

# VARENNE GLOBAL SELECTION FCP

MONTHLY REPORT (I-USD UNIT) - APRIL 2017



NAV

\$1,054.59

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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.
2017			1.99% <sup>2</sup>	3.40%									5.46% <sup>2</sup>

## TOP 5 HOLDINGS (Equity)

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

## NUMBER OF HOLDINGS

Equity	21
Special Situations	2
Tail Risk Hedging	5

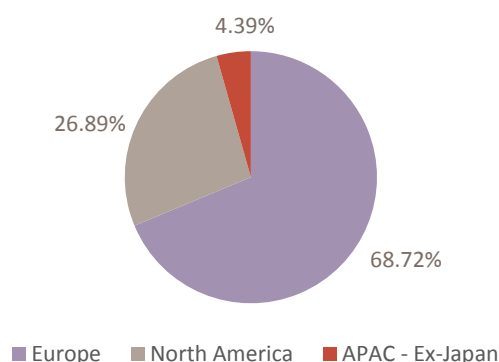
## EXPOSURE BY MARKET CAPITALIZATION (Equity)

> EUR 3bn	57.63%
EUR 500m – 3bn	20.77%
< EUR 500m	21.60%

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

	USD	GBP	DKK	SGD	HKD	CNH
Exposure	26.35%	23.47%	6.87%	3.21%	0.58%	0.00%
Hedging	25.32%	10.24%	-	1.19%	-	1.88%
Net Exposure	1.03%	13.23%	6.87%	2.02%	0.58%	-1.88%

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



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

Food Retail	16.08%
Apparel, Accessories & Luxury	12.72%
Advertising	11.77%
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	10.16%
Technology Distributors	8.00%
Apparel Retail	7.56%
Pharmaceuticals	7.24%
Footwear	4.75%
Leisure Products	4.73%
Movies & Entertainment	4.08%

<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. The Fund's track record is less than 5 years, SRRI calculation is completed by Varenne Selection Fund's data.

<sup>2</sup> Inception I-USD unit: 3/3/2017

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## CUMULATIVE AND ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

	Year to date	CUMULATIVE		ANNUALIZED
		1 year	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>
VARENNE GLOBAL SELECTION	5.46%	-	5.46%	-

## ANNUALIZED VOLATILITY

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

## 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):** The investment in Greggs (GB) was added to, and the position in Groupe Fnac (FR) was reduced.

**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. A position was set up in Delta Lloyd (NL) and then unwound and the shares tendered to the bid by NN Group (NL).

**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	Professional AIF / Unit Trust	Administrator	CACEIS Fund Administration
Type	Accumulation	Subscriptions/Redemptions	Weekly No minimum
Benchmark	None	Subscription Fee	Up to 2%, fully paid to distributors when applicable
Initial NAV	\$1000	Redemption Fee	None
Inception	1/31/2014 (A-EUR unit)	Management Fee	1.10% of Net Assets
Isin	FR0013240470 (I-USD unit)	Performance Fee	14.95% of the Fund's performance Hurdle Rate: 12-month rolling average of capitalised EONIA + 300 basis points
Bloomberg	VARGLSU FP		
Investment Manager	Varenne Capital Partners AMF Approval no. GP-06 000004		
Custodian	CACEIS Bank France		

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Data sources: Varenne Capital Partners

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