

# Tages Eckhardt Systematic Short-Term UCITS Fund

(sub fund of Tages International Funds ICAV)

July 2021

## INVESTCORP-TAGES

### 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 key investor information document(s) of the Fund ("KIID") for more information. Documents can be found at [www.investcorp-tages.com](http://www.investcorp-tages.com).

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 Fund (GBP Founder) [TESSTGA ID Equity]	0.65%	-1.51%
S&P 500 [SPXT]	2.38%	17.99%
US Broad Investment-Grade Bond [SSBIG]	1.07%	-0.05%

Source: Northern Trust, Bloomberg as of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Indices are not a reference indicator, but used for illustrative purposes. Past performance is not indicative, nor a guarantee, of future returns. Returns include the reinvestment of all dividends, interest, income and profits. The return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations, for the shares which are not currency-hedged.

### 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	-0.08	-0.67	0.65						<b>-1.51</b>

Source: Northern Trust, Bloomberg as of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Returns are for GBP Class Founder. \*Class launched 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

### 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	0.01	-0.58	0.71						<b>-0.98</b>

Source: Northern Trust, Bloomberg as of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Returns are for USD Class Institutional. \*Class launched 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### STATS & CORRELATION SINCE INCEPTION

Compound Return	-2.86%	US Stocks [S&P 500 TR]	-
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 as of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Statistics are for GBP Class Founder. Class launched on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Certain statistics will only be displayed once the Fund has been running for a set period of time.

### COMMENTARY

Evolution Strategies continued to make strong gains on the long side of fixed income this month. While June's fixed income gains were confined to US products, all fixed income sectors were profitable in July as the worldwide spread of the Delta variant stoked fears of reimposed lockdowns and slower economic growth. With reflation expectations tempered, there was broad unwinding of fixed income shorts benefiting our long positions. Elsewhere the volume trend systems struggled as choppy market conditions cut short directional moves. This was brought on by the mixed signals of breakout covid infections, geopolitical tensions, strong 2nd quarter corporate earnings, and massive US infrastructure spending. Currencies, equity indices, and the commodity sectors all ended the month with small net losses.

On a general note, Currencies experienced their most difficult month year-to-date. With the reflation trade uncertain, carry trades unwound as well. No system group found solid footing in the currency markets thus the cost of entry and subsequent quick exits accumulated small losses on both the long and short sides.

Trend Neutral and Volatility Select systems, having experienced some difficulties in the first two quarters of the year, now started to pull their weight. Through the choppy resetting of interest rate expectations in July, these systems accounted for roughly half the fixed income gains and nearly all profits in stock indices. They continue to outperform the trend systems in the first few days of August and have returned equity indices to YTD profits.

### INVESTMENT MANAGER

Tages Capital LLP

### FUND MANAGER

Eckhardt Trading Company (ETC)

### STRATEGY

Systematic Short-Term

### FUND TYPE

UCITS

### VEHICLE

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### LAUNCH DATE

07 October 2020

### BASE CURRENCY

USD

### NAV

£96.50 (GBP Class Founder)  
\$98.91 (USD Class I)

### FUND SIZE

\$135.8m

### 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)

### MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Waystone Fund Management (IE) Ltd.

### ADMINISTRATOR / DEPOSITARY

Northern Trust International Fund  
Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd.

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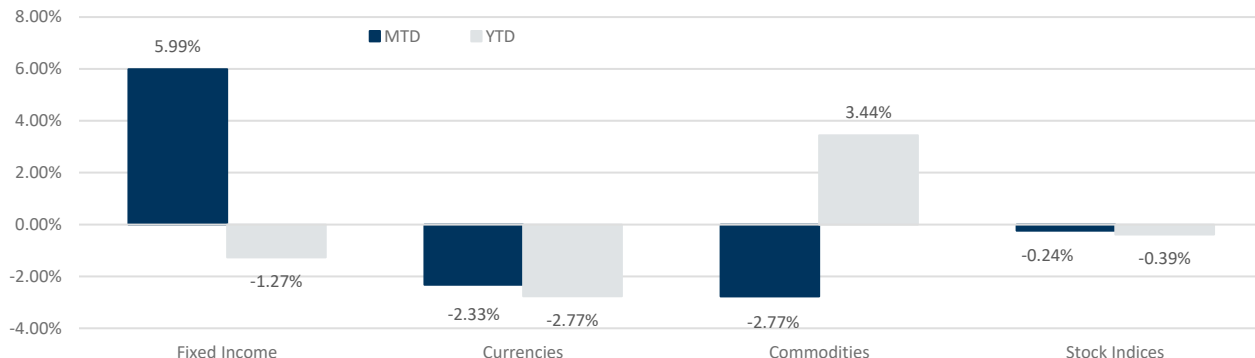
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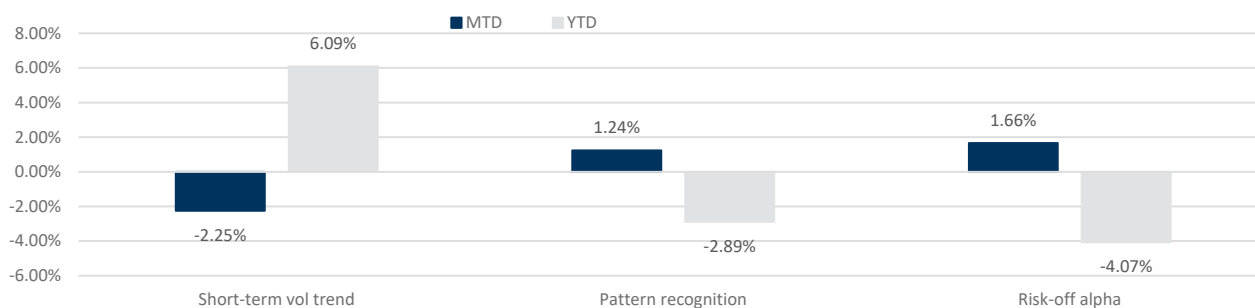
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## GROSS P&L BY ASSET CLASS



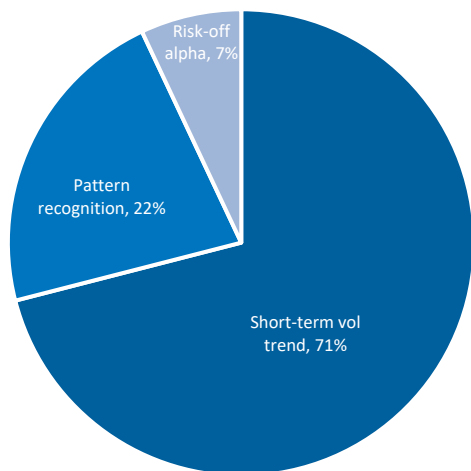
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## GROSS P&L BY SYSTEM GROUP



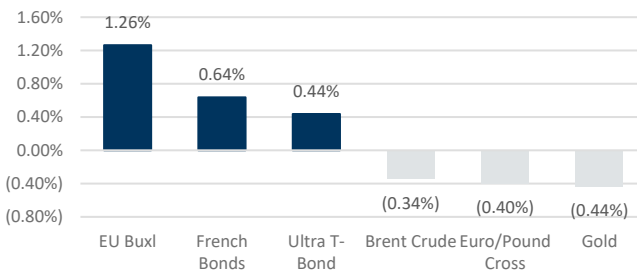
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## COMMITMENT BY SYSTEM GROUP



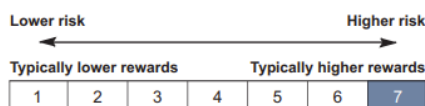
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## TOP 3 BEST/WORST PERFORMING MARKETS MTD



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## RISK & REWARD PROFILE



Risk Scale from the key investor information document(s) of the Fund ("KIID"). Risk 1 does not mean a risk-free investment. This indicator may change over time. Please refer to the risk glossary at the back of this document.

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## RISK GLOSSARY

**Credit and Counterparty Risk:** A counterparty may fail in paying the proceeds of sale for assets sold by the Sub-Fund or may fail in delivering securities purchased by the Sub-Fund. The Sub-Fund may also incur the risk that a counterparty may fail to settle a transaction in accordance with its terms and conditions because the contract is not legally enforceable or because it does not accurately reflect the intention of the parties or because of a dispute over the terms of the contract (whether or not bona fide) or because of a credit or liquidity problem, thus causing the Sub-Fund to suffer a loss.

**Derivatives and Leverage Risk:** The Sub-Fund may use derivatives as a means of gaining indirect exposure to a specific asset or as part of a strategy designed to reduce exposure to other risks, such as interest rate or currency risk. Whilst this is intended to help the Sub-Fund to manage risk or to take investment positions more efficiently or effectively than could be done otherwise, derivatives can involve the use of debt to finance the purchase of assets (leverage) and the risk of higher volatility, especially if some of the expected offsetting positions between long and short investments do not work as expected, and the Sub-Fund may be exposed to additional risks and costs as a result.

**Short Selling Risk:** The Sub-Fund may create synthetic short positions through the use of derivatives. Short positions behave differently to long positions; for example, the Sub-Fund can come under pressure to close out short positions at short notice and before an offsetting long position can mature. This can create unexpected losses from positions that might otherwise have been seen as low risk or well hedged.

For a more detailed explanation of risks, please refer to the "Special Considerations and Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.