

### FACTSHEET

### THE MANAGER

#### Performance Returns

Conquest STAR UCITS Fund returned (6.82) % net in July for the USD Institutional Founder class.

#### Investment Objective & Strategy

Systematic absolute return strategy focused on capturing independent alpha from short-term trading opportunities regardless of the risk environment in both “risk-seeking” and “risk averse” regimes. The fund employs 4 sub-strategies using a dynamic risk allocation based on the Conquest Risk Aversion Index. The strategy provides geographic and asset class diversification by trading in over 30 liquid global futures markets including currencies, equity indices, and fixed income with no correlation to traditional portfolios, hedge fund portfolios, and CTA portfolios.

#### Monthly Commentary

We continue to believe that there are at least three reasons why we are on the cusp of a major market reversal in the risk environment – (1) geopolitical uncertainty, (2) market valuations, and (3) global macroeconomics – which we anticipate will be highly beneficial in future performance for your investment in Conquest STAR UCITS Fund.

**1. Geopolitical uncertainty has been driven by US foreign policy regarding global trade, Italy’s new populist government, and the uncertain future of denuclearization efforts in Iran and North Korea.** These rising tensions globally will continue to have an effect on FX and EM markets. We still have reason to believe that there will be some follow through in volatility that will bleed into the equity markets. This did not play out as we anticipated in June or July to the extent that would have made our risk-averse posture profitable, but our systems will be prepared to take action once we do see any hiccup in the equity markets that has legs for a trending market to the downside.

**2. We share the view that market valuations of risk assets continue to be over-extended.** The benign markets of last year, which saw both bond and stock prices drifting gently upwards monthly, seem firmly behind us creating potential opportunities for Conquest STAR to generate outsized returns when risk assets’ value depreciates.

**3. Within the global macroeconomic landscape, we can basically trace the beginning of the period of underperformance for global macro trading strategies to 2009, which is when the Fed entered “Zero Interest- Rate Policy (“ZIRP”) and Quantitative Easing (“QE”).** The Fed stopped QE and ZIRP just about two years ago, which was the first step to tightening, then followed that up with modest but accelerating increases in the discount rate and an effort to reduce the over swelled balance sheet. Just the same way we saw global central banks follow the Fed in, we are seeing them follow the Fed out. Indeed, as of this writing, the Fed is re-iterating its tightening stance in the face of the “strong” US economy.

#### Conquest STAR UCITS Fund Performance

STAR’s July losses were concentrated in equities and heavily aggravated by the risk-averse state of the Conquest Risk Index, which exhibited its longest period of risk aversion since 2013, and for the full year of 2018, its highest percentage of risk-averse days since 2008. To some extent then, the question is reducible to whether the construction of the risk index itself has undergone some deterioration in its reliability. Even with the recent performance, we don’t see any compelling statistical evidence of this. We have observed other periods in its history where it signaled a “false positive” of equity stress that did not materialize immediately. Moreover, its construction contains very few parameters and these parameters remain robust to moderate perturbations, i.e. they do not appear to be overfit. A good part of the efficacy of the risk index stems from the logical, intuitive step of translating stress from the typically more informed and sophisticated fixed income markets into equity positions and sizing modifications thereof. Going into July, the overall state of the risk index was driven mainly by its fixed income components, which each relevant component showing one of the longest streaks of elevated stress in its history.

In addition to the false positive of fixed income stress and its result on equity trading, the strategy also took losses in FX and fixed income in the final days of the month on trade-related headlines. Relative to lower frequency systems, we have found greater performance improvement from applying our daily risk index to intraday systems, and such systems have demonstrated increasing value in a market that is often driven by the kind of policy announcements that impacted the final days of trading in July. Again, the kind of short-term price misdirection associated with policy developments is mitigated by STAR’s counter-trend sub-strategy, but this can come at the cost of reduced long volatility exposure, as seen in February. While STAR is an all-weather product, over time, it does exhibit more of a long volatility, long convexity profile than your average CTA.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2018	4.16%	-6.09%	0.23%	-0.28%	0.26%	-1.04%	-6.82%						-9.62%
2017	-	-	0.07%	0.19%	0.49%	-2.42%	-2.61%	3.75%	0.00%	0.50%	-0.15%	-0.28%	-0.59%

The performance figures quoted above represent the performance of the Conquest STAR UCITS Fund since launch on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.



#### Marc Malek

Founder and Portfolio Manager

Mr. Malek founded Conquest and began his role as Portfolio Manager in 1999 after departing UBS as the Global Head of FX and Derivatives Proprietary trading in Europe and the Americas. While at UBS, Mr. Malek held several senior positions, including leading the global group in exotic derivatives in Foreign exchange. Prior to his tenure at UBS he worked at a hedge fund trading currency options and developing proprietary trading models. Mr. Malek began his career in 1992 at Salomon Brothers in New York as a Financial Analyst in the Financial Strategy Group.

#### Jason Ruspini

Portfolio Manager

Mr. Ruspini is a Portfolio Manager who joined Conquest in 2003. Prior to joining Conquest, Mr. Ruspini worked as a Quantitative Analyst and Floor Trader on the NYMEX under Mark Fisher, at which time he began developing systematic strategies. From 1999 - 2002, Mr. Ruspini worked at Goldman Sachs where he served as a senior analyst in firm-wide and fixed-income technology for over three years.

#### Harold Feder

Chief Financial Officer & Compliance Officer

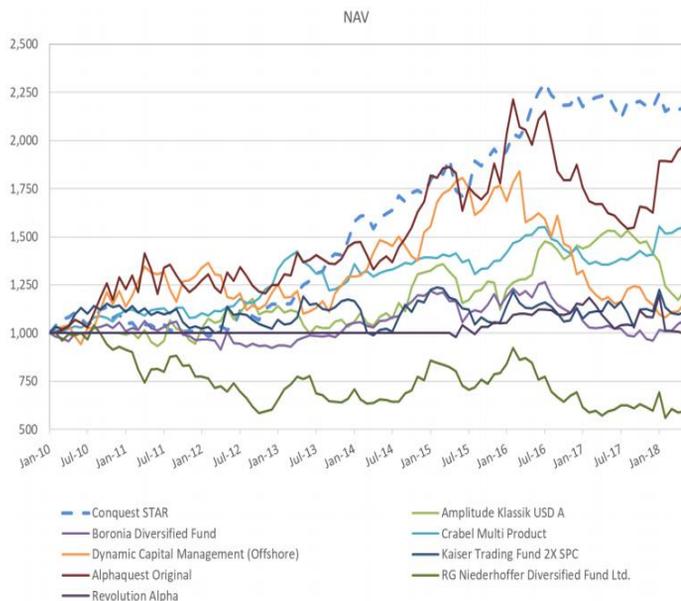
Mr. Feder joined Conquest in 2004. Prior to joining Conquest, Mr. Feder worked in public accounting for seven years, most recently as an audit manager at Grant Thornton’s Financial Services Industry Group. While at Grant Thornton, Mr. Feder was in charge of auditing various hedge funds, private equity partnerships and broker dealers.

#### FUND FACTS

Structure	UCITS Fund
Domicile	Ireland
Liquidity	Daily
Fund AUM	\$64.9 million
Strategy AUM	\$118.7 million
Inception	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
Share Class	Institutional Founder/Institutional
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	1.25%/1.5%
Perf. Fee	15%/20%
Min Init. Sub.	10,000,000/100,000
ISIN Codes	EUR: IE00BYXLP56/IE00BYXLJ998 GBP: IE00BYXLJQ63/IE00BYXLJB11 CHF: IE00BYXLS871/IE00BYXLDJ35 USD: IE00BYXLJR70/IE00BYXLCJ28
Share Class	Institutional Founder Pooled/Retail Pooled
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**CONQUEST STAR PERFORMANCE & STATISTICAL ANALYSIS\***

**Conquest STAR Performance vs. Other Alternative Strategies \***



\*The above performance pertains to the Conquest STAR and is not representative of the Conquest STAR UCITS Fund, UCITS Funds have to abide by onerous investment restrictions and consequently the performance of the Conquest STAR UCITS Fund may not be similar to that presented above.

\*\*The statistical analysis for 2017 includes the Conquest STAR strategy (Non-UCITS) for the first two months of the year (January and February 2017) before the launch of STAR UCITS in March 2017. Inclusive of January and February, the net return of for the full year for 2017 was (1.23)%.

**Statistical Analysis and Annual Returns \***

Annual Returns				
	Conquest STAR	Newedge CTA Index	HFRI Comp Index	S&P 500
<b>2018</b>	-9.81%	-5.35%	1.45%	6.47%
<b>2017**</b>	-0.59%	2.34%	8.52%	21.83%
<b>2016*</b>	18.37%	-2.87%	5.46%	11.96%
<b>2015*</b>	12.50%	0.03%	-1.11%	1.38%
<b>2014*</b>	18.26%	15.67%	2.98%	13.69%
<b>2013*</b>	29.05%	0.73%	9.13%	32.39%

Risk Statistics				
	Conquest STAR	Newedge CTA Index	HFRI Comp Index	S&P 500
<b>Sharpe Ratio (0.25%)</b>	0.86	0.16	0.90	1.20
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	10.65%	7.91%	4.64%	11.80%
<b>Sortino Ratio (0.25%)</b>	1.30	0.24	1.41	2.12
<b>Upside Deviation</b>	8.80%	5.88%	3.80%	10.53%
<b>Downside Deviation</b>	6.44%	5.26%	2.93%	6.62%
<b>Correlation</b>		0.32	0.15	0.08

Return				
	Conquest STAR	Newedge CTA Index	HFRI Comp Index	S&P 500
<b>Compounded Annual Return</b>	8.69%	1.52%	4.39%	14.04%
<b>Cumulative Return</b>	103.01%	13.65%	43.60%	202.07%
<b>% of Positive Months</b>	58.82%	53.92%	66.34%	71.29%

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