

### FACTSHEET

#### Performance Returns

The Mygale Event Driven UCITS Fund USD institutional class had a positive performance of 0.74% during the month of December.

#### Investment Objective & Strategy

An active trading approach to European Focused Event Driven Equity.

The fund follows predominantly merger arbitrage and catalyst driven strategies. We hold 40-60 positions with a typical net exposure of up to 50% and gross of between 100% and 200%. Our trading approach has a three tiered methodology designed to capture additional alpha for every position. Trades are structured with the intention of embedding optionality and favourably skew risk, with sharpened timing and market feel from our trading background. We frequently question our investment thesis, and conduct fundamental in-house research with the understanding that company specialists may know more. We are not wedded to any positions and do not believe we have the 'information edge.' Therefore, we systematically consult the market through deep local broker relationships and industry specialists. We are constantly looking for trades with fundamental value, and situations with the possibility of counter bids and bump catalysts and try to avoid the 'home run' mentality.

#### Market Commentary

In our final newsletter of 2017, we end the year with a bang as December brought with it a flurry of corporate activity. The fund finished 2017 with a return of 4.06% (USD share class), with December itself a strong month, returning 0.74%.

Looking back, 2017 as a whole had fewer political and market surprises than 2016, yet despite this, it's clear there were still a few impediments to global deal momentum. The US was the main cause here, as companies somewhat shied away from M&A activity as they awaited clarity on President Trump's approach to regulation, which, combined with the unresolved battle to lower US corporate tax rates, created uncertainty and undoubtedly negatively impacted US deal volume. This is in stark contrast to Europe, often the laggard to the U.S. in mergers and acquisitions volumes, which turned out to be the global hot spot for deals this year. The worries around the eurozone elections as well as the uncertainty of the great Brexit unknown most definitely cast a cloud over European activity in 2016. However, 2017 saw growing confidence in Europe, where a more stable economic outlook has contributed to announced deals of around \$700bn, up over 23% from 2016 (according to Bloomberg data), contrasted with North American deal flow which has fallen almost 30% to \$1.1tn, the lowest since 2013. Europe now contributes 27% to global deal volume, a 6 year high, fuelled by this new period of economic resurgence that we fully expect to continue through 2018.

As this European growth continues, and armed with increasing confidence, the region's CEOs now understand the need to become bigger and stronger competitors in order for them to compete globally. Cash balances still remain high, and, despite a gradual start to US monetary tightening, external financing remains at historically low levels. This 'micro' rationale for acquisitions is clearly growing, led by changing consumer behaviour patterns and disruption from new technologies frequently necessitating a significant change to many existing business models. Top line growth is now a somewhat scarce commodity, hence it is not surprising that companies are increasingly needing to seek inorganic growth opportunities in an environment where they are both willing and able to pay for it.

Also worth noting is the decline in Chinese led activity this year. In 2016, outbound Chinese M&A volume was so large that it was on a par with that of the US (Dealogic), but in 2017, much as we had forecast at the end of last year, this activity wasn't sustainable and the decline has been precipitous. This is due to not only the Chinese government tightening their scrutiny on capital outflows but also due to the Trump administration taking a tougher stance against Chinese acquirers, blocking deals such as Lattice Semiconductor (being acquired by Canyon Bridge Capital). Whilst we still see deals involving Chinese acquirers, we always tread with great caution, cognisant of the potential pitfalls they carry.

Deal activity in December continued as November left off, with many industries from biotechnology to gaming to telecommunications experiencing consolidation. In our portfolio, we benefitted from this momentum, with our position in Ladbroke's profiting from its merger with gambling peer GVC, while in Europe we saw Thales gazup Atos in its offer for digital security specialist Gemalto (\$6bn). Returns were most definitely global in nature - our catalyst investment in Murray Goulburn of Australia performed strongly as Saputo of Japan reached agreement to acquire the company, gaining important access to milk products. The US however, saw deals of a different scale this month, with CVS Health buying health insurer Aetna in a \$65bn deal, while Disney made a \$50bn swoop for 21st Century Fox assets, including the latter's stake in UK broadcaster Sky. This contributed to a strong performance in our Sky investment during the month.

We end the year on a high, not only in terms of performance and deal activity but significantly, in terms of the removal of a couple of headwinds that have held things back in 2017. In December President Trump concluded the long awaited tax reforms and in Europe, phase one of the Brexit negotiations were finally completed, with both contributing to a strong year-end rally in equity markets (FTSE100 up 4.9%) and pushed sterling to extend its extraordinary strength seen already in 2017. The prospects for 2018 are clearly very strong and we are genuinely excited by the opportunities we see in the year ahead. We would like to end by thanking you for your continued support over the last 12 months.

#### Monthly Share Class Performance Breakdown

USD Ins.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2017	0.00%	0.30%	0.47%	0.61%	0.04%	0.22%	0.46%	0.19%	0.26%	0.56%	0.16%	0.74%	<b>4.06%</b>
2016	0.97%	0.43%	0.02%	0.67%	0.47%	0.03%	2.83%	0.76%	0.84%	-1.56%	0.03%	1.02%	<b>6.65%</b>
GBP Ins. F	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2017	0.01%	0.28%	0.43%	0.62%	0.07%	0.21%	0.46%	0.19%	0.25%	0.57%	0.16%	0.72%	<b>4.03%</b>
2016	1.25%	0.47%	0.02%	0.69%	0.57%	0.18%	2.85%	0.83%	0.86%	-1.16%	0.05%	0.84%	<b>7.65%</b>

Note: The performance figures quoted above for the USD Share Class represents the performance of the Mygale Event Driven UCITS Fund USD Institutional Share Class and the GBP Share Class represents the performance of the GBP Institutional Class A Founder Share Class since launch. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a guarantee of future performance or a reliable guide to future performance.

### THE MANAGER



**Neil Tofts** has over 19 years' experience successfully running event driven portfolios and funds, and 22 years in derivatives. As Managing Director and Head of Event Driven Investments for Merrill Lynch in London, he was responsible for a European focused, Global Event Driven portfolio. From 2007 he was Head of Global Event Driven Investments at KBC Alternative Investment Management in London where he established and ran a 4 person team. Prior to this in 2000, Neil founded the London office of Deephaven Capital Management. He has also managed Event Driven investments at Paribas and NatWest Markets. He graduated with a BA (Hons) in Business Studies from Oxford Brookes University.

**Ken Li Chung** was previously a Vice President at Bank of America Merrill Lynch in London where, most recently, he had full responsibility for the European Event Driven trading franchise. He has over nine years of investment experience, having joined BAML in 2008 and has also been responsible for a European focused fundamental equity portfolio as well as index and portfolio trading. Ken Li graduated with a BA (Hons) in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and is a CFA Charterholder.

### FUND FACTS

Structure	UCITS Fund
Domicile	Ireland
Liquidity	Weekly
Fund AUM	\$172 million
Inception	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2016

<b>Share Class</b>	<b>Institutional/Institutional Pooled</b>
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	1.50%
Perf. Fee	20%
Min Init. Sub.	1,000,000
ISIN	EUR: IE00BYRPFQ61/IE00BYRPFV15
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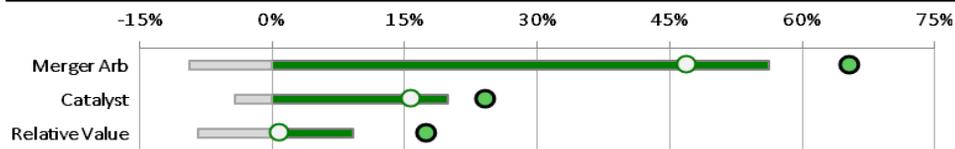
<b>Share Class</b>	<b>Institutional Founder/Retail Pooled</b>
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	1.25%/2.00%
Perf. Fee	15%/20%
Min Init. Sub.	10,000,000/10,000
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### PORTFOLIO EXPOSURES

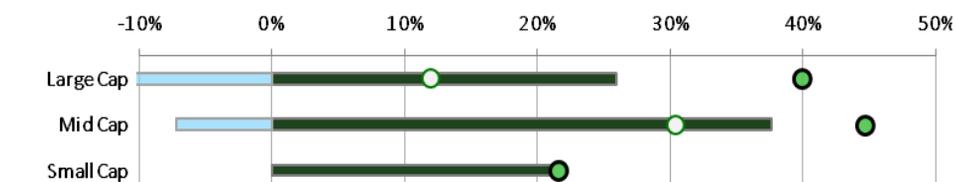
#### Risk Metrics

LONG EXPOSURE <sup>2</sup>	85.28%
SHORT EXPOSURE <sup>2</sup>	-21.83%
GROSS EXPOSURE <sup>2</sup>	107.11%
NET EXPOSURE <sup>2,4</sup>	18.43%
SHARPE RATIO <sup>3</sup>	2.69
SORTINO RATIO <sup>3</sup>	4.40
VOLATILITY <sup>3</sup>	1.88%
VAR <sup>1</sup>	3.54%
NO OF POSITIONS	63

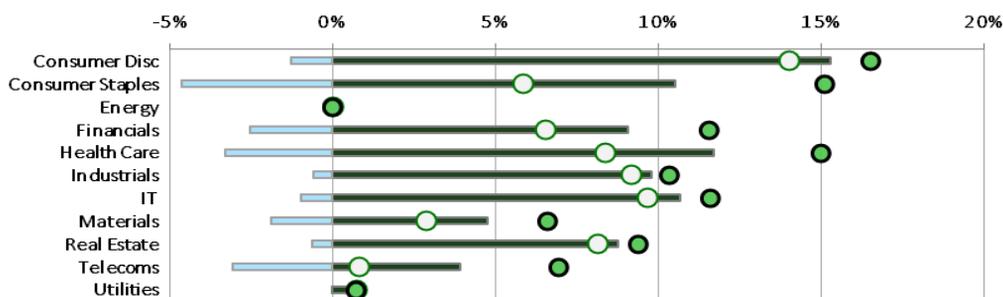
#### Exposure By Strategy<sup>2</sup>



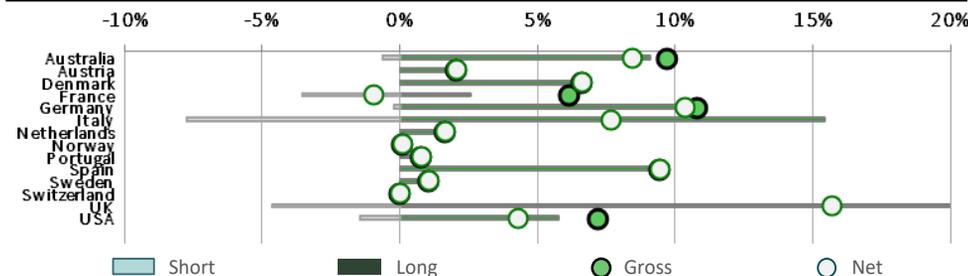
#### Exposure By Market Cap<sup>2</sup>



#### Exposure By Sector<sup>2</sup>



#### Exposure By Geography<sup>2</sup>



1. VaR is calculated using a confidence level of 99% and a holding period of 20 working days. The VaR model used by the Sub-Fund typically uses data from the last 200 weeks or greater, but a shorter observation period may be used in instances of recent significant changes in price volatility.
2. Based on information from the administrator and as a percentage of the fund AUM in USD including currency hedge for share classes.
3. Based on weekly net portfolio performance
4. The net figure excludes cash merger deals.

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