

# Tages Eckhardt Systematic Short-Term UCITS Fund

(sub fund of Tages International Funds ICAV)

April 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	-1.04%	-1.40%
S&P 500	5.34%	11.84%
US Broad Investment-Grade Bond Index	0.87%	-2.17%

### 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	-1.04									<b>-0.37</b>

Source: Northern Trust, Bloomberg as of 30<sup>th</sup> April, 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	-0.97									<b>-1.12</b>

Source: Northern Trust, Bloomberg as of 30<sup>th</sup> April, 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	-2.76%	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 30<sup>th</sup> April, 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

Market conditions in April mostly favored systems with longer time horizons than the portfolio average of 8-9 days. Medium-term Vol.trend systems therefore added to their YTD gains.

On a sector basis, commodities in general and grains in particular continued to provide opportunities with long-side gains driven by Chinese demand, post-covid optimism, and supply constraints. The top three markets this month were all commodities.

The fixed income sector however continued to confuse, with several indications through the month that US rates were starting to rise again, only to reverse. The Volatility Select systems caught these moves using 2-3 day objectives to be profitable from the short side while short-term Vol.trend, blocked by reversals, accumulated small negative returns. European rates proved more difficult with Euro BTPs contributing small losses.

The volatility environment for equities has made these markets a little more difficult to exploit, despite trends on the long side as the aggressive US fiscal stimulus accelerated GDP growth and falling unemployment. Medium term systems again made gains in equities, but short-term Vol.trend and Trend Neutral lost ground.

Looking forward, while commodities are likely to continue to shine, indications are that the volatility environment across the financial markets will gradually favor the broader portfolio again.

### 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

€97.24 (Class Founder)  
\$99.48 (Class Institutional)

### FUND SIZE

\$127.4m

### 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



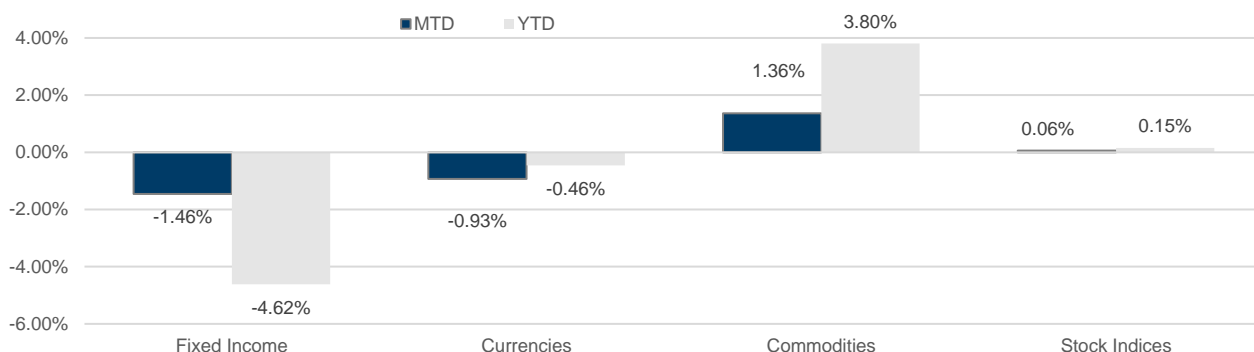
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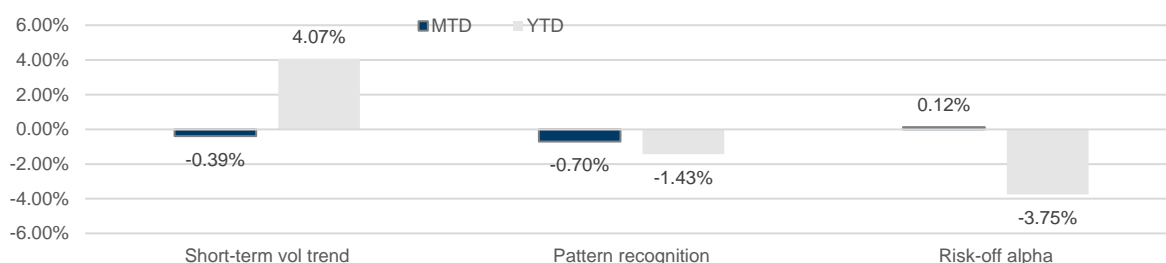
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## GROSS P&L BY ASSET CLASS



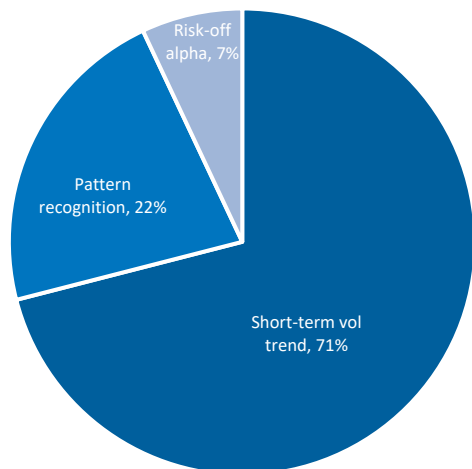
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## GROSS P&L BY SYSTEM GROUP



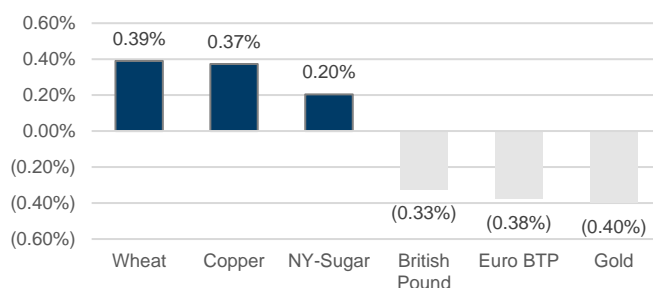
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## COMMITMENT BY SYSTEM GROUP



Source: Investcorp-Tages, ETC. Data as at 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

## TOP 3 BEST/WORST PERFORMING MARKETS MTD



Source: Investcorp-Tages, ETC. Data as at 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

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