

# VARENNE SELECTION FCP

MONTHLY REPORT (A-EUR UNIT) - OCTOBER 2017



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€293.49

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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund's objective is to target above average returns in a fund that mixes a concentrated long and short equity portfolio (long biased) with an overlay of merger arbitrage (long/short pairs or longs) and opportunistic tail risk hedging.

## MONTHLY PERFORMANCE

Years	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	October	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly Perf.
2010	0.91%	1.26%	9.85%	2.46%	-1.69%	-3.24%	1.30%	1.38%	8.27%	-0.68%	-0.63%	5.48%	26.61%
2011	2.66%	0.15%	-0.96%	3.71%	1.54%	0.52%	-1.63%	-8.72%	1.52%	4.65%	-3.02%	-0.50%	-0.78%
2012	8.29%	3.27%	1.52%	-5.02%	-2.69%	-0.41%	2.03%	2.19%	1.18%	-0.21%	1.25%	7.11%	19.28%
2013	6.61%	-1.77%	-2.81%	0.55%	6.31%	-2.09%	7.71%	-1.22%	2.65%	5.08%	2.65%	3.06%	29.32%
2014	2.16%	4.30%	-1.40%	-1.19%	-0.65%	-0.65%	-3.13%	0.00%	3.37%	-0.58%	2.62%	0.09%	4.78%
2015	3.07%	5.51%	6.37%	5.52%	0.34%	-2.01%	1.79%	-4.24%	0.48%	2.96%	-1.18%	-0.96%	18.45%
2016	-2.83%	-0.05%	1.12%	1.58%	-0.09%	-2.16%	4.26%	-0.40%	0.02%	-0.68%	0.53%	3.43%	4.61%
2017	1.85%	1.92%	2.46%	3.59%	1.56%	-1.64%	-1.02%	-1.04%	3.64%	0.24%			12.01%

## TOP 5 HOLDINGS (Equity)

ULTA BEAUTY	Long Equity	United States
GREGGS	Long Equity	United Kingdom
SESA	Long Equity	Italy
LVMH	Long Equity	France
THE PRICELINE GROUP	Long Equity	United States

## NUMBER OF HOLDINGS

Equity	17
Special Situations	2
Tail Risk Hedging	4

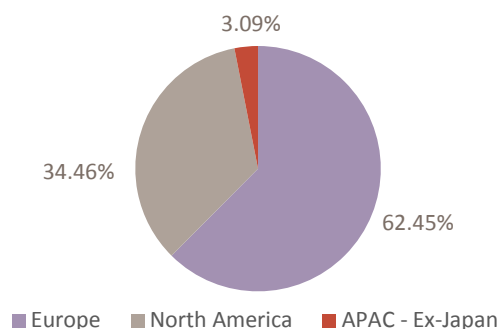
## EXPOSURE BY MARKET CAPITALIZATION (Equity)

> EUR 3bn	51.97%
EUR 500m – 3bn	25.32%
< EUR 500m	22.71%

## CURRENCY EXPOSURE (Mark-to-market, excluding Tail Risk Hedging)

	USD	GBP	DKK	SGD	HKD	CNH
Exposure	38.48%	15.03%	7.45%	2.96%	0.02%	0.00%
Hedging	30.31%	12.16%	-	1.19%	-	1.79%
Net Exposure	8.17%	2.87%	7.45%	1.77%	0.02%	-1.79%

## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (Equity, gross exposure, mark-to-market)



## TOP 10 SECTORS (GICS sub-ind. - Equity, gross exposure, mark-to-market)

Specialty Stores	13.49%
Apparel Retail	12.43%
Restaurants	11.86%
Technology Distributors	11.48%
Apparel, Accessories & Luxury	9.80%
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	8.55%
Pharmaceuticals	7.73%
Multi-line Insurance	5.28%
Human Resource & Employment Services	4.47%
Leisure Products	3.72%

<sup>1</sup> Risk indicator scored on a scale of 1 (lower risk) to 7 (higher risk). Category 1 does not mean "risk-free". This indicator may change over time.

<sup>2</sup> Inception A-EUR unit: 12/1/2006

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## CUMULATIVE AND ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

	Year to date	1 year	CUMULATIVE				Since Inception <sup>2</sup>	ANNUALIZED
			3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>		
VARENNE SELECTION	12.01%	16.46%	42.56%	103.95%	101.12%	134.79%	8.13%	

## ANNUALIZED VOLATILITY

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>
VARENNE SELECTION	7.78%	10.09%	11.01%	16.55%	16.01%

## INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT REVIEW

**Macro Context:** The main central banks kept their key rates on hold, while the ECB announced that it would slow down its asset purchase programme in 2018. Ten-year sovereign bond yields dropped in Europe, with the German Bund falling to 0.36%, the French OAT to 0.75%, and the Italian BTP to 1.83%. The US T-Bond yield rose to 2.38%. High-yield rates fell in Europe to 2.57%, and in the US to 5.94%. Stock market volatility moved back up to 10.18% on the VIX (S&P 500) and fell to 11.99% on the VSTOXX (EURO STOXX 50).

Crude oil gained 5.24% to \$54.38/bbl. On the forex market, the euro gave up 1.42% to the dollar at 1.1646 and 0.60% to sterling at 0.8767. Industrial metals gained ground over the month, including copper, by 5.52% to \$6,839/tonne, while precious metals were flat.

**Equity (Long Equity and Short Equity):** We increased our position in Ulta Beauty (US). The position in LVMH (FR) was reduced.

**Merger Arbitrage:** The position in VWR (US) was reinforced following the offer of Avantor (US).

**Tail Risk Hedging:** The Fund is hedged against economic and financial risks through CDS on European subordinated financial debt maturing in December 2021, S&P 500 variance/volatility swaps, put-on-best options on the Eurostoxx 50 and Nikkei maturing in March 2020, and yen/dollar put options maturing in 2023.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Fund Structure	Professional AIF / Unit Trust	Administrator	CACEIS Fund Administration
Type	Accumulation	Subscriptions/Redemptions	Daily No minimum
Benchmark	None	Subscription Fee	Up to 2%, fully paid to distributors when applicable
Initial NAV	€125	Redemption Fee	None
Inception	12/01/2006 (A-EUR unit)	Management Fee	1.95% of Net Assets
Isin	FR0010392225 (A-EUR unit)	Performance Fee	14.95% of the Fund's performance
Bloomberg	VARSLCT FP		Hurdle Rate: Average TEC 5 annual yield calculated over the 12 most recent months
Investment Manager	Varenne Capital Partners		
	AMF Approval no. GP-06 000004		
Custodian	CACEIS BANK		

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Data sources: Varenne Capital Partners

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