

# VARENNE SELECTION FCP

MONTHLY REPORT (I-EUR CLASS) - AUGUST 2018

Lower risk ← Higher risk



NAV

€1,246.18

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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund's objective is to target above average returns in a fund that mixes a concentrated long and short equity portfolio (long biased) with an overlay of merger arbitrage (long/short pairs or longs) and opportunistic tail risk hedging.

## MONTHLY PERFORMANCE

Years	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	October	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly Perf.
2015	-	-	-	-	-	-2.20% <sup>2</sup>	2.43%	-4.94%	0.65%	3.66%	-1.36%	-1.21%	-3.19% <sup>2</sup>
2016	-2.76%	0.03%	1.19%	1.65%	-0.02%	-2.09%	4.33%	-0.33%	0.10%	-0.61%	0.60%	3.38%	5.37%
2017	1.92%	1.97%	2.52%	3.56%	1.59%	-1.77%	-0.94%	-0.94%	3.62%	0.29%	0.94%	0.82%	14.28%
2018	1.19%	-3.76%	-1.52%	4.28%	0.48%	-0.83%	4.01%	3.14%					6.90%

## TOP 5 HOLDINGS (Equity)

ULTA BEAUTY	Long Equity	United States
ACCENTURE	Long Equity	United States
SESA	Long Equity	Italy
LVMH	Long Equity	France
WIRECARD	Long Equity	Germany

## NUMBER OF HOLDINGS

Long Equity	15
Short Equity	1
Merger Arbitrage	8
Tail Risk Hedging	3

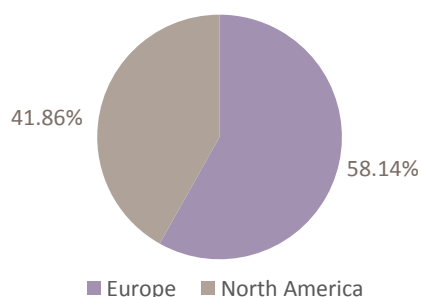
## EXPOSURE BY MARKET CAPITALIZATION (Equity)

> EUR 3bn	78.92%
EUR 500m – 3bn	9.78%
< EUR 500m	11.29%

## CURRENCY EXPOSURE (Delta adjusted, excluding Tail Risk Hedging)

	USD	GBP	CHF	DKK
Exposure	46.07%	10.18%	7.35%	7.24%
Hedging	42.33%	10.18%	-	-
Net Exposure	3.75%	0.00%	7.35%	7.24%

## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (Equity, gross exposure, delta adjusted)



## TOP 10 SECTORS (GICS sub-ind. - Equity, gross exposure, delta adjusted)

Specialty Stores	14.00%
Apparel, Accessories & Luxury	13.66%
IT Consulting & Other Services	11.71%
Technology Distributors	8.88%
Data Processing & Outsourced Services	8.30%
Specialty Chemicals	7.61%
Pharmaceuticals	7.50%
Apparel Retail	7.34%
Restaurants	7.02%
Movies & Entertainment	4.61%

<sup>1</sup> Risk indicator scored on a scale of 1 (lower risk) to 7 (higher risk). Category 1 does not mean "risk-free". This indicator may change over time.

<sup>2</sup> Inception I-EUR class 6/09/2015

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## CUMULATIVE AND ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

	Year to date	CUMULATIVE			ANNUALIZED
		1 year	3 years	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>
VARENNE SELECTION	6.90%	13.07%	30.86%	24.62%	7.15%

## ANNUALIZED VOLATILITY

	1 year	3 years	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>
VARENNE SELECTION	10.91%	10.65%	10.76%

## INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT REVIEW

**Macro Context:** The main central banks did not change their key rates, with the exception of the Bank of England, which raised its key rate by 25bps to 0.75%. Ten-year sovereign bond yields in Europe posted a mixed showing, with the Bund falling by 12bps to 0.33%, the French OAT and the Gilt unchanged at 0.68% and 1.43%, respectively, and the BTP (Italy) spiking by 52bps to 3.24%. In the United States, the T-Bond yield was unchanged at 2.86%. High-yield bond yields rose by 16bps in Europe to 3.80% and were flat in the US, slipping by just 4bps to 6.27%. Volatility rose in Europe, with the VSTOXX (EURO STOXX 50) up 307bp to 15.63% and the VIX (S&P 500) at 12.86%.

Both industrial and precious metals continued to decline on the month, including copper, by 5.16% to \$5,975/tonne and gold, by 1.68% to \$1,204. Crude oil regained 1.51% to \$69.80/bbl. On the forex market, the euro lost 0.76% to the dollar, to USD 1.16, and 2.91% to the Swiss franc, to CHF 1.12, while gaining 0.52% vs. the pound sterling, to GBP 0.90.

**Long Equity:** No major change was made to the portfolio.

**Short Equity:** No major change was made to the portfolio.

**Merger Arbitrage:** Four new positions were initiated, in Vedanta Resources (GB), eSure Group (GB), CA (US) and Syntel (US). We tendered our Naturex (FR) shares to the bid from Givaudan (CH).

**Tail Risk Hedging:** The Fund is hedged against economic and financial risks through CDS on European subordinated financial debt maturing in December 2021 and June 2022, put-on-best options on the EuroStoxx 50 and Nikkei maturing in March 2020, and yen/dollar put options maturing in 2023.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Fund Structure	Professional AIF / Unit Trust	Administrator	CACEIS Fund Administration
Type	Accumulation	Subscriptions/Redemptions	Daily No minimum
Benchmark	None	Subscription Fee	Up to 2%, fully paid to distributors when applicable
Initial NAV	€1,000	Redemption Fee	None
Inception	12/01/2006 (A-EUR class)	Management Fee	1.10% of Net Assets
Isin	FR0012768836 (I-EUR class)	Performance Fee	14.95% of the Fund's performance Hurdle Rate: Average TEC 5 annual yield calculated over the 12 most recent months
Bloomberg	VARSELI FP		
Investment Manager	Varenne Capital Partners AMF Approval no. GP-06 000004		
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<sup>4</sup> Inception I-EUR class 6/09/2015

Data sources: Varenne Capital Partners

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