### **Butler Credit Opportunities UCITS Fund** Long/Short European Credit

#### **FACTSHEET**

#### Performance Returns

The Butler Credit Opportunities UCITS Fund returned 1.01% in April (EUR Institutional Class Founder ISIN: IE00BF2CW131).

#### **Investment Objective & Strategy**

Butler Credit Opportunities UCITS is a long/short European Credit fund with a long term target to deliver 8-10% annualized returns while maintaining portfolio volatility below 5% over the credit cycle. The Butler Credit Opportunities UCITS Fund team uses a unique 3 step investment approach placing risk management and preservation of capital at the centre of portfolio management while constantly seeking opportunities to generate superior risk adjusted returns.

- Stage 1: With their long-standing experience in markets, the team recognizes that the portfolio Beta should always reflect the optimal level of risk in order to preserve capital or generate superior Alpha. BCO's portfolio managers systematically implement a Top-Down approach in order to determine the optimal level of risk for the portfolio.
- Stage 2: Bottom up focuses on the fundamental analysis of individual securities, assessing key financial parameters for each bond evaluating its potential as a long or short position.
- Stage 3: Portfolio construction determines the capital allocated to each strategy/position taking into account risk, liquidity, volatility, etc.

#### **Monthly Commentary**

HY markets saw a moderate rebound after a weak Q1 (c. 0.7%) on both sides of the Atlantic. Given increased differences between the € and the \$ rate curves, USHY actually outperformed €HY on a spread basis, which is at odds with Equity markets. Whilst we estimate that the Supply/Demand balance has stabilized in Europe, we believe that €HY's disappointing performance YTD reflects a degree of investors' negativity. Interestingly this cautious positioning has resulted in the most valueaccretive market for c. 18 months in our opinion: a significant number of new issuers, mostly Bs, have priced with significant discount to secondary comparables.

Alpha generation for April was meaningfully positive stemming predominantly from 2 successful shorts (French optical stores network Alain Afflelou and Italian mobile operator Wind Tre, both trading expensive and subject to substantially negative news). New issues, where we often added to our initial allocations, have also contributed positively.

Conditions have continued to improve in Equity markets, witnessed by a material fall in volatility indices. The €HY market has remained subdued MTD, with spreads slightly widening and trading close to the wide end of the range established since the Nov17 correction. Also recent new issues have underperformed markedly, suggesting some buyers' strike. Given that a global recession remains guite unlikely in the next 12 months, we do not expect HY's underperformance to continue and are ready to increase beta from below 70% currently to 80 -90%. In an increasingly differentiated market, we also expect to derive alpha from both longs and shorts.

#### <u>Butler Credit UCITS Fund Performance (EUR Institutional Class Founder)</u>

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2018	0.58%	0.16%	-0.22%	1.01%									1.53%
2017	-	-	-	-	0.73%	-0.29%	0.53%	-0.04%	0.69%	0.91%	-0.60%	-0.18%	1.74%

The performance figures quoted above represent the performance of the Butler Credit Opportunities UCITS Fund since launch on 15th May 2017. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a reliable guide to future

#### WB Opportunities Fund Ltd Performance Class A2 USD Shares (Non-UCITS)\*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2017	0.09%	0.67%	-0.15%	0.88%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.50%
2016	-0.38%	-0.97%	2.58%	2.02%	0.37%	-0.80%	1.21%	1.73%	-0.58%	1.01%	0.14%	1.73%	8.28%
2015	0.89%	1.69%	0.24%	0.56%	0.34%	-0.65%	0.16%	-0.78%	-0.46%	1.08%	0.67%	-0.02%	3.76%
2014	0.98%	1.34%	0.91%	1.01%	0.12%	0.81%	-0.65%	0.69%	-1.56%	-0.84%	0.28%	0.29%	3.39%
2013	1.40%	1.26%	0.40%	1.39%	0.23%	-1.14%	1.82%	0.89%	1.62%	2.35%	0.22%	0.96%	11.95%
2012	2.19%	3.02%	1.67%	-0.83%	-0.42%	-0.18%	1.36%	1.34%	1.66%	2.25%	0.99%	2.05%	16.11%
2011	2.40%	2.43%	0.68%	1.43%	0.18%	-0.19%	-0.49%	-0.61%	-0.91%	4.29%	-2.38%	0.81%	7.74%
2010	1.70%	-0.47%	4.35%	2.09%	-0.65%	-0.03%	2.99%	0.51%	2.28%	1.93%	-1.01%	1.66%	16.30%
2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.36%	0.78%	2.45%	3.62%

The above performance pertains to the performance since inception of the WB Opportunities Master Fund and is not of the Butler Credit UCITS Fund. UCITS Fund have to abide by investment restrictions and consequently the performance of Butler Credit UCITS Fund may not be similar to that presented above. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a reliable guide to the future performance.

#### THE MANAGER



#### Laurent Kenigswald Managing Director

Laurent Kenigswald has more than 21 years of experience in Credit and 10 years as Economist. He was a senior portfolio manager of Barep Global Credit (BGC), a €500m credit hedge fund. In 2006, BGC was awarded "Best European Multi Strategy Fund" of the year from Hedge Fund Review. Prior to this, Laurent was a credit sell side analyst at Crédit Lyonnais, Natixis and Aurel Leven, managed a portfolio of Brady bonds (Emerging Markets sovereign debt) at BNPParibas and was a senior economist at the Direction de la Prévision in the French Ministry of Economy and Finance.

#### Olivier de Parcevaux

Director

Olivier de Parcevaux has been a credit portfolio advisor, analyst and manager since 2001. In 2007, he joined Barep Global Credit Fund as a portfolio manager under Laurent Kenigswald leadership. He was responsible for the utilities, energy, chemical, packaging and general industrials sectors. Prior to joining BGC, he was a high yield buy-side analyst for AXA IM and for CDC Ixis and the head office and as a credit sell-side analyst for Credit Lyonnais.

#### **Cvril Furtak**

Director

Cyril Furtak has been working with the credit portfolio advisory team since 2003 and as a credit portfolio manager since 2005. In 2003, he joined the Barep Global Credit Fund as a credit portfolio analyst and later he was promoted to portfolio manager and worked under Laurent Kenigswald leadership. Prior to this, Cyril worked at Renault Nissan as a business analyst for the Executive

#### **FUND FACTS**

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Structure	UCITS Fund
Domicile	Ireland
Liquidity	Weekly with daily indicatives
Fund AUM	\$219.6 million
Strategy AUM	\$296.1 million
Inception	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
Share Class	Institutional B Pooled
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	1.1%
Perf. Fee	20%

Min Init. Sub.	100,000
ISIN Codes/	EUR: IE00BF2CWF72/MLBCEIB
BB tickers	GBP: IE00BF2CWG89/MLBCBGI
	CHF: IE00BF2CWH96/MLBCCIB
	USD: IE00BF2CWJ11/MLBCUIB

Share Class	Retail Pooled
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	1.5%
Perf. Fee	20%
Min Init. Sub.	1,000
ISIN Codes/	EUR: IE00BF2CWK26/MLBCERP

GBP: IE00BF2CWL33/MLBCGRP CHF: E00BF2CWM40/MLBCOCR USD: IE00BF2CWN56/MLBCURP



#### Long/Short European Credit

WB Opportunities Fund Performance Statistics inception)*	s (since
Profitable Months (% total)	70.87%
Maximum Drawdown	-2.38%
Months to Recover	4
Annualized Return	8.72%
Annualized Daily Volatility	3.18%
Annualized Monthly Volatility	4.11%
Sharpe Ratio - with annualized daily volatility	2.69
Sharpe Ratio - with annualized monthly volatility	2.08

Sharpe Ratio - with unhutilized monthly volutility	2.08
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Butler Credit Opportunities Fund Largest Long Strategies (ex. Indexes and Futures)			
Name	% NAV		
LKQ	4.27%		
LOXAM	3.36%		
REFRESCO	3.04%		
HERTZ	2.76%		
SELECTA	2.51%		
Total	15.94%		

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Current Butler Credit Opportur Fund Portfolio Statisti	
Number of Positions	103
Gross Exposure 1	193.92%
Net Exposure <sup>2</sup>	86.14%
Beta adjusted Net Exposure <sup>3</sup>	81.92%
Modified Duration	2.00
YTConsensus <sup>4</sup>	3.31%
Spread Duration	3.44

% NAV

-2.45% -1 98%

-1.47%

-0.99%

-0.79%

-7.67%

**Butler Credit Opportunities Fund Largest** 

Short Strategies (ex. Indexes and Futures)5

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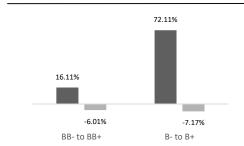
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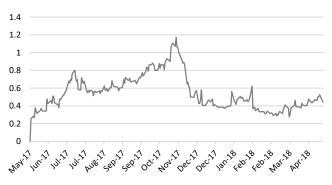
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Butler Credit Opportunities UCITS Fund Current Exposures (% NAV)								
	Long	Short	Net					
L/S General	80.67%	-7.45%	73.22%					
L/S Relative	3.98%	-5.73%	-1.75%					
Spec Sit Credit	3.74%	0.00%	3.74%					
Trad /Hedg	51.64%	-40.71%	10.93%					
Total	140.03%	-53.89%	86.14%					

#### BCO UCITS Fund Current Rating Exposure<sup>6</sup> (% NAV)



#### BCO UCITS Fund MC VaR99 5 days (%)

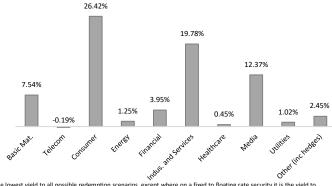


- 1 Gross Exposure = Sum of Market Value of each position, as % NAV
- <sup>2</sup> Net Exposure = Market Value of long positions less Market Value of short, as percent of NAV.
- Including equity hedges (Index, Futures, Options, etc.)

  Beta Adjusted Net Exposure = Beta Adjusted Market Value of long positions less
  Beta adjusted Market Value of short positions expressed as percent of Net Asset Value.

Including equity hedges (Index, Futures, Options, etc.)

#### BCO UCITS Fund Sector Net Exposure 7 (% NAV)



- <sup>4</sup> The lowest yield to all possible redemption scenarios, except where on a fixed to floating rate security it is the yield to the next call date, or if there is a maturity or call date announced by the entity, the yield to that date.
- <sup>5</sup> Long and Short positions held in the same company or group of companies have been aggregated
- and/or netted to express BCO's net exposure to them
- 6 Single names only
- <sup>7</sup> Excluding credit indices

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