

Giano UCITS Fund

Long/Short Equity

December 2020

Performance Returns

The Giano UCITS Fund (EUR Class R Pooled Shares) returned -0.4% for December.

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 3.7%, the Eurostoxx up 2.5%.

In Europe best sectors were Basic Resources and Travel and Leisure; the worst Telecomms and Personal Care.

We are living in amazing times. I am specially referring to the development of the Covid pandemic and to US politics. What I find most disconcerting is the amount of fake news circulating and the increasing number of people distrusting democratic institutions. In the middle of all of that stock markets have flourished.

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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%	-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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Monthly Commentary cont.

Our Barometer is signalling recovery with inflation (commodities are strong, the dollar is weak, inflation expectations are going up both in Europe and in the US - see the US 10y breakevens - defensive stocks have been weak for months); an oddity is the level of yields around the world that have stayed very low.

US 10y Breakevens



Source: Bloomberg

Inventories around the world are very low and orders high which is also signalling strong production volumes ahead.

At Ethus we have spent 2020 building tools for our mind and machine project. We have built a number of algorithms inside our Prices pillar to be able to pick individual stocks or baskets of stocks at extremes. We have built a Barometer pillar to ascertain the Macro Environment in an objective way. We are building a Fundamentals pillar to determine the theoretical value of companies.

Toward the end of 2020 we have started experimenting with the Prices and Barometer tools and we are happy with the initial results.

The first half of 2021 should bring us a version of the Fundamentals pillar which will represent a huge leap forward for understanding company valuations and perspectives; together with the development of the other tools in the second half of this year we will be able to invest with a process that incorporates a lot of what we have learned in our careers but in a more objective way and applied to a much larger number of companies than previously possible.

From that base we will keep on going deeper (to achieve better success ratio/higher return) and wider (to enlarge our stocks coverage).

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