

# VARENNE VALEUR FCP

MONTHLY REPORT (P-EUR UNIT) - APRIL 2017



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€104.61

## 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.       |
|-------|---------------------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|--------|-------|---------|------|------|--------------------|
| 2017  | -1.05% <sup>2</sup> | 1.65%    | 1.95% | 2.02% |     |      |      |        |       |         |      |      | 4.61% <sup>2</sup> |

## TOP 5 HOLDINGS (Equity)

|                     |             |                |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| LVMH                | Long Equity | France         |
| WPP                 | Long Equity | United Kingdom |
| TJX COMPANIES       | Long Equity | United States  |
| THE PRICELINE GROUP | Long Equity | United States  |
| NOVO NORDISK        | Long Equity | Denmark        |

## NUMBER OF HOLDINGS

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Equity             | 24 |
| Special Situations | 3  |
| Tail Risk Hedging  | 5  |

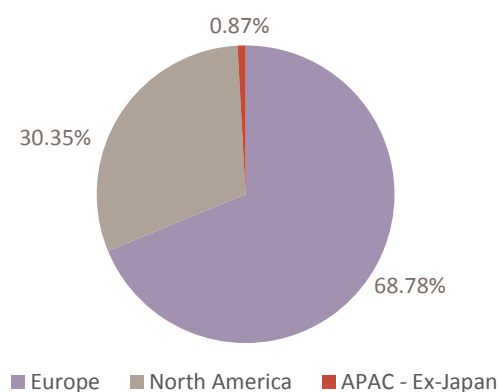
## EXPOSURE BY MARKET CAPITALIZATION (Equity)

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| > EUR 3bn      | 74.96% |
| EUR 500m – 3bn | 19.11% |
| < EUR 500m     | 5.93%  |

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

|              | USD    | GBP   | DKK   | CHF   | SGD   | HKD   | CNH    |
|--------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Exposure     | 20.54% | 9.19% | 4.74% | 3.88% | 0.37% | 0.11% | 0.00%  |
| Hedging      | 14.35% | 5.51% | -     | -     | 0.15% | -     | 0.22%  |
| Net Exposure | 6.19%  | 3.68% | 4.74% | 3.88% | 0.22% | 0.11% | -0.22% |

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



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

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Apparel, Accessories & Luxury      | 18.56% |
| Advertising                        | 11.59% |
| Apparel Retail                     | 10.02% |
| Internet & Direct Marketing Retail | 8.96%  |
| Pharmaceuticals                    | 8.17%  |
| Specialty Chemicals                | 6.70%  |
| Footwear                           | 6.55%  |
| Food Retail                        | 5.70%  |
| Movies & Entertainment             | 4.61%  |
| Food Distributors                  | 4.18%  |

<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 P-EUR unit: 1/11/2017

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## CUMULATIVE AND ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

|                | CUMULATIVE   |                              | ANNUALIZED                   |
|----------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                | Year to date | Since Inception <sup>2</sup> | Since Inception <sup>2</sup> |
| VARENNE VALEUR | 4.61%        | 4.61%                        | -                            |

## ANNUALIZED VOLATILITY

|                | 1 year | Since Inception <sup>2</sup> |
|----------------|--------|------------------------------|
| VARENNE VALEUR | -      | -                            |

## INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT REVIEW

**Macro Context:** The main central banks kept their key rates on hold. Ten-year sovereign bond yields retreated in all regions, with the US T-Note down 11 basis points to 2.28%, the French OAT down 13bp to 0.836%, and the Gilt down 5bp to 1.08%. By extension, high-yield bond yields fell further during the month, to 2.725% in Europe and to 5.669% in the US.

Gold rose in March by 1.53% to \$1,268.28/ounce, while crude oil fell 2.51% to end the month at \$49.33. On the forex market, the euro rose 2.08% vs. the dollar at 1.09 and 1.43% vs. the Swiss franc at 1.08, and continued to give up ground to sterling at 0.84 (-0.85%).

**Equity (Long Equity and Short Equity):** A new investment was made in Givaudan (CH) and positions were scaled back in Groupe Fnac (FR) and Marr (IT).

**Merger Arbitrage:** WhiteWave Foods (US) shares were tendered to the bid by Danone (FR), locking in a capital gain. Under the simplified bid announced by Groupe Arnault (FR) for Christian Dior (FR), made in cash and in Hermès International (FR) shares, we simultaneously built up a long position in Christian Dior and a short position in Hermès International, based on the bid's ratio.

**Tail Risk Hedging:** The fund is hedged against economic crisis risk or monetary shocks, mainly through a variance/volatility swap on the S&P 500, put-on-best options on Eurostoxx 50 and Nikkei maturing in March 2020 and yen/dollar put options maturing in 2020/21.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

|                    |   |                               |   |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Fund Structure     | UCITS / Unit Trust  | Administrator                 | CACEIS Fund Administration  |
| Type               | Accumulation  | Subscriptions/<br>Redemptions | Daily<br>No minimum   |
| Benchmark          | None  | Subscription Fee              | Up to 2%, fully paid to distributors when applicable  |
| Initial NAV        | €100  | Redemption Fee                | None  |
| Inception          | 01/31/2003 (A-EUR unit)                                   | Management Fee                | 1.20% of Net Assets   |
| Isin               | FR0013217007 (P-EUR Unit)                                 | Performance Fee               | 14.95% of the Fund's performance<br>Hurdle Rate: Average TEC 5 annual yield calculated over the 12 most recent months |
| Bloomberg          | VARVALP FP  |                               |   |
| Investment Manager | Varenne Capital Partners<br>AMF Approval no. GP-06 000004 |                               |   |
| Custodian          | CACEIS Bank France  |                               |   |

<sup>2</sup> Inception P-EUR unit: 1/11/2017

Data sources: Varenne Capital Partners

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