

Giano UCITS Fund

Long/Short Equity

March 2021

Performance Returns

The Giano UCITS Fund (EUR Class R Pooled Shares) returned 2.1% for March.

Investment Objective & Strategy

Giano Capital is a long-short equity fund that thrives on innovation by delivering quality investment propositions through highly experienced individuals and machine learning methodologies. The fund vigorously pursues and thrives on innovation; focusing on the integration of new machine learning technology. We have a highly experienced team centred on finding equity opportunities utilising tools that improve the productivity of the investment process, allowing us to identify a greater number of opportunities whilst being more objective and disciplined.

Effective and efficient automation of parts of the investment process, where possible utilising the learning methodologies of the "machine" are used to make quality investment decisions quickly and objectively, complementing the subjective experience of the fund manager.

Monthly Commentary

The S&P was up 4.2%, the Eurostoxx up 6.1%.

In Europe best sectors were Autos&Parts and Telecomms; the worst Basic Resources and Financial Services.

Our Barometer signals Recovery with Accelerating Inflation. European Value, European High Beta and Financials continue to do well; Gold and defensive sectors are doing poorly. Commodities and Emerging Markets are pausing - most likely consolidating - since the dollar started getting stronger last February.

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UCITS Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2021	-0.3%	0.9%	2.1%										2.4%
2020	-0.8%	-3.1%	4.3%	1.8%	1.4%	-2.3%	-2.3%	4.3%	0.4%	-0.7%	-0.3%	-0.4%	2.1%
2019	-2.0%	-5.5%	1.5%	-1.2%	-0.9%	-4.4%	-1.6%	1.8%	2.1%	1.8%	-2.6%	0.8%	-10.1%
2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0%*	-2.8%	-2.2%	-2.9%	-2.6%	0.3%	-9.1%

The performance figures quoted above represent the performance of the Giano UCITS Fund since launch on the 11th of July 2018. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

Odey Giano UCITS Fund Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2018	4.9%	3.4%	-0.7%	2.5%	4.1%	1.4%	0.8%						17.4%
2017	-0.1%	-0.4%	-0.7%	1.1%	2.0%	1.2%	0.8%	4.8%	3.2%	2.9%	1.1%	-3.0%	13.3%
2016	-2.5%	1.8%	-2.2%	-4.4%	0.9%	-1.5%	0.2%	-1.0%	-0.7%	-4.9%	1.5%	-7.4%	-18.8%
2015	0.7%	-5.6%	2.1%	-2.7%	-1.7%	1.1%	-0.5%	1.0%	0.6%	-0.4%	-0.3%	5.3%	-0.9%
2014	0.9%	3.1%	-4.3%	-4.3%	1.5%	-0.3%	-0.7%	1.7%	2.5%	3.6%	2.3%	1.0%	6.9%
2013	-0.3%	5.0%	4.0%	-3.7%	1.7%	2.9%	-1.5%	-0.2%	0.7%	-0.3%	1.9%	3.4%	14.1%
2012	-0.2%	0.4%	-0.2%	4.8%	3.1%	-2.1%	1.7%	-2.1%	1.2%	-0.4%	0.0%	-2.3%	3.8%
2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.1%	-1.8%	-2.0%

The performance figures quoted above represent the performance of the Odey Giano Fund since launch on the 17th November 2011. This fund was merged into the Giano UCITS fund on the 11th July 2018. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

The Manager

Quay Partners

Michele Ragazzi

Michele Ragazzi will manage the Fund; an experienced manager of long/short equity funds since 1994, he has outperformed the market whilst providing good capital protection under challenging market conditions for his clients whom, in some cases, have invested with him for 20+ years. Michele is passionate about the need to innovate, increasing product value through technology, penetrating new markets and increasing the value-add for the client. Michele identifies the moments of extreme valuations that may be caused by specific company events or by market capitulations.

Marco Bianchi

Marco Bianchi is a senior Quant formerly with the Bank of England - Marco heads the systematic research team.

Fund Facts

Structure	UCITS Fund
Domicile	Ireland
Liquidity	Daily
Fund AUM	€19 million
Strategy AUM	€33 million
Inception	11 July 2018

Share Class	Class M Shares
Currency	EUR/USD/CHF/GBP
Mgt. Fee	0.75%
Perf. Fee	0.00%
Min Init. Sub.	10,000,000
ISIN Codes	EUR: IE00BFX0Y541 USD: IE00BFX0Y871 CHF: IE00BFX0Y764 GBP: IE00BFX0Y657

Share Class	Class R Pooled Shares
Currency	EUR/USD/CHF/GBP
Mgt. Fee	1.25%
Perf. Fee	15.00%
Min Init. Sub.	5,000
ISIN Codes	EUR: IE00BFX0Y988 USD: IE00BFX0YD20 CHF: IE00BFX0YC13 GBP: IE00BFX0YB06

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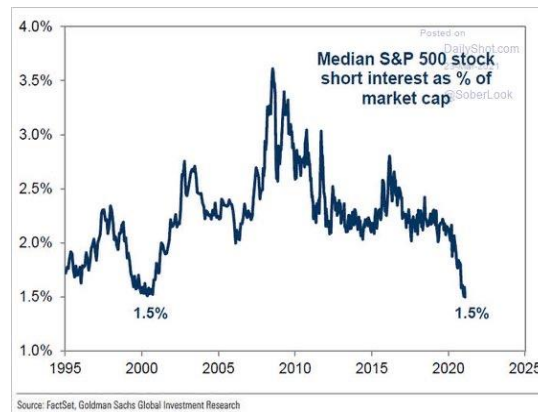
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Monthly Commentary cont.

In the industrial sector, record high orders and record low inventories globally suggest we are at the very beginning of the earnings upgrade cycle. Supply is the tightest on record and inflationary pressures continue to build.

Equity markets prices are quite overextended and they certainly don't offer opportunities on the long side. Short Interest in the US is at the lows last seen in the stock market bubble of the year 2000.



A correction would probably give another opportunity to buy value/financials (cyclicals look expensive in Europe) as the strongest part of the recovery is still to come.

The bubble in high valuation stocks might have peaked last January; it seems to me that here lies the opportunity at the moment. These are stocks that have been very correlated to the rally of Government bonds.

Earnings are likely to continue to surprise upwards as analysts tend to underestimate operating leverage in a recovery and the extent of this recovery has no precedents.

Reflecting on the last few months, it seems to me that we need to prepare for a game that may be changing. The discourse related to the way the accumulated - and still accumulating at a very high speed - debt is going to be tackled is going to become more central over the next few months. We are entering the 2nd quarter of 2021 with nominal GDP of around 10% with 10y US Gov yields of less than 2%, a record spread, while there seems to be little room for a higher cost of debt. At the same time, particularly in the US, the political need to reduce inequalities cannot be understated.

The probability to get into a regime of substantially higher inflation and/or main currencies volatility as a consequence of the need of continuous government intervention financed by their central banks has certainly not been higher for many years.

At Ethus we are very excited having implemented some important changes in the management structure and being in the process of hiring a number of senior people. I will report about all of this in the next monthly report.

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