

# Tages Eckhardt Systematic Short-Term UCITS Fund

(sub fund of Tages International Funds ICAV)

March 2021

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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 DESCRIPTION

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	-2.07%	-0.37%
S&P 500	4.38%	6.18%
US Broad Investment-Grade Bond Index	-1.15%	-3.02%

### 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	<b>-1.37</b>
2021	-3.81	5.77	-2.07										<b>-0.37</b>

Source: Northern Trust, Bloomberg as of 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021. Returns are for GBP Class Founder. \*Class launched 7<sup>th</sup> 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	<b>0.60</b>
2021	-3.76	5.66	-1.81										<b>-0.15</b>

Source: Northern Trust, Bloomberg as of 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021. Returns are for USD Class Institutional. \*Class launched 17<sup>th</sup> November. Past performance is not indicative, nor a guarantee, of future returns.

### STATS & CORRELATION SINCE INCEPTION

Compound Return	-1.74%	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. Stats are for GBP Class Founder \*Est. return contributions of the underlying strategies/asset class, excl. fund fees, expenses, etc. Data as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021. Fund launched on 7<sup>th</sup> October, certain statistics will only be displayed once the Fund has been running for a set period of time

### COMMENTARY

With volatility relatively limited and contracting across multiple markets, March performance was constrained by some of the confused price action. Currencies were the best performing sector in March, led by short-side gains in Japanese yen. Rising covid cases, emerging variants, and vaccine rollout challenges outside the US put rising global interest rates on pause. The medium-term systems rode out these conditions to capture long-side gains in stocks and short-side gains in interest rates and currencies. Short-term and non-trend systems struggled as directional moves that looked poised to reverse only hesitated before continuing in established trends or moving sideways.

Meanwhile, fiscal stimulus and efficient vaccine rollout in the US were positive for the "reflation trade", boosting equities to new highs and increasing bond yields but not without choppy price action on the way. Short-term Vol. Trend systems actively traded the long and short sides of European and US Fixed Income markets and Equity Indices, but by month-end accumulating small net losses on the long and short sides, respectively.

Commodities, still the best sector year-to-date, gave back some gains as prices retreated from recent highs. A higher US dollar impacted commodities priced in dollars, while economic growth concerns and good weather conditions also weighed on energy markets and agricultural commodities, respectively.

#### INVESTMENT MANAGER

Tages Capital LLP

#### FUND MANAGER

Eckhardt Trading Company

#### STRATEGY

Systematic Short-Term

#### VEHICLE

ICAV

#### LAUNCH DATE

07 October 2020

#### BASE CURRENCY

USD

#### NAV

£98.26 (Class Founder)  
\$100.45 (Class Institutional)

#### FUND SIZE

\$128.2m

#### MANAGEMENT FEE

Class Founder: 0.75%  
Class I: 1.25%

#### PERFORMANCE FEE

Class Founder: 15%  
Class I: 15%

#### 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

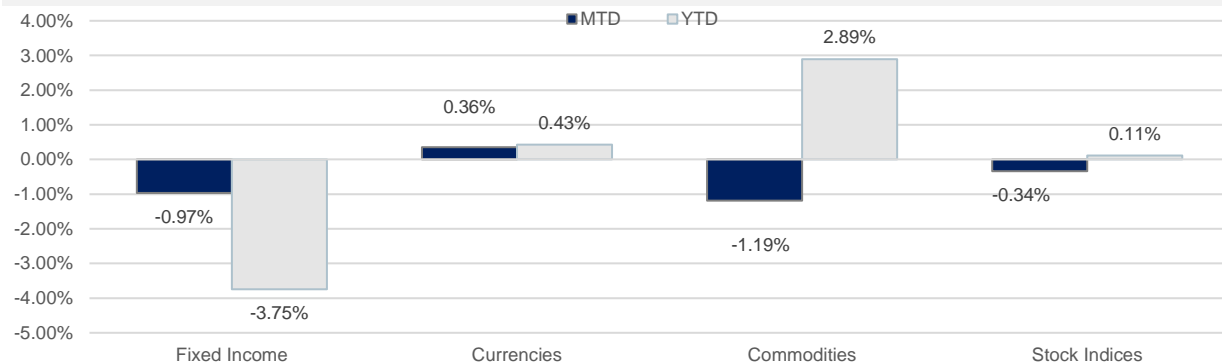
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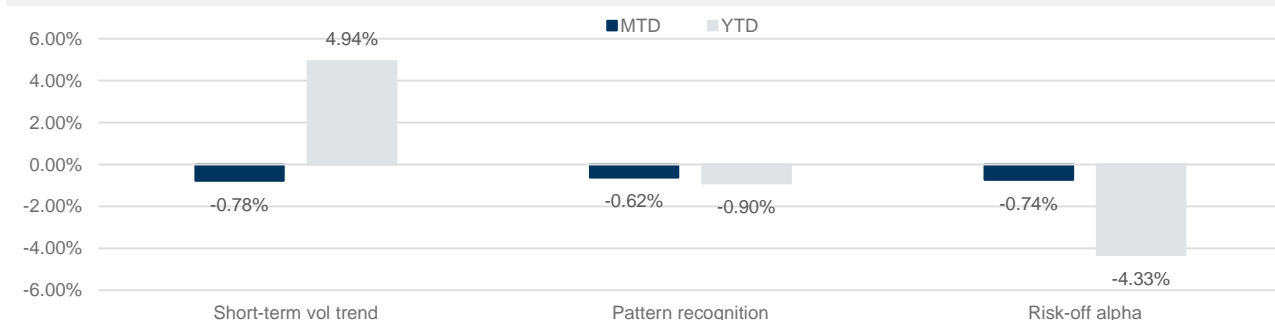
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## GROSS P&L BY ASSET CLASS



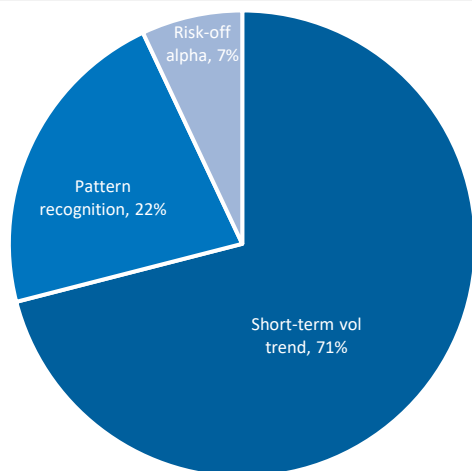
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## GROSS P&L BY SYSTEM GROUP



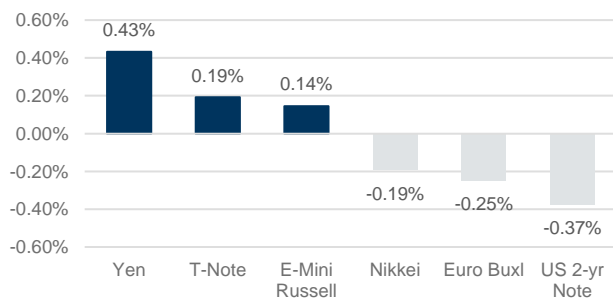
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## COMMITMENT BY SYSTEM GROUP



Source: Investcorp-Tages, ETC. Data as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021

## TOP 3 BEST/WORST PERFORMING MARKETS MTD



Source: Investcorp-Tages, ETC. Data as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021

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