

High Ridge Credit Opportunities UCITS Fund

Alternative Investment

February 2020

Performance Returns

The High Ridge Credit Opportunities UCITS Fund returned -0.94% MTD / 0.16% YTD (USD Founder Eq Acc Share) and -0.94% MTD / 0.16% YTD (USD Founder Pooled Acc Share) for the month of February.

Investment Objective & Strategy

The Fund seeks to generate enhanced income returns as well as capital appreciation, whilst maintaining focus on capital preservation and volatility. The core portfolio is predominately invested in subordinated debt and preferred securities; focused on credit quality, security structure and relative value. The core portfolio may employ limited leverage up to 30%, as well as Long / Short Credit and Rate Overlays designed to mitigate volatility.

Market Commentary

The S&P 500 was down -8.23% MTD (-8.27% YTD), the MSCI Europe Index was down -8.45% MTD (-9.58% YTD) and the NASDAQ Composite was down -6.22% MTD (-4.31% YTD). The 30yr UST bond finished the month yielding 1.67% (-34bps) and the UST 10yr Note finished yielding 1.13% (-39bps). High Yield closed the month at CY 5.87% (+4bps) / YTW 5.38% (+64bps) returning -1.44% MTD (-1.37% YTD). The Fund's top performers this month included AIG, Emera Inc, Voya Financial and Argentum.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has indeed reached the United States and Europe; posing a major health alert that rattled markets this month. After starting the new year on a fast track along with record highs for equities, the rally in junior subordinated capital securities ended abruptly amidst a record blow-off in equities and a forceful flight-to-safety into US treasuries. The correction in capital securities was particularly severe in the retail sector, but the institutional sector decline far less. Although credit spreads have reached an attractive level - last seen in late 2018 - we foresee heightened volatility in the near term pending further news regarding governmental actions to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Bottom-line, financial banks and insurance companies are quite different from those before the Great Financial Crisis in 2008. Bank regulators have materially tightened rules and supervision, and regularly conduct testing to ensure a bank remains solvent under varying stress scenarios. These measures have reduced systemic risk. Over the past decade, global banks have successfully strengthened their asset quality, capital and liquidity. Bank balance sheets remain strong. As we noted back in the 4th Quarter of 2018, we are not market timers – but as events move forward – keep a keen eye on credit spreads. Set target risk/reward objectives and be prepared to make incremental opportunistic allocations at levels, where spreads become compelling.

USD Founder Eq Acc Share (MLHRUIF)

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2017	Perf	-	-	-	-0.06%	0.57%	0.52%	0.82%	0.17%	0.09%	0.71%	-0.28%	-0.07%	2.49%
	NAV	-	-	-	99.94	100.51	101.03	101.86	102.03	102.12	102.85	102.56	102.49	-
2018	Perf	0.51%	-1.59%	-0.97%	-0.23%	-1.56%	-0.79%	1.13%	0.39%	0.00%	-1.90%	-2.65%	-1.53%	-8.87%
	NAV	103.01	101.37	100.39	100.16	98.60	97.82	98.93	99.32	99.32	97.43	94.85	93.40	-
2019	Perf	3.91%	1.11%	1.71%	1.78%	-0.20%	2.43%	0.95%	0.62%	0.79%	1.16%	0.42%	0.75%	16.50%
	NAV	97.05	98.13	99.81	101.59	101.39	103.85	104.84	105.49	106.32	107.55	108.00	108.81	-
2020	Perf	1.10%	-0.94%											0.16%
	NAV	110.01	108.98											-

USD Founder Pooled Acc Share (MLHRUPF)

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2017	Perf	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.82%	0.17%	0.09%	0.72%	-0.29%	-0.08%	1.43%
	NAV	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.82	100.99	101.08	101.81	101.51	101.43	-
2018	Perf	0.52%	-1.60%	-0.97%	-0.23%	-1.55%	-0.80%	1.14%	0.40%	0.00%	-1.90%	-2.65%	-1.52%	-8.86%
	NAV	101.96	100.33	99.36	99.13	97.59	96.81	97.91	98.30	98.30	96.43	93.87	92.44	-
2019	Perf	3.91%	1.11%	1.72%	1.78%	-0.21%	2.41%	0.94%	0.62%	0.80%	1.16%	0.41%	0.75%	16.46%
	NAV	96.05	97.12	98.79	100.55	100.34	102.76	103.73	104.37	105.20	106.42	106.86	107.66	-
2020	Perf	1.11%	-0.94%											0.16%
	NAV	108.85	107.83											-

The performance figures quoted above represent the performance of the High Ridge Credit Opportunities UCITS Fund – USD Institutional Founder Share Class and the USD Institutional Founder Pooled Share Class since launch. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

The Manager

SPECTRUM
Asset Management

Portfolio Management Team

Mark Lieb, CEO & Founder
Founded Firm in 1987
43 Years Industry Experience



L. Phillip Jacoby, CIO and Sr. PM
Joined Firm in 1995
37 Years Industry Experience



Manu Krishnan, PM
Joined Firm in 2004
16 Years Industry Experience



Fred Diaz, PM
Joined Firm in 2000
27 Years Industry Experience



Roberto Giangregorio, PM
Joined Firm in 2003
17 Years Industry Experience



Kevin Nugent, PM
Joined Firm in 2012
36 Years Industry Experience



Fund Facts

Structure	UCITS Fund
Domicile	Ireland
Liquidity	Daily
Fund AUM	\$10.88 million
Spectrum Firm AUM	\$24.01 billion
Inception	10th April 2017

Share Class	Institutional Founder Pooled
Currency	EUR/USD/CHF/GBP
Share Type	Accumulation & Distributing
Mgt. Fee	0.50%
Perf. Fee	5.00%
Min Init. Sub.	2,500,000
ISIN Codes	USD: IE00BYYS1N76 / IE00BD6P9132 EUR: IE00BYYS1D78 / IE00BD6P8V62 GBP: IE00BYYS1F92 / E100BD6P9025 CHF: IE00BYYS1G00 / IE00BD6P8W79
Fund Platform	MontLake UCITS Platform ICAV
Fund Manager	MontLake Management Ltd (Dublin)
Administrator	Northern Trust International Fund Admin Services (Ireland) Limited
Depository	Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Ltd
Legal Advisor	Maples Group – Dublin
Auditor	KPMG – Dublin

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Yield Comparatives

	Ticker	Credit	Mod Dur	CY	YTW	CY Spread	YTW Spread	CY Ratio	YTW Ratio
US Treasury 5 YR	GA05	AAA	4.75	1.35	0.92	Spread & Ratio Comparatives			
US Corporate	COA0	A-	7.76	3.62	2.46	227	154	2.68	2.67
High Ridge Fund	MLHRUFP	BBB	4.84	5.99	4.21	464	329	4.44	4.58
US High Yield	H0A4	BB-	3.85	5.87	5.38	452	446	4.35	5.85

Top 10 Issuer Concentrations (100%)

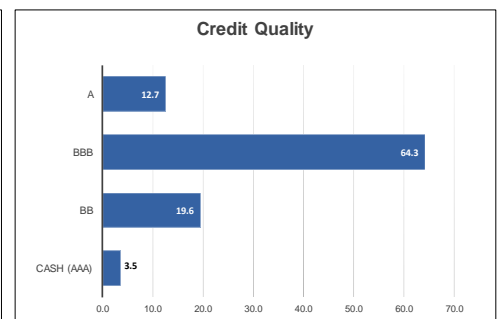
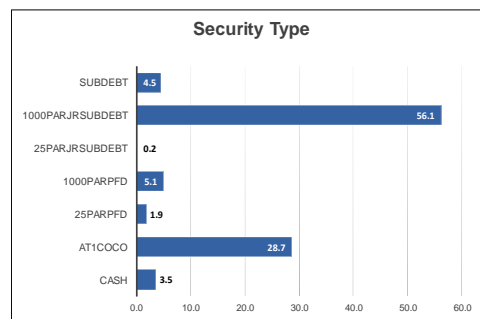
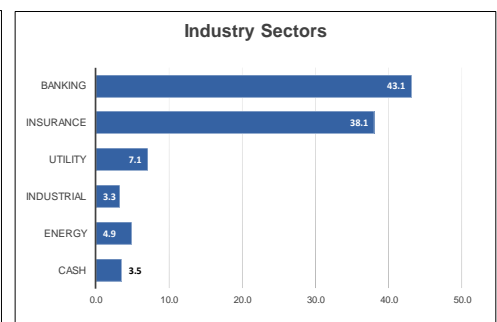
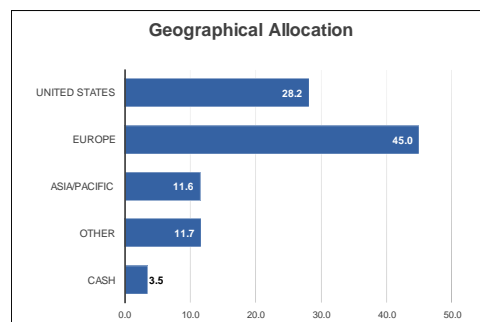
ALG	4.7%
Zurich Insurance Group	4.3%
BNP Paribas	4.1%
Prudential Financial	4.0%
Barclays	4.0%
Liberty Mutual	3.4%
BHP Billiton	3.3%
Nordea Bank	3.1%
Societe Generale	3.1%
MetLife	3.1%
Total	37.0%

Portfolio Overview (Month End)

Number of holdings	41
Number of issuers	38
Modified Duration*	4.8
Average Dollar Price*	\$114.7
Average Coupon*	6.9%
Current Yield*	6.0%
Yield to Maturity*	5.3%
Yield To Worst*	4.2%
Average Credit Rating	BBB
Fixed to Floating	39.0%
Fixed to Variable	42.9%
Fixed Rate	12.2%
Floating	2.3%
Overlay	-1.7%
Cash	3.5%

*Excludes cash

Positions	Gross Long	Gross Short	Net
Preferred & Sub Debt	96.5%	0%	96.5%
SPY 500 Futures	14%	0%	14%
Euro Stoxx Bank Futures	0.6%	0%	0.6%
UST Note Futures	0%	3.7%	-3.7%
US T Bonds Call/Put Spreads	0%	0%	0%
Cash	3.5%	0%	3.5%
Total	102.0%	3.7%	98.3%



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