

# Tages Eckhardt Systematic Short-Term UCITS Fund

(sub fund of Tages International Funds ICAV)

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

The strategy uses market volatility as a key metric to identify and capture alpha by trading several diversifying models across multiple time horizons and volatility regimes. Eckhardt's unique analysis and understanding of volatility characteristics and positioning/sentiment results in strategies across four 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; 3) Risk-off alpha systems aim to capture alpha in periods of higher volatility, particularly in equity markets, and 4) Sentiment Alpha which use positioning/sentiment metrics to identify both contrarian and early trend opportunities. The program also uses different sets of signals to trade subsets of commodities and market sectors where Eckhardt has identified additional alpha to be captured. 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]	-5.12%	-4.25%
S&P 500 [SPXT]	4.48%	28.71%
US Broad Investment-Grade Bond [SSBIG]	-0.31%	-1.11%

Source: Northern Trust, Bloomberg as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. Indices are not a reference indicator, but used for illustrative purposes.

### 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	-3.18	-0.04	7.22	-1.26	-5.12	<b>-4.25</b>

Source: Northern Trust, Bloomberg as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 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	-3.12	-0.01	6.97	-1.21	-4.82	<b>-3.52</b>

Source: Northern Trust, Bloomberg as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. Returns are for USD Class Institutional. \*Class launched 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### STATS & CORRELATION SINCE INCEPTION\*

Compound Return	-5.56%	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 31<sup>st</sup> December 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.

\*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.

### COMMENTARY

As in the prior month, covid and interest rate policy dominated market movements and markets struggled to find a consistent direction. December began with stocks, commodities, and fixed income rising on better employment numbers. These trends quickly reversed as initial fears related to Omicron surged, only to reverse again as this variant appeared less severe. Contributing to the lack of direction in this environment, the US Federal Reserve, ECB, and the Bank of England all moved toward paring back stimulus measures, BoE being the first to actually raise rates. These factors created a difficult environment for shorter-term directional strategies, particularly in fixed income and currencies.

It was not all bad news, Trend Neutral made gains in currencies, energies and metals and Sentiment Alpha made contrarian gains in US fixed income. Stock index gains accrued to the Volatility Select systems and Select Commodity short term Vol. Trend made gains in silver and industrial metals. Other Vol. Trend systems were repeatedly drawn to fresh trades only to be stopped out by the whipsawing price action in currencies and fixed income.

Summarizing the year, stock indices, energy and commodities contributed well. Medium Term Vol. Trend and Short-Term Commodity Select, the systems with most exposure to stock indices and commodities correspondingly performed best. Maybe an indication of what lies ahead but the short side of fixed income has also become a contributor to positive returns.

### INVESTMENT MANAGER

Tages Capital LLP

### FUND MANAGER

Eckhardt Trading Company (ETC)

### STRATEGY

Systematic Short-Term

### FUND TYPE

UCITS

### VEHICLE

ICAV

### LAUNCH DATE

07 October 2020

### BASE CURRENCY

USD

### NAV

£94.43 (GBP Class Founder)  
\$97.06 (USD Class I)

### FUND SIZE

\$128.1m

### ISIN

IE00BL3HNF00 (GBP Class Founder)  
IE00BL3HNM76 (USD Class I)

### 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.

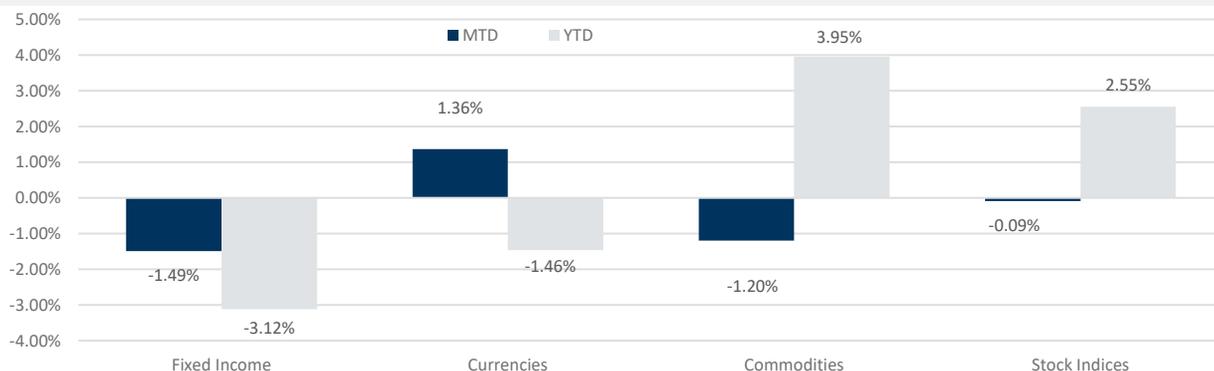
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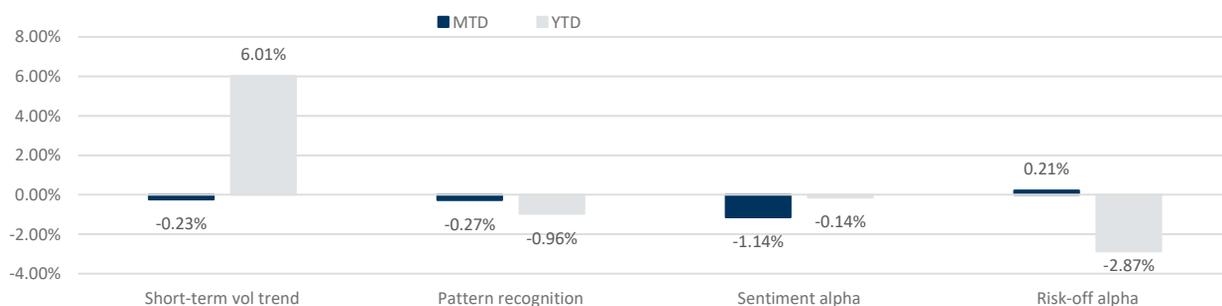
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## GROSS P&L BY ASSET CLASS\*



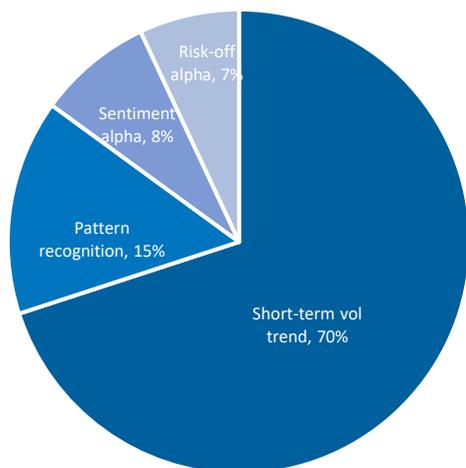
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## GROSS P&L BY SYSTEM GROUP\*



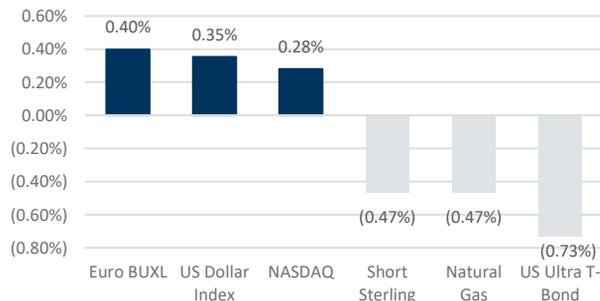
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## COMMITMENT BY SYSTEM GROUP



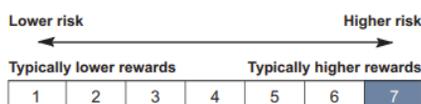
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## TOP 3 BEST/WORST PERFORMING MARKETS MTD



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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.

## REGULATORY INFORMATION AND RISK WARNINGS

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