North MaxQ Macro UCITS Fund

Discretionary Global Macro

July 2018

FACTSHEET

Performance Returns

The North MaxQ Macro UCITS Fund (USD Inst. Class) return for the July 2018 period (27th June 2018 to 25th July 2018) was **-0.49%** bringing the year-to-date return to +**8.30%.**

Fund Overview

The North MaxQ Macro UCITS Fund is a global macro fund that seeks to generate absolute positive returns over a market cycle that is uncorrelated to other global macro managers, the broad fund universe as well as interest rate, foreign exchange and equity indices. The investment manager identifies micro-economic and country specific imbalances to develop views and corresponding trading strategies. These strategies provide a diverse source of alpha and are expressed through thematic, relative value, counter-trend and quantitative exposures. The exposures are constructed to offer the best asymmetric payoff, while minimising expected correlations and providing protection against downside gap-risk. The investment manager prefers to take risk across a number of different strategies. Risk is monitored in real-time at the strategy and portfolio level and individual strategy stop-loss limits are established at the inception of each trade.

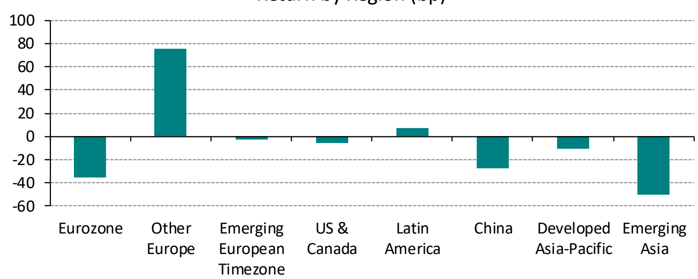
Monthly Market Commentary

Trade wars and diverging central bank monetary policies continued to dominate financial markets during the month of July. Surveys suggest that President Trump's trade policies, although not supported by the majority of Americans, are very popular with his core Republican voters. We therefore anticipate that trade tensions will continue as we head into the midterm November elections. Consequently, we see limited upside for global risky assets over the second half of the year. Contrary to the FED, we subscribe to the view that the ECB will have to remain dovish, which in turn should weigh on the currency and keep fixed income markets supported. Our view is that Eurozone growth will moderate, as Germany, which accounts for 25% of the Eurozone economy, is slowing down and overall external demand is contracting on the back of China and other large Emerging Markets slowing down. In the UK, a no-deal Brexit remains a tail risk. Although such an outcome would be very costly economically, the UK government is running out of time and is unable to reconcile the substantial differences within the Conservative party. We remain long GBP FX volatility, to capture the risk of an abrupt and potentially disorderedly Brexit. Other core positions for the fund are longs in the Norwegian Krone, shorts on high yield credit and the Indian NIFTY equity index as well as several relative value opportunities in the Chinese Yuan.

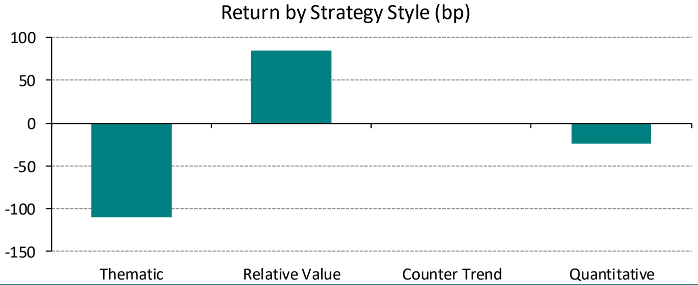
Performance Attribution

Out of a total of 41 strategies that were active during the month of July, 15 had a positive return, 15 had a negative return and 11 were essentially flat. 5 strategies were added and 9 were closed. The figures below show the performance attribution across different regions and by strategy style.

Return by Region (bp)



Return by Strategy Style (bp)



THE MANAGER

Nick D'Onofrio is a Co-Founder, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer at North Asset Management. Nick has over 20 years of experience within the industry. Nick is a former Executive Director at Morgan Stanley within the Finance Department and headed the credit risk team that focused on managing the inherent risk in the broad array of products traded at Morgan Stanley, including fixed income, foreign exchange, equities and commodities. Prior to Morgan Stanley, Nick worked at Swiss Banking Corporation and ABN AMRO. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Harvard University.

FUND FACTS

Structure	UCITS Fund
Domicile	Ireland
Liquidity	Weekly
Fund AUM	$36.33m
Inception	1st April, 2014
Share Class	**Institutional/Institutional Pooled**
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	1.50%
Perf. Fee	20%
Min Init. Sub.	100,000
ISIN Codes	EUR: IE00BH3H5S94/IE00BH3H5T02
	GBP: IE00BH3H5Y54/IE00BH3H5X48
	CHF: IE00BH3H5Z61/IE00BH3H6082
	USD: IE00BH3H6421/IE00BH3H6314
Share Class	**Retail Pooled**
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	2.00%
Perf. Fee	20%
Min Init. Sub.	10,000
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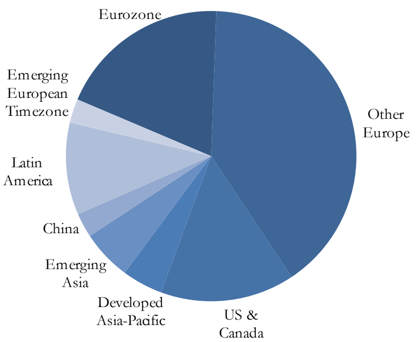
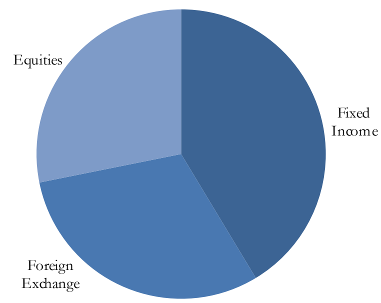
Risk Distribution

As of month end, the North MaxQ Macro UCITS Fund had a Value-at-Risk (“VaR”) exposure of **0.83%** of its net asset value on a 1-day return 95% confidence level. The figures below show the risk distribution across different regions, assets and strategies:

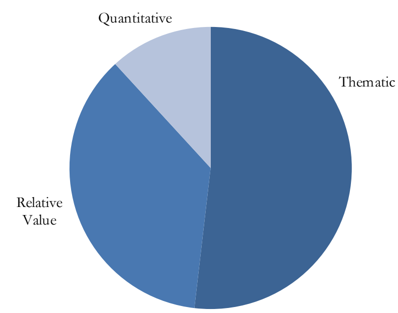
Risk Distribution by Region



Risk Distribution by Asset Class



Risk Distribution by Style



Regions

Eurozone

Other Europe: United Kingdom, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland

Emerging European Time-zone (EET): Turkey, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Romania, Russia

US & Canada: USA, Canada

Latin America: Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Peru, Argentina, Venezuela

China

Developed Asia-Pacific: Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan

Emerging Asia: India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand

Asset Classes

Fixed Income: Sovereign bonds, interest rate swap & swaptions, inflation-linked bonds & swaps, futures, options and CDS

Foreign Exchange: FX spot, forwards and options

Equities: Equities, futures and options

Strategy Style

Thematic: Macro views seeking to exploit dislocations between fundamentals and market value

Relative Value: Perceived mis-pricings in two closely correlated assets

Counter Trend: Opportunistic directional exposures due to overextended investor positioning, deteriorating fundamental support and a breakdown in price momentum

Quantitative: Systematic quantitative strategies derived using quantitative investment models and expressed through FX and interest rates

USD Institutional Share Class*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2018	1.68%	1.56%	-3.39%	-1.91%	9.56%	1.51%	-0.49%						**8.30%**
2017	-1.66%	0.13%	-0.89%	-0.37%	-0.19%	-1.72%	0.20%	0.03%	-1.03%	-0.82%	-3.34%	-3.87%	**-12.80%**
2016	-0.48%	-4.08%	0.31%	1.11%	0.47%	-6.70%	-0.46%	-5.93%	-0.50%	4.68%	-4.55%	0.96%	**-14.69%**
2015	-1.86%	2.22%	0.41%	1.73%	2.47%	-1.00%	3.20%	2.04%	-4.69%	1.55%	1.49%	0.10%	**7.63%**
2014	-	-	-	-2.67%	1.50%	-0.28%	1.52%	1.86%	3.10%	0.32%	-1.00%	-6.08%	**-2.04%**

*The performance figures quoted above represent the performance of the North MaxQ Macro UCITS Fund – USD Institutional Class. The table shows month-on-month performance since its launch on 1st April 2014. Month-on-month performance is measured with respect to the last Wednesday of each calendar month. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

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