full-fledged risk off environment: circuit breakers and trading halts.

Economic data from Asia have been mixed but market seemed to focus on the Caixin manufacturing PMI that came lower than expected and below 50, a sign of contraction of economic activity.

On the other side, economic data were supportive for Europe. Eurozone consumer confidence and German manufacturing orders came stronger than expected.

The highlight of the month was the ECB conference. Contrary to December, when the market had very high expectations and the ECB disappointed, in January nobody was expecting a change of tone by Draghi, who suggested that ECB will review and reconsider their monetary policy stance as early as March. It is clear that the main driver for the outlook in Europe is largely determined by external factors: China economy , global growth, oil and the commodity space and the ECB wants to react against these deflationary forces.

In addition to that, other two factor determined the increased risk aversion. Given the renewed oil price weakness and increased fears of global recession, European corporate credit spreads widened to level last seen in 2012, while Italian banks lead the declines in the European Stoxx 600 Banks Index, reflecting investor concerns about lenders' levels of bad debt.

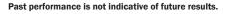
Concerns over the level of NPL in the balance sheet of Italian Banks made headlines throughout the month. Despite the effort to create a scheme to encourage banks to sell loans and provide investors with a government guarantee, both bank stock and bonds prices weakend considerably.

HISTORICAL MONTHLY RETURNS¹ (%)

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | YTD |
|------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2016 | (2.22) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (2.22) |
| 2015 | 4.18 | 2.33 | 0.71 | (0.81) | 1.61 | (2.52) | 2.79 | (1.73) | (0.32) | 0.18 | 1.08 | (1.25) | 6.21 |
| 2014 | (1.68) | 3.32 | (2.71) | (3.02) | 0.02 | (1.89) | (1.00) | (0.63) | 0.76 | (0.87) | 1.74 | 0.38 | (5.61) |
| 2013 | 2.30 | 2.28 | 0.98 | (2.43) | 1.95 | 0.83 | (1.41) | (1.47) | 0.00 | 1.71 | 1.20 | 1.86 | 7.94 |
| 2012 | 0.85 | 1.97 | (0.57) | 0.86 | (3.88) | (1.54) | (0.78) | 0.33 | 1.84 | 1.20 | 2.91 | 1.29 | 4.37 |
| 2011 | (2.09) | 0.82 | 1.48 | 0.38 | 2.50 | 0.65 | (0.59) | 4.18 | 2.18 | (6.42) | (3.40) | 0.50 | (0.27) |
| 2010 | - | - | - | - | - | (2.36) | 2.65 | 0.71 | 1.57 | 0.54 | (3.18) | 3.70 | 3.49 |

Based on unaudited month-end valuations. Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch

² A significant or total loss of investment could occur. There can be no assurance that the investment objectives of the fund will be achieved and investment results may vary substantially over time.





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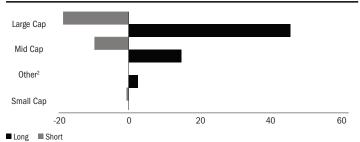


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EXPOSURE BY MARKET CAPITALISATION (%)



Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch

POSITION ANALYSIS⁴

| No. of Long Positions | 52 | | | |
|--|-------|--|--|--|
| No. of Short Positions | 62 | | | |
| Delivered Volatility ⁵ | n/a | | | |
| Top 3 Long Positions as a % of Fund Net Assets | | | | |
| TIME WARNER CABLE INC SHS | 4.46% | | | |
| SAFRAN SA ACT. | 4.07% | | | |
| AIRBUS GROUP SE SHS | 3.46% | | | |

Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch

SHARE CLASS VALUATION

| Share Class | ISIN | BBG | SEDOL | NAV |
|-------------|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| EUR B (acc) | LU0517905021 | MLISTH1 LX | B5PXNV0 | 113.97 |
| USD B (acc) | LU0517905294 | MLISTH2 LX | B3M0P81 | 115.98 |
| GBP B (acc) | LU0517905377 | MLISTH3 LX | B3PR2X3 | not invested |
| EUR D (acc) | LU0517905880 | MLISTH7 LX | B5L50Y2 | not invested |
| USD D (acc) | LU0517905963 | MLISTH8 LX | B5P8575 | not invested |
| GBP D (acc) | LU0517906003 | MLISTH9 LX | B5ZS0G9 | not invested |
| EUR I (inc) | LU0965053530 | MLITH12 LX | BD3Q5L1 | 98.51 |

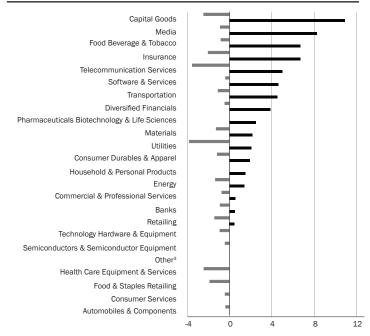
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MONTH END EXPOSURE (%)

| | Jan 2016 |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Long Exposure | 62.93 |
| Short Exposure | (29.15) |
| Net Exposure | 33.78 |
| Gross Exposure | 92.08 |
| Beta Exposure ⁶ | 20.48 |
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Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch

SECTOR EXPOSURE (%)



■ Long ■ Short

Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch

FUND CHARACTERISTICS7

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Base Currency | EUR | | |
| Inception Date | 16 June 2010 | | |
| Redemption/Subscription Frequency | Daily | | |
| Redemption/Subscription Notice Period | 2 banking days | | |
| Management Fee | 2% | | |
| Admin Fee | 0.40% | | |
| Performance Fee | 20% of New Net Appreciation | | |
| Fund's Assets Under Management | EUR 75,558,240 | | |
| Minimum Investment | €/\$/£ 1,000,000 | | |

FUND MANAGEMENT

| Investment Manager | Theorema Asset Management Limited |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fund Promoter | Merrill Lynch International |
| Auditor | Price Waterhouse Coopers S.à r.l |
| Custodian | State Street Bank Luxembourg S.C.A. |
| Administrator | State Street Bank Luxembourg S.C.A. |

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 $^{^{\}rm 2}$ Positions with no specific market capitalisation category.

³ Positions with no specific sector category.

⁴ Number of positions and top 3 long positions provided for the factsheet date.

⁵ Delivered Volatility: Volatility is a measure of the degree of variability in the historical returns. It is measured by taking the standard deviation of the historical monthly returns on an annualised basis.

⁶ Predicted beta against the MSCI Pan-Euro Index

⁷ Investment in the fund is subject to 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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