

Tages Eckhardt Systematic Short-Term UCITS Fund

(sub fund of Tages International Funds ICAV)

December 2020

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FIRM DESCRIPTION

Eckhardt Trading Company was founded in 1991 by William Eckhardt in Chicago. Eckhardt is a research driven investment manager with a systematic, technical and evolutionary approach to global markets. The manager employs a variety of short term and pattern recognition strategies with an average trade length of under 10 days. Since its founding, the firm has prioritised ongoing research and development, with a dedicated research team that has been working together for more than a decade. William Eckhardt has been a pioneer in the systematic space since the 1980's, culminating in a research partnership with the University of Chicago.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE & STRATEGY DESCRIPTOR

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth. Please refer to the latest prospectus and the relevant KIID of the Fund for more information.

The strategy uses market volatility as a key metric to identify and capture alpha by trading several models across multiple time horizons and volatility regimes. Eckhardt's unique analysis and understanding of volatility characteristics employs strategies across three system groups: 1) Short-term volatility trend captures price changes across short-term time frames in periods of changing volatility; 2) Pattern recognition uses proprietary models to seek contrarian profit opportunities during periods of consolidating or reversing markets; and 3) Risk-off alpha systems aim to capture alpha in periods of higher volatility, particularly in equity markets. The program uses a different set of signals to trade a select subset of commodities which Eckhardt has identified as behaving differently to other key markets. The Eckhardt program is based on 40 years of pioneering research from Bill Eckhardt and his team, applying evolutionary computing and risk-based utility theory with in-depth volatility analysis. The current portfolio has an average holding period of less than 10 days.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

	MTD	YTD*
Tages Eckhardt Systematic Short-Term UCITS	-0.34%	-1.37%
S&P 500	3.84%	12.15%
US Broad Investment-Grade Bond Index	-0.33%	0.26%

FUND PERFORMANCE NET OF FEES (%) – GBP CLASS FOUNDER

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Year
2020										-1.83	0.81	-0.34	-1.37

Source: Northern Trust, Bloomberg as of 31st December 2020. Returns are for GBP Class Founder. *Since inception, Fund launched 7th October

FUND PERFORMANCE NET OF FEES (%) – USD CLASS INSTITUTIONAL

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Year
2020											0.82*	-0.22	0.60

Source: Northern Trust, Bloomberg as of 31st December 2020. Returns are for USD Class Institutional. *Class launched 17th November

Past performance is not indicative, nor a guarantee, of future returns.

STATS & CORRELATION SINCE INCEPTION

Compound Return	-1.37%	US Stocks [S&P 500TR]	-
Ann. Return	-	US Bonds [FTSE USBIG]	-
Ann. Volatility	-	Non-US Stocks [MSCI EAFE]	-
Sharpe Ratio	-	Hedge Funds [Credit Suisse]	-
Avg Margin*	-	Managed Futures [BTOP 50]	-
Avg Round Turns*	-		

Source: Investcorp-Tages, ETC. *Est. return contributions of the underlying strategies/asset class, excl. fund fees, expenses, etc. Data as at 31st December 2020. Fund launched on 7th October, certain statistics will only be displayed once the Fund has been running for a set period of time

COMMENTARY

The Tages Eckhardt Systematic Short-Term UCITS Fund was slightly down in December (-34bps), with gains in Short-term Volatility Trend systems balancing out losses in Pattern Recognition and Risk Off Alpha systems. Similarly, gains in currencies and commodities offset stock index and fixed income losses.

Short-term Volatility Trend systems added to last month's gains on the long side of global currencies vs the US dollar and Japanese yen.

Particularly early in the month, commodity prices moved higher on coronavirus vaccination news. Volatility Trend systems added to prior month gains in grains on the long side of corn, wheat, and the soybean complex. There were further Volatility Trend gains in soft markets on the long side of coffee and cotton.

Trading in fixed income and stock index markets gave up prior gains and produced losses in the second half of the month as price-action became more range-bound. Early optimism about the economic impact of coronavirus vaccination was tempered by logistical issues with vaccine rollout and further complicated by geopolitical risks caused by Brexit and US election turmoil.

INVESTMENT MANAGER

Tages Capital LLP

FUND MANAGER

Eckhardt Trading Company

STRATEGY

Systematic Short-Term

VEHICLE

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LAUNCH DATE

07 October 2020

BASE CURRENCY

USD

NAV

£98.63 (Class Founder)

\$100.60 (Class Institutional)

FUND SIZE

\$125.5m

MANAGEMENT FEE

Class Founder: 0.75%

Class I: 1.25%

PERFORMANCE FEE

Class Founder: 15%

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MINIMUM INVESTMENT

Class Founder: EUR, GBP, USD, CHF 5,000,000,

Class I: EUR, GBP, USD, CHF 1,000,000

Class R: EUR, GBP, USD, CHF 10,000

DEALING

Daily dealing (1 Business Day notice)

ADMINISTRATOR / DEPOSITARY

Northern Trust International Fund

Administration Services (Ireland) Limited

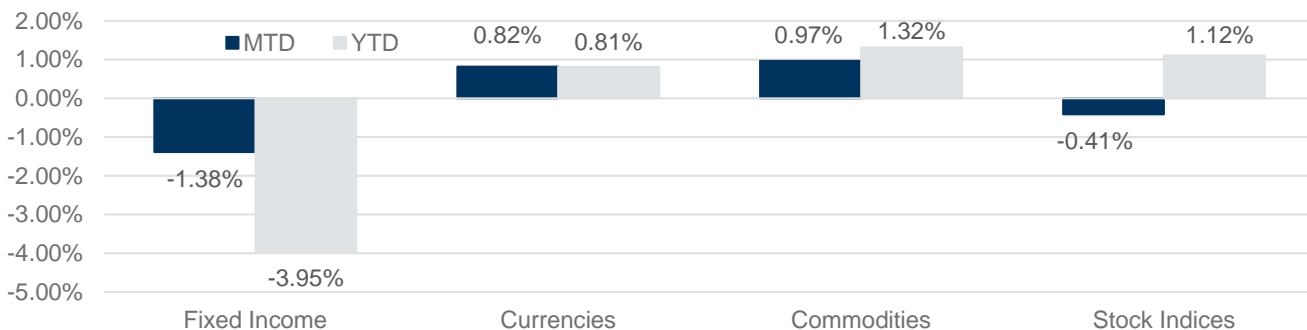
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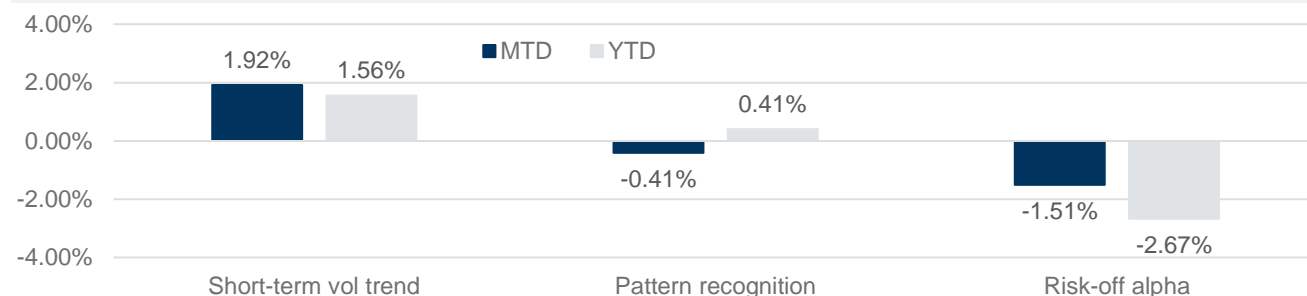
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GROSS P&L BY ASSET CLASS



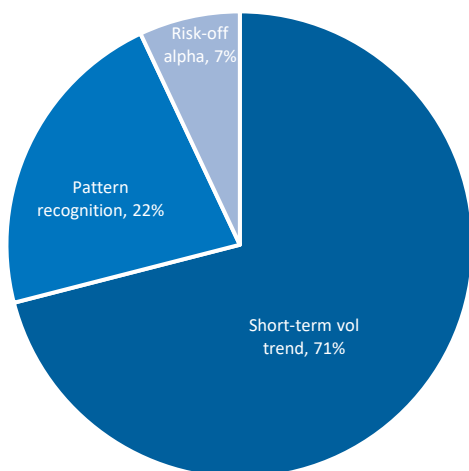
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GROSS P&L BY SYSTEM GROUP



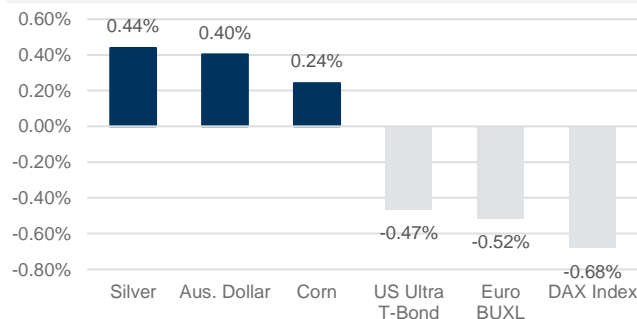
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COMMITMENT BY SYSTEM GROUP



Source: Investcorp-Tages, ETC. Data as at 31st December 2020

TOP 3 BEST/WORST PERFORMING MARKETS MTD



Source: Investcorp-Tages, ETC. Data as at 31st December 2020

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