

Giano UCITS Fund

Long/Short Equity

June 2021

Performance Returns

The Giano UCITS Fund (EUR Class R Pooled Shares) returned -1.7% for June.

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 2.2%, the Eurostoxx up 1.4%.

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

Our Barometer signals Recovery with Accelerating Inflation. The main index of commodity prices is at its high, oil price at its high; Financial conditions remain very easy, corporate debt spreads are very well behaved.

A substantial rotation started last March aided from April onwards by the stalling of 10 years US Government rates. The rotation has helped the securities of stable businesses (like Nestlé) and long duration high valuation stocks (I use ARKK etf as a good proxy for these).

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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%	0.5%	-0.6%	-1.7%							0.5%
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	€16 million
Strategy AUM	€30 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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The ISM manufacturing could have peaked globally. Markets, and Industrial stocks particularly, usually perform poorly after the ISM has peaked.

Surveys are showing inventories being very low and orders staying extremely high at a global level with high levels of inflation at the production level (highest in more than 40 years); this is all in favour of a long and profitable industrial cycle.

My hypothesis is that while usually the ISM peak is driven mainly by the inventory cycle (the ISM tends to peak with high inventories and overstated orders), this time it is driven by orders that are very high in the face of very low inventories and the interaction of the two is causing PPI inflation. I am not able to find a precedent for this as one has to go back to the seventies to find a similar occurrence.

If the above is correct, the rotation toward lower interest sensitive stocks should have been temporary and also perhaps exacerbated by new virus related fears (which don't seem founded).

Positioning that looked quite extreme last February has partially normalised.

A caveat to the above constructive view is that we are in a very fragile situation because of extremely high valuations and a very high (substantially higher than normal) percentage of US market capitalisation highly correlated to lower interest rates with the consequence of giving substantially no room for manoeuvre for the Central Banks to raise rates (or perhaps even only reduce their very accommodative stance) without risking a stock market crash; we have seen a dress rehearsal of this at the end of 2018.

So the capacity of markets to stay at present high levels seems to be predicated on a very narrow path of a lukewarm economic environment where there is some growth and no inflationary pressures.

However, in the spirit of trading the market we have now, our module to prevent stock market slumps is not signalling a high risk of a storm ahead of us.

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