

Giano UCITS Fund

Long/Short Equity

October 2020

Performance Returns

The Giano UCITS Fund (EUR Class R Pooled Shares) returned -0.7% for October.

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 down 2.8%, the Eurostoxx down 5.2%.

In Europe best sectors were Travel and Leisure and Banks; the worst Technology and Healthcare.

Our Barometer continues to signal a recessionary environment in Europe mainly indicated by the yield of the 10 year German government bond negative 65 basis points and lower inflation expectations.

An important indicator for industrial activity that we watch closely has strengthened to a 3 year high and indicates double digit sales growth for 2021 for early cycle industrials, substantially higher than consensus. US orders hit a 16-year high. Germany is at record highs and drove Europe's order-inventory ratio towards a new record.

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UCITS Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2020	-0.8	-3.1	4.3%	1.8%	1.4%	-2.3%	-2.3%	4.3%	0.4%	-0.7%			2.7%
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	€32 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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Monthly Commentary cont.

Q3 results beat at face value, given low consensus expectations and sequentially better PMIs. Having said that, the reporting season is unlikely to result in upgrades to consensus earnings, at least not for the time being. EPS revisions in the Eurozone are stalling now.

We have started trading baskets based on our Price and Barometer tools; mid-October gave the opportunity to short 3 baskets and we executed. A lot of improvements are being implemented and all the baskets were in profit at the end of the month.

The development of our Fundamentals tools is continuing as planned and looks very promising

The Ocado position was cut significantly as the stock became very volatile at the beginning of October and a recessionary environment is not good for tech stocks.

The bubble in some parts of the US market doesn't seem to be bursting yet although the amount of ridiculous things continued to mount which is an indicator of being in its last phase; it is also necessary to remember that nothing special happened in March 2000 when the bubble started bursting.

The last ridiculous thing I have noticed is the ETF in US Initial Public Offerings which has almost tripled since the lows of March.

Plus500 reported very good numbers. The stock is very cheap and the profitability is highly correlated with markets volatility which remains high.

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