

## FACTSHEET

### Market Commentary

Concerned about lack of progress on trade negotiations, heightened Brexit rhetoric from new UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and a slowdown of global growth, financial markets priced ever lower yields into government bonds ahead of the July central bank meetings.

One of the benefits of our strategy is that individual positions are rarely dramatically impacted by global macro conditions. We are careful to avoid excessive exposure to any one sector or geography, ensuring a portfolio of idiosyncratic return drivers. This is one reason why currently we have chosen to avoid deals requiring Chinese regulatory approval.

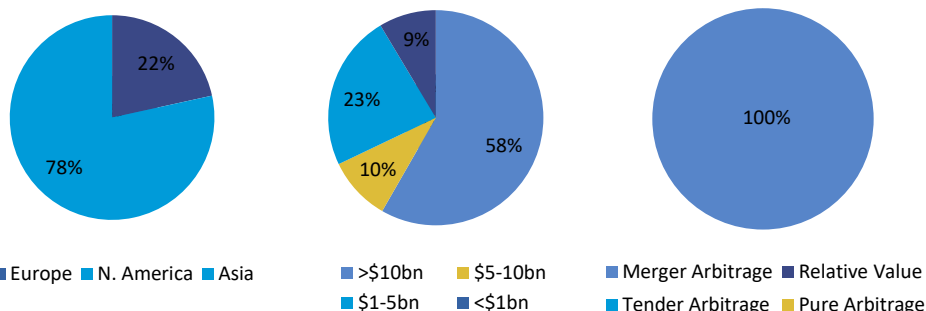
Instead, we focus on identifying situations with hidden value, that offer a quantifiable downside, with the opportunity for additional upside. One such example was this month's £2bn Whitbread tender offer, used to return proceeds from the sale of Costa Coffee to shareholders. We saw this as a low risk, high conviction opportunity and accumulated a maximum 10% position, which we sold into the tender offer at the clearing strike price (the volume weighted average price of the prior week's Whitbread stock trading +2%). Given our net average purchase price was below the VWAP, the position generated +0.42% gross for the fund. This represents approximately a 45% annualised return on the 10% of capital invested since our initial position was taken on the 19th June.

Another low risk opportunity offering potential upside was BinckBank, which was successfully acquired by Saxo Bank during the month. Our analysis exposed undervalued real estate assets owned by BinckBank. This gave us comfort holding a maximum position size into the deal completion, with the possibility that a higher bid could have emerged.

The fund generated +0.22% gross from trading the Anadarko / Occidental combination. Mid-month, activist investor Carl Icahn launched a proxy fight against the transaction, causing the spread to widen. In our estimation there was a lot of noise and little substance in Mr Icahn's filings and limited possibility to disrupt this very strong merger agreement, thus we added to our holding. We expect the transaction to close shortly after the Anadarko shareholder vote next month.

With over a dozen \$20bn+ merger transactions announced during 1H 2019 vs only two in 1H 2018, we are confident that we will continue to identify opportunities offering hidden value throughout the remainder of the year.

### FUND EXPOSURES<sup>1</sup>



### UCITS MONTHLY PERFORMANCE\* (USD Institutional Founder Class B)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2019	+0.61%	-0.13%	+1.18%	+0.35%	-0.10%	+0.09%	+0.76%						<b>+2.78%</b>
2018	+1.07%	+1.20%	-0.52%	-0.05%	+1.84%	-0.29%	-0.87%	-0.98%	-1.37%	-0.87%	-0.11%	+0.09%	<b>-0.92%</b>
2017	+0.15%	+0.36%	+1.25%	+0.46%	-0.10%	+0.02%	+0.53%	+0.86%	+1.35%	+0.88%	-0.40%	+0.14%	<b>+5.63%</b>
2016	+0.07%	+0.89%	+0.05%	-0.08%	+0.31%	+1.03%	+0.91%	+1.18%	+0.91%	-0.99%	+1.30%	+1.47%	<b>+7.25%</b>
2015	-	-	-	-0.66%	+0.54%	-0.96%	+0.28%	-0.80%	-0.22%	+1.77%	-0.18%	+0.30%	<b>+0.05%</b>

\*The performance figures quoted above represent the performance of the Burren Global Arbitrage UCITS Fund since its launch on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance. <sup>1</sup>as at month end.

## THE MANAGER



**Andrew McGrath, CIO** founded Burren Capital Advisors Limited in 2010. Andrew obtained a European Baccalaureate in 1995 from the European School in Oxfordshire and then graduated in 1998 with a Bachelor of Commerce, Banking & Finance (Hons) from University College Dublin. After working for Morgan Stanley (1998- 2001) as an associate in the Equity Structured Products Group, Andrew moved to Cater Allen International Limited as Head of Equity Relative Value Proprietary Trading (2001-2003). Andrew then moved to Lehman Brothers International Europe where he co-founded the Special Situations portfolio within Lehman Equity Strategies. After nearly 3 years at Lehman Brothers (2003-2006), he moved to BNP Paribas and assumed the role of European Head of Special Situations & Risk Arbitrage Proprietary Trading.

PERFORMANCE	MTD	ITD
BGA UCITS Fund	0.76%	15.42%
HFEX Event Driven Index	0.16%	-2.27%
HFEX Merger Arb. Index	0.34%	8.02%
HFEX HF Comp. Index	0.55%	-3.55%
MSCI World	0.42%	23.84%
S&P 500	1.31%	43.16%
Euro Stoxx 50	-0.20%	-7.37%

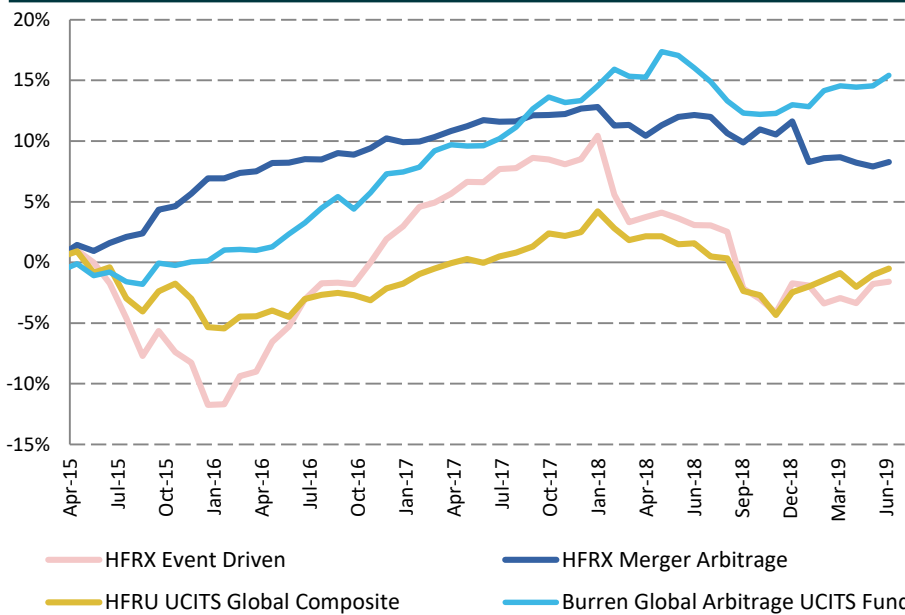
### PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

No. of positions during month	25
Positions contributing a profit	14
Positions contributing a loss	11
% of profitable positions	56%
Best performing position	0.42%
Worst performing position	-0.08%
Largest allocation	6.80%
20 Day VaR (99%)	4.22
Volatility	3%
Sharpe	0.87
Sortino	1.54

## NEW DEALS

	SECTOR	COUNTRY	VALUE (USDM)
Genesee & Wyoming \ GIC, Brookfield Infrastructure	Industrial	USA	9,109
Just Eat \ Takeaway.com	Communications	GBR	6,017
Cobham \ Advent International	Industrial	GBR	4,897
OSRAM Licht \ Carlyle Group, Bain Capital	Industrial	GER	4,268
El Group PLC \ Stonegate Pub Co	Consumer, Cyclical	GBR	3,710

## BURREN GLOBAL ARBITRAGE UCITS FUND vs INDICES



## FUND FACTS

Liquidity	Daily
Fund AUM	\$18.0 million
Strategy AUM	\$108.0 million
Inception	7 <sup>th</sup> April, 2015
Domicile	Ireland

### Share Class Institutional / Institutional Pooled

Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	1.50%
Perf. Fee	20%
Min Init. Sub.	100,000

### ISIN Codes Institutional / Institutional Pooled

EUR:	IE00BVBV9450 / IE00BVBV9D45
USD:	IE00BVBV9781 / IE00BVBV9H82
CHF:	IE00BVBV9674 / IE00BVBV9G75
GBP:	IE00BVBV9567 / IE00BVBV9F68

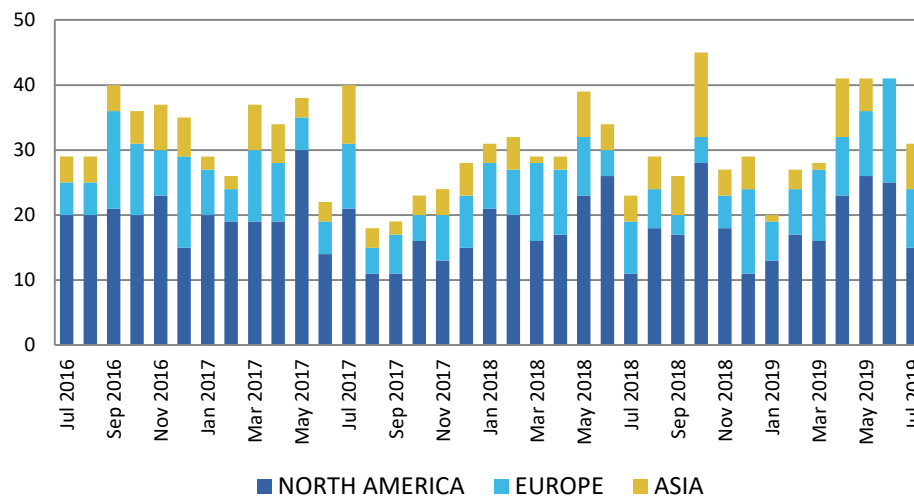
### Share Class Retail Pooled

Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	2.00%
Perf. Fee	20%
Min Init. Sub.	100,000

### ISIN Codes Retail Pooled

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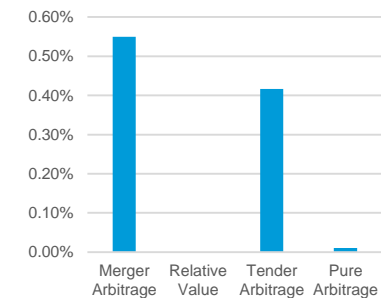
## NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE OPPORTUNITIES BY REGION / MONTH



## PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

Annualised return	3.36%
Avg. month return (S&P up)	0.35%
Avg. month return (S&P dwn)	0.10%

## P&L BY STRATEGY (GROSS)



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