

# VARENNE SELECTION FCP

MONTHLY REPORT (I-EUR CLASS) - FEBRUARY 2018



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€1,135.21

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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%
2018	1.19%	-3.76%											-2.62%

## TOP 5 HOLDINGS (Equity)

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

## NUMBER OF HOLDINGS

Equity	18
Special Situations	6
Tail Risk Hedging	3

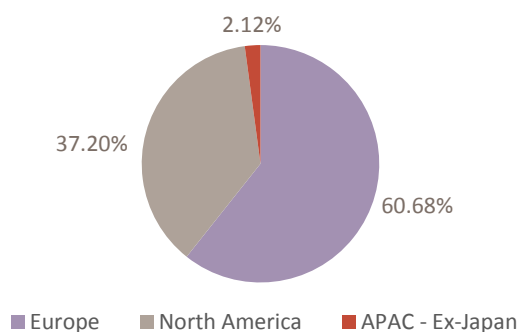
## EXPOSURE BY MARKET CAPITALIZATION (Equity)

> EUR 3bn	63.64%
EUR 500m – 3bn	20.16%
< EUR 500m	16.20%

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

	USD	GBP	DKK	CHF	SGD	CNH
Exposure	46.95%	12.19%	7.47%	7.22%	2.19%	0.00%
Hedging	36.01%	9.26%	-	-	0.88%	1.31%
Net Exposure	10.94%	2.93%	7.47%	7.22%	1.31%	-1.31%

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



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

Apparel, Accessories & Luxury	12.18%
Specialty Stores	11.15%
IT Consulting & Other Services	11.07%
Restaurants	8.28%
Technology Distributors	8.23%
Apparel Retail	7.79%
Pharmaceuticals	7.25%
Specialty Chemicals	7.01%
Multi-line Insurance	4.44%
Movies & Entertainment	4.39%

<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	-2.62%	7.08%	13.52%	4.85%

## ANNUALIZED VOLATILITY

Annualized volatility % (w)	1 year	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>
VARENNE SELECTION	8.90%	10.58%

## INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT REVIEW

**Macro Context:** The major central banks kept their key rates on hold. Ten-year sovereign bond yields dropped in Europe, with the Bund falling to 0.66%, the French OAT to 0.92%, while the US T-Bond rose to 2.86%. High yield bond yields rose to 6.14% (+36bps) in the US as well as in Europe to 3.17% (+21bps). Volatility increased to 19.85% (+631bps) in the case of the VIX (S&P 500) and to 18.00% (+284bps) for the VSTOXX (EURO STOXX 50). Industrial metals showed mixed performances, while precious metal prices declined, with gold down 1.99% to \$1,318.31/ounce. Crude oil fell by 4.77% to \$61.64/bbl. On the forex market, the euro gave up 1.77% to the dollar at 1.22 but gained 1.31% vs. sterling to 0.89.

**Equity (Long Equity and Short Equity):** We increased our holding in Accenture (IE). The holding in Priceline (US) was sold.

**Merger Arbitrage:** Three new holdings were initiated: Refresco (NL), Callidus Software (US) and Bioverativ (US). The Euler Hermes (FR) holding was tendered to the delisting offer from Allianz (DE).

**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, 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	€1,000	Redemption Fee	None
Inception	12/01/2006 (A-EUR class)	Management Fee	1.10% of Net Assets
Isin	FR0012768836 (I-EUR class)	Performance Fee	14.95% of the Fund's performance Hurdle Rate: Average TEC 5 annual yield calculated over the 12 most recent months
Bloomberg	VARSEL FP		
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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