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# **SEXTANT BOND PICKING**



The fund's quarterly performance was 1.3% and its benchmark was -0.2%

Sextant Bond Picking is an international bond fund that implements a« value/fundamentals » management philosophy: - managing the credit risk (remuneration versus cost of risk);We concentrate on

- Credit analysis is done internally, without reference to the opinions of ratingagencies;
- As far as possible, we avoid macroeconomic bets on interest rates (preferringlow or modest sensitivities) and exchange rates (most forex risks are hedged);
- We have no self-imposed investment constraints, and are thus free to takepositions in the least efficient market segments: unrated bonds, out-of-the-moneyconvertibles, issues in currencies other than the issuer's domestic one, complexpaper and/or industries etc. On an ancillary basis, the fund may also invest up to 10% (maximum) of assets inequities, mainly to arbitrage capital-market deals or buy high-dividend stocks.

#### Market situation

In September, high-yield credit margins rose slightly for the first time since March, from 412bps on September 1st to 428bps on September 30th (Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Index excluding financials). The escalating health crisis and deteriorating economic indicators undermined the market, which for the rest of Q3 proved remarkably dynamic. Expectations for a quick recovery have been faded. Earnings from high-yield indices were 1% higher than at the beginning of the year, even though expected defaults in the segment range from 7 to 10% according to the rating agencies.

#### Structure of the portfolio

Cash holdings rose slightly in Q3, from 14.6% to 16.3% on September 30th. We arbitraged some positions that had risen sharply and no longer offered sufficient upside potential. And we took advantage of market opportunities to strengthen some positions that still offer a return close to the all-time high. At end September, the fund's yield (net of forex hedging costs for the

part invested in bonds) was 6.2% versus 7.3% at end September. Sensitivity to interest-rate risk is moderate at 2.4. As a result, for the overall fund including cash holdings, the yield net of forex hedging was 4.8% (vs 5.7% at end June) for interest-rate sensitivity of 1.9. The fund's sensitivity to equities (delta) was unchanged at 9.4% and stems mainly from ancillary equity investments (7.8% of funds invested).

#### **Major transactions**

As in the preceding quarter, we partially rotated the portfolio in order to adapt to market conditions. We strengthened our position in **Quadient**, where the yield is still at a three-year high and an attractive credit profile is underpinned by an improving operating profile, good management of a shrinking postal activity, and recurring new activities such as parcel lockers. Several positions acquired during the liquidity crisis were sold in Q3, as they had risen rapidly.

For example, we divested Faurecia, Rexel and FNAC. Sextant Bond Picking also trimmed investments in gold-mining stocks initiated in Q2 via two funds, Tocqueville Gold and Ixios Gold, as their weightings were reduced to 3% from 4%. This decision was motivated by their very strong performances in recent months as gold hit record highs. Lastly, the fund's cash holdings were bolstered in Q3 by redemption at maturity of our position in SAF Holland, and by the early redemption of HT Global IT Solutions.

#### Outlook

Having deployed a large amount of cash to seize opportunities in March and April, Sextant Bond Picking arbitraged most of these positions which no longer offered sufficient upside potential. Cash holdings thus rose to 16.3% of assets, and the fund's defensive positioning has been fully restored. This is the only way that we can make appropriate choices in order to obtain a reasonable yield while remaining highly selective.

# Performances

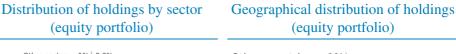
	Sextant Bond Picking (A)	Euro Constant Maturity Treasury (CMT) cash 3Y	tant Bond 110	Picking (A)	Euro Constant Matu	ırity Treasury	(CMT) cash 3'
1 month	-1.3%	-0.1%				4	
3 months	1.3%	-0.2%	105				
6 months	8.4%	-0.4%			~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	*	<b>1</b> 01.94
1 year	-2.9%	-0.7%	100				<u>/</u>
2 years	-0.6%	-1.3%					97.85
3 years	0.9%	-1.8%	95				
			90	2018	2019	2020	
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		Sextant Bond Picking (A)			0.8%	3.6%	-3.5%
	Euro Co	nstant Maturity Treasury (CMT) cash 3	Υ		-0.5%	-0.7%	-0.5%

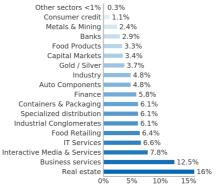
### Breakdown of assets

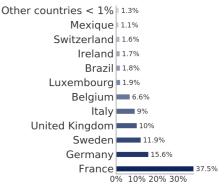
Maturity	< 1 year	1 to 3 years	3 to 5 years	5 to 7 years	7 to 10 years	> 10 years	perpetual	Equities
Hypothetical call of the asset manager	11.1%	37.4%	27.5%	7.9%	0.0%	0.0%	8.2%	7.8%
Maximum Maturity	11.1%	28.5%	26.0%	7.9%	0.0%	0.0%	18.8%	7.8%

#### Allocation

Bonds	77.2%
o/w sovereign	0.0%
o/w corporate	52.5%
o/w financials	5.3%
o/w convertibles	19.4%
Equities *	6.5%
o/w risk arb strategy	0.0%
o/w yield strategy	6.5%
Cash & quasi-cash	16.3%
* of which financials	2.9%







### \* of net assets invested

# Main holdings

Issue	Currency	Sector	Country	Net asset %
Econocom OC 0.5% 06-2023	EUR	IT Services	Belgium	5.5%
Casino TSSDI 2049	EUR	Food Retailing	France	5.4%
Thyssenkrupp 2.875% 02-2024	EUR	Industrial Conglomerates	Germany	5.1%
Kloeckner & Co OC 2% 09-2023	EUR	Specialized distribution	Germany	5.1%
Guala Closures EUR+3.5% 04-2024	EUR	Containers & Packaging	Italy	5.1%

#### **Indicators**

	Fixed income part	Total assets
Gross yield	6.3%	4.8%
Yield after cost of forex hedging	6.2%	4.8%
Spread (basis point)	665	533
Residual duration (years)	2.9	2.3

	Fixed income part	Total assets		
Interest-rate sensitivity	2.4	1.9		
Equity sensitivity (delta)	3.8%	9.4%		
Net/gross forex exposure	12.4% / -0	.2%		
Number of lines / Average outstanding	58 / 410 M€			

## Main characteristics

Legal form	UCITS / French mutual fund							
Share category	Unit A all subscribers							
ISIN code	FR001	32021	32					
Bloomberg code	AGSBPKA FP							
AMF classification	Bonds and other international debt securities							
Benchmark	Euro Constant Maturity Treasury (CMT) of 3Y				cash			
Unit NAV / Net assets Fund	101.94 € / 177.57 M€							
Share NAV period	Daily							
Risk profile	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

Scale from 1 (lowest risk) to 7 (highest risk); category-1 risk does not mean a risk-free investment. This indicator may change over time.

Launch date	Fund : 30/03/2017 Unit : 30/03/2017
Recommended investment duration	Over 3 years
CentralisSettlem. /Delivery	D-1 at 10 AM / D+2
Custodian	CACEIS BANK
Transfert agent	CACEIS BANK
Tax provisions	
Entry charge	1.0% including tax maximum
Exit charge	0.0% including tax maximum
Fixed management fee	1.25% including tax maximum
Performance fee	15% including tax of the mutual fund's outperformance vs the benchmark, plus 300bps

Source: Amiral Gestion at 30/09/2020

### **GLOSSARY**

The full glossary is available in the monthly report of your fund, on the website www.amiralgestion.com.

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