

# VARENNE SELECTION FCP

MONTHLY REPORT (I-EUR CLASS) - DECEMBER 2017



NAV

€1,165.78

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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.
2015	-	-	-	-	-	-2.20% <sup>2</sup>	2.43%	-4.94%	0.65%	3.66%	-1.36%	-1.21%	-3.19% <sup>2</sup>
2016	-2.76%	0.03%	1.19%	1.65%	-0.02%	-2.09%	4.33%	-0.33%	0.10%	-0.61%	0.60%	3.38%	5.37%
2017	1.92%	1.97%	2.52%	3.56%	1.59%	-1.77%	-0.94%	-0.94%	3.62%	0.29%	0.94%	0.82%	14.28%

## TOP 5 HOLDINGS (Equity)

ULTA BEAUTY	Long Equity	United States
GREGGS	Long Equity	United Kingdom
SESA	Long Equity	Italy
LVMH	Long Equity	France
ROSS STORES	Long Equity	United States

## NUMBER OF HOLDINGS

Equity	21
Special Situations	4
Tail Risk Hedging	4

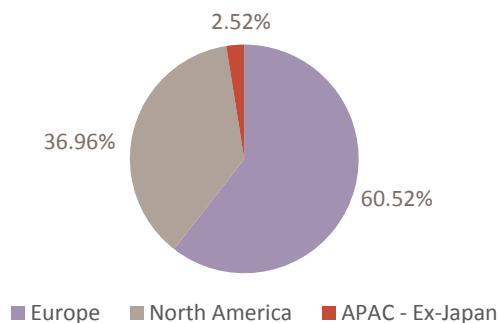
## EXPOSURE BY MARKET CAPITALIZATION (Equity)

> EUR 3bn	59.04%
EUR 500m – 3bn	22.70%
< EUR 500m	18.26%

## CURRENCY EXPOSURE (Delta adjusted, excluding Tail Risk Hedging)

	USD	GBP	DKK	CHF	SGD	HKD	CNH
Exposure	40.35%	14.31%	7.28%	6.66%	2.54%	0.01%	0.00%
Hedging	32.07%	12.59%	-	-	1.03%	-	1.51%
Net Exposure	8.28%	1.72%	7.28%	6.66%	1.51%	0.01%	-1.51%

## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (Equity, gross exposure, delta adjusted)



## TOP 10 SECTORS (GICS sub-ind. - Equity, gross exposure, delta adjusted)

Specialty Stores	11.79%
Restaurants	10.85%
Technology Distributors	8.98%
Apparel, Accessories & Luxury	8.18%
Apparel Retail	7.69%
Pharmaceuticals	7.27%
IT Consulting & Other Services	6.93%
Specialty Chemicals	6.65%
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	6.09%
Multi-line Insurance	4.64%

<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 I-EUR class 6/09/2015

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## CUMULATIVE AND ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

	Year to date	CUMULATIVE 1 year	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>	ANNUALIZED Since Inception <sup>2</sup>
	VARENNE SELECTION	14.28%	14.28%	16.58%

## ANNUALIZED VOLATILITY

Annualized volatility % (w)	1 year	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>
VARENNE SELECTION	7.01%	10.21%

## INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT REVIEW

**Macro Context:** The main central banks kept their key rates unchanged except for the US Federal Reserve that raised its main key rate by one quarter of a point for the third and last time in 2017, to 1.50%. Ten-year sovereign bonds yields rose in Europe, with the German Bund reaching 0.43%, and the French OAT 0.78%. High yield bond yields were stable at 5.72% (-4bps) in the US but rose in Europe to 3% (+31bps). Volatility levelled off at 11.04% on the VIX (S&P 500) and at 13.51% on the VSTOXX (EURO STOXX 50).

Industrial metals gained ground in December, with copper progressing 7.17% to \$7,247/tonne and nickel up 14.85% to \$12,760/tonne. Precious metals also posted gains, with gold up 2.18% to \$1,302.8/ounce. Crude continued to rise in December by 5.26% to \$60.42/bbl. On the forex markets, the euro posted further gains to the dollar, at 1.20 (+0.85%), and to the sterling, at 0.89 (+0.90%).

**Equity (Long Equity and Short Equity):** The portfolio initiated new positions in Accenture (IE), Givaudan (CH) and Walt Disney (US). The Position in TJX (US) was sold.

**Merger Arbitrage:** No major change was made to the portfolio.

**Tail Risk Hedging:** The Fund is hedged against economic and financial risks through CDS on European subordinated financial debt maturing in December 2021 and June 2022, 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/	Daily
Benchmark	None	Redemptions	No minimum
Initial NAV	€1,000	Subscription Fee	Up to 2%, fully paid to distributors when applicable
Inception	12/01/2006 (A-EUR class)	Redemption Fee	None
Isin	FR0012768836 (I-EUR class)	Management Fee	1.10% of Net Assets
Bloomberg	VARSELI FP	Performance Fee	14.95% of the Fund's performance
Investment Manager	Varenne Capital Partners AMF Approval no. GP-06 000004		Hurdle Rate: Average TEC 5 annual yield calculated over the 12 most recent months
Custodian	CACEIS BANK		

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Data sources: Varenne Capital Partners

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