

FACTSHEET

THE MANAGER

Performance Returns

The Conquest STAR UCITS Fund returned 0.50% in October for the USD Institutional Founder class.

Investment Objective & Strategy

Systematic absolute return strategy focused on capturing independent alpha from short-term trading opportunities regardless of the risk environment in both “risk-seeking” and “risk averse” regimes. The fund employs 4 sub-strategies using a dynamic risk allocation based on the Conquest Risk Aversion Index. The strategy provides geographic and asset class diversification by trading in over 30 liquid global futures markets including currencies, equity indices, and fixed income with no correlation to traditional portfolios, hedge fund portfolios, and CTA portfolios.

Monthly Commentary

The month of October bode well for investors posting another positive month for markets and broader economic outlook driven by better-than-expected data, particularly in the United States. This was complimented by solid corporate earnings sending major market indices higher. While the S&P 500 Index returned 2.33 %, bond markets had a more difficult month with rates experiencing a minor increase muting performance with the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index holding onto a small gain of 0.06 %. Although the economy is chugging along in good fashion, there remains unrealized risks with geopolitical tensions still looming over the marketplace. As we stated in our last September monthly commentary, volatility persists to be at all-time lows, something that we haven’t seen in decades, in fact, in over a century of data when evaluating the DOW Jones Index. We anticipate a return of market volatility but timing is always difficult; however, we foresee a pick up in vol to be much closer to be seen in the rearview mirror than some might expect as we begin to close out the last quarter of 2017.

Conquest STAR UCITS Fund Performance

Performance-wise, while STAR has outperformed the SG Short-term Traders Index since inception, this year has seen a sub-optimal environment for the fund. While STAR is “all weather” in the sense that there is no hard-coded directional bias outside of the Risk Capture sub-strategy, the extraordinarily low close-to-close volatility observed in 2017 has weighed on returns. In the month of October, equities inevitably were the best driver of returns followed by to a lesser extent fixed income. However, the drag on returns for the month is attributed to losses in fx trading. We expect performance within equities to continue to improve as we revert to a more historically typical volatility environment.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2017	-	-	0.07%	0.19%	0.49%	-2.42%	-2.61%	3.75%	0.00%	0.50%			-0.16%

The performance figures quoted above represent the performance of the Conquest STAR UCITS Fund since launch on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a guarantee of future performance or a reliable guide to future performance.



**Marc Malek**

Founder and Portfolio Manager

Mr. Malek founded Conquest and began his role as Portfolio Manager in 1999 after departing UBS as the Global Head of FX and Derivatives Proprietary trading in Europe and the Americas. While at UBS, Mr. Malek held several senior positions, including leading the global group in exotic derivatives in Foreign exchange. Prior to his tenure at UBS he worked at a hedge fund trading currency options and developing proprietary trading models. Mr. Malek began his career in 1992 at Salomon Brothers in New York as a Financial Analyst in the Financial Strategy Group.

**Jason Ruspini**

Portfolio Manager

Mr. Ruspini is a Portfolio Manager who joined Conquest in 2003. Prior to joining Conquest, Mr. Ruspini worked as a Quantitative Analyst and Floor Trader on the NYMEX under Mark Fisher, at which time he began developing systematic strategies. From 1999 - 2002, Mr. Ruspini worked at Goldman Sachs where he served as a senior analyst in firm-wide and fixed-income technology for over three years.

**Harold Feder**

Chief Financial Officer & Compliance Officer

Mr. Feder joined Conquest in 2004. Prior to joining Conquest, Mr. Feder worked in public accounting for seven years, most recently as an audit manager at Grant Thornton’s Financial Services Industry Group. While at Grant Thornton, Mr. Feder was in charge of auditing various hedge funds, private equity partnerships and broker dealers.

**FUND FACTS**

Structure	UCITS Fund
Domicile	Ireland
Liquidity	Daily
Fund AUM	\$72 million
Strategy AUM	\$105 million
Inception	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
<b>Share Class</b>	<b>Institutional Founder/Institutional</b>
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	1.25%/1.5%
Perf. Fee	15%/20%
Min Init. Sub.	10,000,000/100,000
ISIN Codes	EUR: IE00BYXLP56/IE00BYXLJ998 GBP: IE00BYXLQ63/IE00BYXLB11 CHF: IE00BYXLS87/IE00BYXLD35 USD: IE00BYXLR70/IE00BYXLC28
<b>Share Class</b>	<b>Institutional Founder Pooled/Retail Pooled</b>
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	1.25%/2%
Perf. Fee	15%/20%
Min Init. Sub.	10,000,000/10,000
ISIN Codes	EUR: IE00BDRHP767/IE00BYXLJK02 GBP: IE00BDRHP874/IE00BYXLJL19 CHF: IE00BDRHPB04/IE00BYXLJN33 USD: IE00BDRHP981/IE00BYXLJM26

**CONQUEST STAR MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (NON-UCITS)\***

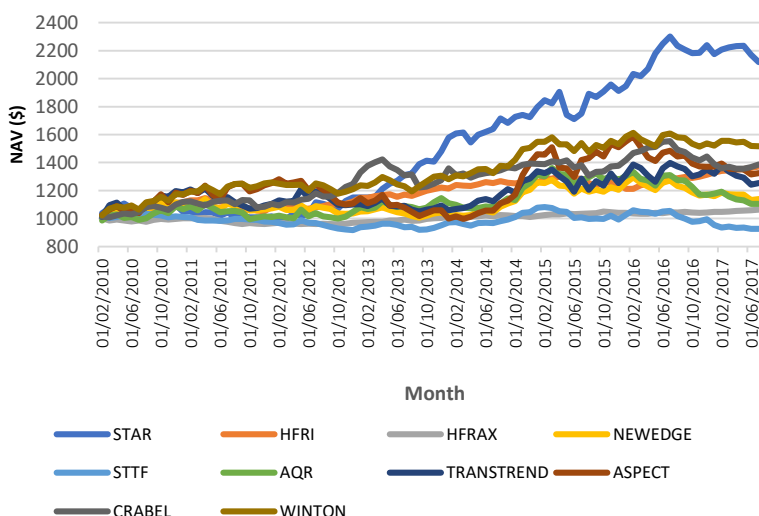
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2017	-2.70%	2.12%	0.65%	0.31%	0.40%	-2.46%	-2.43%	3.74%	0.01%	0.33%			<b>0.26%</b>
2016	1.35%	4.52%	-0.67%	3.31%	5.37%	2.99%	2.17%	-2.27%	-1.09%	-0.95%	0.27%	2.28%	<b>18.37%</b>
2015	4.10%	2.83%	-0.47%	4.24%	-8.69%	-0.17%	2.26%	8.24%	-1.41%	1.88%	2.25%	-2.26%	<b>12.50%</b>
2014	5.91%	0.30%	0.63%	-4.95%	3.76%	1.41%	1.47%	4.62%	-0.44%	3.24%	1.75%	-0.37%	<b>18.26%</b>
2013	0.19%	-0.26%	-0.72%	6.22%	2.98%	3.04%	2.23%	-0.15%	5.58%	2.42%	-0.42%	4.99%	<b>29.05%</b>
2012	1.48%	-4.64%	2.07%	4.14%	-1.93%	1.91%	7.55%	-0.94%	-1.57%	-1.87%	5.32%	3.16%	<b>14.94%</b>
2011	-4.14%	0.91%	-4.65%	2.79%	-0.29%	-2.38%	2.59%	-2.92%	0.16%	-1.35%	-1.34%	-0.08%	<b>-10.48%</b>
2010		3.75%	3.23%	0.65%	2.56%	-2.93%	-3.01%	1.58%	5.17%	0.92%	-4.82%	2.09%	<b>9.06%</b>

\*The above performance pertains to the Conquest STAR and is not representative of the Conquest STAR UCITS Fund, UCITS Funds have to abide by onerous investment restrictions and consequently the performance of the Conquest STAR UCITS Fund may not be similar to that presented above.

**Conquest STAR Performance vs. Other Alternative Strategies \***

**Statistical Analysis and Annual Returns \***

**NAV Growth Conquest STAR Since Inception (February 2010)**



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**Annual Returns**

	Conquest STAR	Newedge CTA Index	HFRI Comp Index	S&P 500
<b>2017</b>	0.26%	1.47%	7.23%	16.91%
<b>2016</b>	18.37%	-2.87%	5.46%	11.96%
<b>2015</b>	12.50%	0.03%	-1.11%	1.38%
<b>2014</b>	18.26%	15.67%	2.98%	13.69%
<b>2013</b>	29.05%	0.73%	9.13%	32.39%

**Risk Statistics**

	Conquest STAR	Newedge CTA Index	HFRI Comp Index	S&P 500
<b>Sharpe Ratio (0.25%)</b>	1.06	0.26	0.90	1.17
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	10.35%	7.76%	4.72%	11.99%
<b>Sortino Ratio (0.25%)</b>	1.88	0.40	1.41	2.08
<b>Upside Deviation</b>	9.09%	5.98%	3.85%	10.65%
<b>Downside Deviation</b>	5.82%	4.92%	2.99%	6.75%
<b>Correlation</b>		0.26	0.12	0.06

**Return**

	Conquest STAR	Newedge CTA Index	HFRI Comp Index	S&P 500
<b>Compounded Annual Return</b>	11.26%	2.26%	4.50%	14.33%
<b>Cumulative Return</b>	128.64%	18.88%	40.69%	182.38%
<b>% of Positive Months</b>	62.37%	53.76%	66.67%	70.97%