

# VARENNE VALEUR FCP

MONTHLY REPORT (A-USD UNIT) - APRIL 2017



NAV

\$105.92

## 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.
2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.15% <sup>2</sup>	-0.83%	-0.31%	-0.81%	1.29%	0.90%	0.38% <sup>2</sup>
2017	-0.06%	1.74%	1.94%	1.80%									5.52%

## TOP 5 HOLDINGS (Equity)

LVMH	Long Equity	France
WPP	Long Equity	United Kingdom
TJX COMPANIES	Long Equity	United States
THE PRICELINE GROUP	Long Equity	United States
NOVO NORDISK	Long Equity	Denmark

## NUMBER OF HOLDINGS

Equity	24
Special Situations	3
Tail Risk Hedging	5

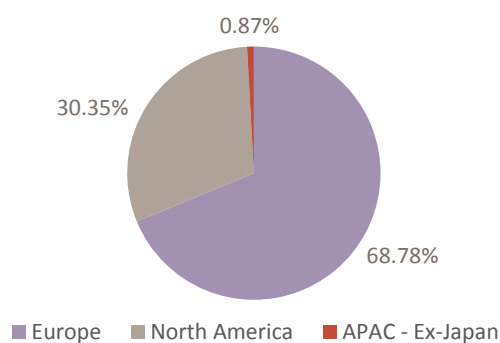
## EXPOSURE BY MARKET CAPITALIZATION (Equity)

> EUR 3bn	19.11%
EUR 500m – 3bn	5.93%
< EUR 500m	5.93%

## CURRENCY EXPOSURE (Mark-to-market, excluding Tail Risk Hedging)

	USD	GBP	DKK	CHF	SGD	HKD	CNH
Exposure	20.54%	20.54%	4.74%	3.88%	0.37%	0.11%	0.00%
Hedging	14.35%	14.35%	-	-	0.15%	-	0.22%
Net Exposure	6.19%	6.19%	4.74%	3.88%	0.22%	0.11%	-0.22%

## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (Equity, gross exposure, mark-to-market)



## TOP 10 SECTORS (GICS sub-ind. - Equity, gross exposure, mark-to-market)

Apparel, Accessories & Luxury	18.56%
Advertising	11.59%
Apparel Retail	10.02%
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	8.96%
Pharmaceuticals	8.17%
Specialty Chemicals	6.70%
Footwear	6.55%
Food Retail	5.70%
Movies & Entertainment	4.61%
Food Distributors	4.18%

<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 A-USD unit: 7/19/2016

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## CUMULATIVE AND ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

	Year to date	CUMULATIVE 1 year	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>	ANNUALIZED Since Inception <sup>2</sup>
VARENNE VALEUR	5.52%	-	5.92%	-

## ANNUALIZED VOLATILITY

Annualized volatility % (w)	1 year	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>
VARENNE VALEUR	-	-

## INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT REVIEW

**Macro Context:** The main central banks kept their key rates on hold. Ten-year sovereign bond yields retreated in all regions, with the US T-Note down 11 basis points to 2.28%, the French OAT down 13bp to 0.836%, and the Gilt down 5bp to 1.08%. By extension, high-yield bond yields fell further during the month, to 2.725% in Europe and to 5.669% in the US.

Gold rose in March by 1.53% to \$1,268.28/ounce, while crude oil fell 2.51% to end the month at \$49.33. On the forex market, the euro rose 2.08% vs. the dollar at 1.09 and 1.43% vs. the Swiss franc at 1.08, and continued to give up ground to sterling at 0.84 (-0.85%).

**Equity (Long Equity and Short Equity):** A new investment was made in Givaudan (CH) and positions were scaled back in Groupe Fnac (FR) and Marr (IT).

**Merger Arbitrage:** WhiteWave Foods (US) shares were tendered to the bid by Danone (FR), locking in a capital gain. Under the simplified bid announced by Groupe Arnault (FR) for Christian Dior (FR), made in cash and in Hermès International (FR) shares, we simultaneously built up a long position in Christian Dior and a short position in Hermès International, based on the bid's ratio.

**Tail Risk Hedging:** The fund is hedged against economic crisis risk or monetary shocks, mainly through a variance/volatility swap on the S&P 500, put-on-best options on Eurostoxx 50 and Nikkei maturing in March 2020 and yen/dollar put options maturing in 2020/21.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Fund Structure	UCITS / 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	\$100	Redemption Fee	None
Inception	01/31/2003 (A-EUR unit)	Management Fee	1.794% of Net Assets
Isin	FR0013192507 (A-USD unit)	Performance Fee	14.95% of the Fund's performance Hurdle Rate: Average TEC 5 annual yield calculated over the 12 most recent months
Bloomberg	VARVALD FP		
Investment Manager	Varenne Capital Partners AMF Approval no. GP-06 000004		
Custodian	CACEIS Bank France		

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Data sources: Varenne Capital Partners

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