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CARMIGNAC P. UNCONSTRAINED CREDIT: THE FUND MANAGER'S THOUGHT

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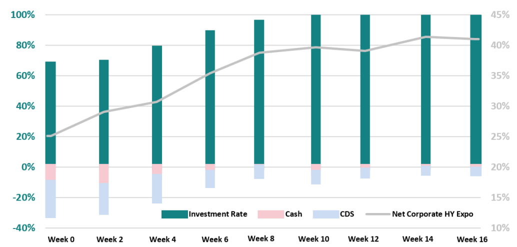
In the third quarter of 2020, Carmignac Portfolio Unconstrained Credit posted a performance of +4.12% versus a +2.14% gain for its reference indicator, generating a +1.98% outperformance. For the first nine months of the year, the Fund returned a performance of +4.30%, while its reference indicator is down -0.02%.

Life is far from having gotten back to what it was before Covid 19, but the third quarter of 2020 was much closer to normality than the first half of the year. This is also true for credit markets which, gradually, are becoming driven again by the long term trend which had prevailed for the past years: investors are anxious, fearful of credit accidents (be it downgrades or defaults) while an abundance of capital remains allocated to the asset class.

Covid-19 case:

Managing Carmignac P. Unconstrained Credit Through a Market Dislocation (%)



Negative Rel. Perf.	Positive Rel. Perf.	Week 0	Week 2	Week 4	Week 6	Week 8	Week 10	Week 12	Week 14	Week 16
YTD Perf. Since 14/02	Fund	+1.39%	+0.74%	-5.78%	-12.14%	-11.30%	-8.96%	-8.18%	-5.44%	+0.99%
	Ref. Ind.[1]	+1.17%	+0.16%	-4.21%	-8.44%	-6.55%	-5.22%	-4.83%	-4.63%	-1.94%
	Rel. Perf.	+0.22%	+0.58%	-1.57%	-3.70%	-4.75%	-3.74%	-3.35%	-0.81%	+2.93%

Source: Carmignac as at 05/06/2020. A EUR Share class [1]75% ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index (ER00) and 25% ICE BofA Euro Hight Yield Index (HE00) calculated with coupons reinvested and rebalanced quarterly.Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.The return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Performance are net of fees(excluding applicable entrance fee qcuired to the distributor)[1]CCR= Carmignac P. Unconstrained Cred,*CDS=Credit Default Swap.

This environment bears a lot of similarities with the first half of 2016 or, closer to us, the first half of 2019. We expect the coming months to be similarly fertile for bond pickers. This is not to say it will be a smooth or easy ride. **We are already seeing a sharp rise in credit rating downgrades and defaults and we expect more accidents in the next quarters.**

Central bankers can help sound businesses refinance themselves and pay lower interest expenses but they cannot save disrupted, structurally unprofitable business models. It is often said that defaults are caused by the economic environment. While there is a correlation, we do not believe there is much causality. Issuers rarely default on their debt because GDP growth turned out one or two percentage points lower than expected.

> **“They default because their business models have been disrupted or competed away and/or because investors have not been careful in their due diligence and analysis when assessing how much debt they can bear.”**

Recessions only lower the willingness and ability to kick the can down the road. Hence, the measures taken to fight Covid19 will have an important impact on default rates but there would have had a high occurrence of defaults in the coming years even without this virus. It will mostly act as a catalyst, precipitating defaults which would have occurred in two or three years.

This is why we always keep in perspective the multiyear outlook of a full credit cycle when picking investments and deciding how much risk we want to put in the portfolio - while credit markets tend to price only short-term default rates, which is akin to driving a motorbike looking only one meter in front of the handlebar.

We are excited by the opportunities we see ahead. During the past months, the fund has benefited from high quality credit repricing to a more normal level. **Yet we still have in our portfolio many bonds from solid businesses with sound business models, good balance sheets and continuous access to liquidity**, yielding far in excess than their fundamental cost of risk, even under the assumption of a painfully slow economic recovery.

We also see a lot of excess spread in Collateralized Loan Obligations (“CLOs) tranches, with very limited fundamental risk- we would need much more pessimistic assumptions to break those tranches than what is needed to break other asset classes. As a result, we believe the risk-adjusted yield of the fund is very attractive at the moment. Beyond our current portfolio, as we wrote above, **we expect the upcoming wave of accidents will keep risk aversion high and create numerous investment opportunities, long and short**.

Discover the Fund's webpage:

Carmignac P. Unconstrained Credit

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (YTD)
Carmignac Portfolio Credit A EUR Acc	+1.79 %	+1.69 %	+20.93 %	+10.39 %	+1.28 %
Reference Indicator	+1.13 %	-1.74 %	+7.50 %	+2.80 %	-0.44 %

	3 years	5 years	10 years
Carmignac Portfolio Credit A EUR Acc	+11.00 %	-	-
Reference Indicator	+2.85 %	-	-

Source : Carmignac at 30/04/2021

* Reference Indicator: 75% ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index (ER00) and 25% ICE BofA Euro High Yield Index (HE00) calculated with coupons reinvested and rebalanced quarterly. 2017 Performance : since the launch of the fund on 31/07/2017. Performance of the A EUR acc share class. **Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. The return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Performances are net of fees (excluding possible entrance fees charged by the distributor).**

Carmignac Portfolio Credit

Lower risk Higher risk
Potentially lower return Potentially higher return

Recommended minimum investment horizon

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in risks of the Fund

EDIT: Credit risk is the risk that the issuer may default.

EREST RATE: Interest rate risk results in a decline in the net asset value in the event of changes in rest rates.

RISK OF CAPITAL LOSS: The portfolio does not guarantee or protect the capital invested. Capital loss occurs when a unit is sold at a lower price than that paid at the time of purchase.

CURRENCY: Currency risk is linked to exposure to a currency other than the Fund's valuation currency, either through direct investment or the use of forward financial instruments.

The Fund presents a risk of loss of capital.

*Risk Scale from the KIID (Key Investor Information Document). Risk 1 does not mean a risk-free investment. This indicator may change over time. A EUR Acc share class ISIN code: LU1623762843.

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