



Fund summary

The Fair Oaks Dynamic Credit Fund (the "Fund") offers global access to senior secured corporate loans through investments in Collateralised Loan Obligations ("CLOs"). The Fund is actively managed with a strong emphasis on bottom-up fundamental credit analysis. The Fund primarily seeks exposure to investment-grade rated CLO securities on a long-only basis and with no leverage used at fund level.

Commentary

The Fund generated a net return of +4.68% in January.¹ The JP Morgan European High Yield Index returned +0.55%² and the European Leveraged Loan Index returned +1.63% in the month.³

The portfolio's gross yield to maturity is 7.0% and the gross yield to expected call is 8.0%. This compares to the yield to maturity of 6.8% for the JP Morgan European High Yield Index.²

The European loan default rate increased from 1.62% to 1.86%, and the US loan default rate decreased from 1.53% to 1.47% in January. The forward-looking distress ratio decreased from 4.32% to 2.84% in Europe and decreased from 6.36% to 5.48% in the US.⁴

While 2024 CLO new issuance is forecast to be in line with 2023 volume, CLO spreads have tightened significantly since the start of the year, helping to drive record activity in the primary market. CLO new issue volume totalled €1.4bn in Europe and \$10.7bn in the US. In Europe for the first time since June 2022, CLO AAA spreads of a managed deal (as opposed to a static or shortened reinvestment period) printed below 150 bps, a sign of a returning CLO equity arbitrage.⁵

The recent rally spurred by positive macroeconomic sentiment has resulted in a higher than usual proportion of the loan indices priced above par and a subsequent wave of loan repricings.⁶ This has a positive effect on the fundamental credit quality of loans, as interest margin is cut, and may cause CLO spreads to compress in tandem. Moreover, the probability of CLO repayments increases as equity NAV improves, liability discounts close and CLOs continue to amortise.

We have previously highlighted that since May 2023, European CLO BBB spreads have been unusually wide compared to high yield bonds spreads, presenting an opportunity for higher carry and for potential spread tightening. While CLO BBBs have outperformed high yield bonds recently, spreads remain relatively wide by historical standards. CLO BBB spreads are currently 20 bps inside high yield bond spreads vs a historical average of 68 bps.⁷ This, along with a higher credit rating and embedded structural protections against losses, should continue to support performance for the Fund in 2024.

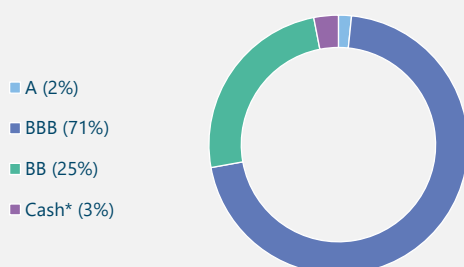
Top 5 positions¹⁰

Deal name	Rating (M/S/F)	CLO manager	% of NAV
OCPE 2017-2X D	Baa2/BBB/NR	Onex	2.2%
ARESE 9X D	Baa2/BBB/NR	Ares	2.1%
WILPK 1X C	Baa2/NR/BBB	Blackstone	2.0%
NEUBE 2021-2X D	Baa3/BBB/NR	Neuberger Berman	1.9%
PLMER 2022-1X D	Baa3/BBB/NR	Palmer Square	1.9%

TOTAL NUMBER OF ISSUERS IN THE PORTFOLIO: 1,189

LARGEST LOAN ISSUER (% MARKET VALUE): 1.22%

Rating breakdown^{10,11}



*Cash and cash equivalents.

Fund facts

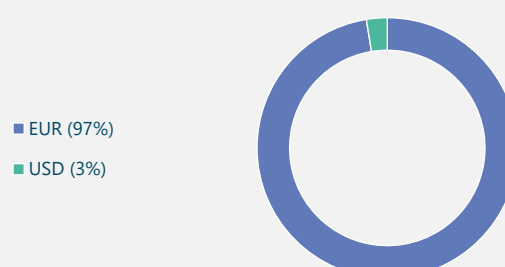
Data as of 31-Jan-24

Legal structure	Luxembourg SICAV-Alpha UCITS SICAV
Domicile	Luxembourg
Launch date	13-Sep-16
Fund size	€442.9m
Dealing	Daily
Valuations	Daily dealing NAVs
Target gross return ⁸	Euribor + 5% p.a. (see share class KIIDS for TER details)
Base currency	EUR
SFDR classification ⁹	Article 8
Investment manager	Fair Oaks Capital Limited ("Fair Oaks")
Management company	Waystone Management Company S.A.
Administrator / custodian	RBC Investor Services Bank S.A.
Auditor	Deloitte Audit Sàrl

Portfolio metrics

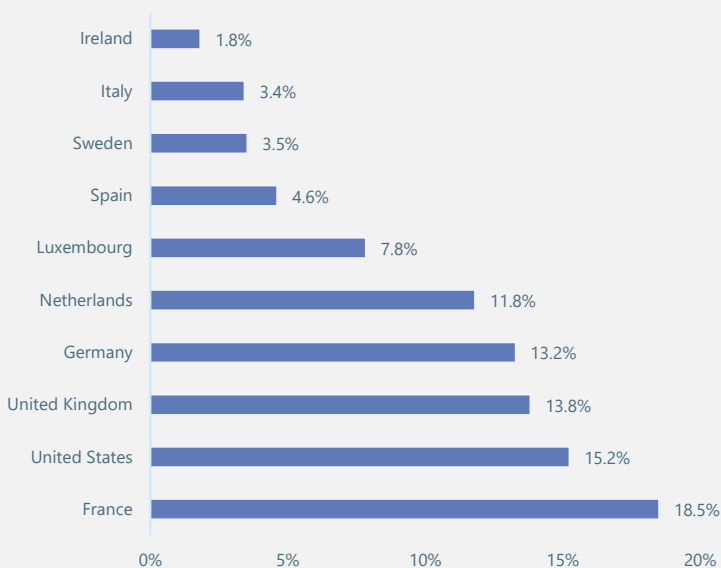
Number of positions:	107
Yield to maturity ¹² : (based on expected average life of 5.3 years)	+7.0%
Yield to expected call ¹² : (based on expected average life of 2.1 years)	+8.0%
Floating rate:	100%

Currency breakdown^{10,11}

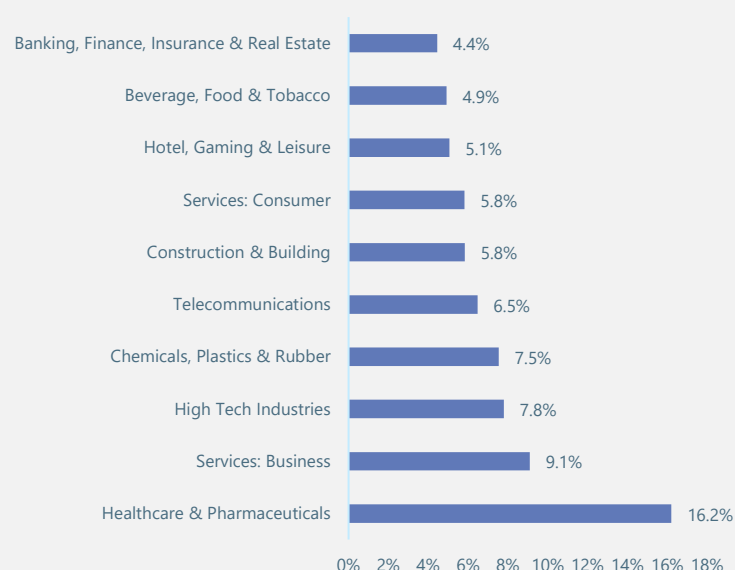




Look-through geographic breakdown (top 10)¹³



Look-through industry diversification (top 10)^{13,14}



Monthly performance¹⁵

												Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	2016	ITD
												-0.45%	-0.03%	+0.73%	+0.25%	+0.25%
Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	2017	ITD			
+1.06%	+0.31%	+1.28%	+0.03%	+0.34%	+0.26%	+0.36%	+0.54%	+0.35%	+0.55%	+0.52%	+0.15%	+5.89%	+6.15%			
Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	2018	ITD			
+0.38%	+0.25%	+0.16%	-0.24%	+0.24%	-0.13%	+0.06%	+0.31%	0.00%	+0.12%	-0.51%	-3.07%	-2.46%	+3.54%			
Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	2019	ITD			
+1.55%	-0.07%	+1.29%	+0.93%	+0.74%	-0.32%	0.45%	-0.06%	+0.17%	-0.80%	+0.47%	+0.72%	+5.17%	+8.89%			
Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	2020	ITD			
+1.92%	-1.13%	-27.19%	+6.44%	+16.06%	+4.29%	-1.27%	+2.31%	+0.75%	+0.21%	+3.49%	+0.78%	+0.53%	+9.46%			
Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	2021	ITD			
+0.95%	-0.15%	-0.03%	+0.67%	+0.37%	+0.38%	+0.49%	+0.15%	+0.06%	+0.40%	+0.17%	+0.10%	+3.63%	+13.44%			
Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	2022	ITD			
+0.37%	-1.18%	-0.12%	-0.35%	-5.51%	-3.24%	-1.40%	4.25%	-6.01%	-0.02%	+2.80%	+1.19%	-9.31%	+2.87%			
Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	2023	ITD			
+4.40%	+0.99%	-2.10%	+2.88%	0.00%	+1.55%	+3.08%	+1.36%	-0.03%	-0.26%	+3.02%	+0.53%	+16.35%	+19.69%			
Jan-24												2024	ITD			
+4.68%												+4.68%	+25.29%			

Maximum weekly return: +9.51%
Largest weekly drawdown: -15.16%

% Positive or unchanged weeks: 72.19%
Average weekly return (positive or unchanged weeks): +0.40%
Average weekly return (negative weeks): -0.79%

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Share class performance¹⁶

	LAUNCH DATE	ISIN	BLOOMBERG TICKER	NAV (31-Jan-24)	TOTAL RETURN MONTHLY	TOTAL RETURN 2024 YTD	ANNUALISED RETURN (SINCE CLASS LAUNCH)	ANNUALISED DAILY VOLATILITY (SINCE CLASS LAUNCH)
Class A CHF	Feb-20	LU1344615353	FODCFAC	1,055.32	+3.95%	+3.95%	+1.37%	11.35%
Class A EUR	Aug-17	LU1344614893	FODCFAE	1,148.14	+4.17%	+4.17%	+2.16%	8.90%
Class A GBP	Dec-17	LU1344615270	FODCFAG	1,185.08	+4.28%	+4.28%	+2.81%	9.23%
Class A USD	Aug-19	LU1344615197	FODCFAU	1,228.34	+4.72%	+4.72%	+4.70%	10.66%
Class A2 EUR	Nov-23	LU1758468752	FODCA2E	-	-	-	-	-
Class A2 GBP	Nov-23	LU1758468919	FODCA2G	-	-	-	-	-
Class D ILS	May-17	LU1577731786	FODCFDS	5,751.64	+4.16%	+4.16%	+2.12%	8.84%
Class E EUR	Sep-16	LU1344621674	FODCFEE	1,223.71	+4.63%	+4.63%	+2.78%	8.37%
Class E USD	Sep-16	LU1344621757	FODCFEU	1,403.17	+4.75%	+4.75%	+4.71%	8.46%
Class E2 GBP	Jun-17	LU1628743905	FODCE2G	982.89	+4.74%	+4.74%	+2.70%	8.92%
Class L EUR	Nov-18	LU1344622219	FODCFLE	1,138.30	+4.61%	+4.61%	+2.53%	9.97%
Class L USD	Feb-20	LU1344622300	FODCFLU	1,168.70	+4.72%	+4.72%	+3.99%	11.33%
Class L2 GBP	Sep-17	LU1683328667	FODCL2G	978.63	+4.72%	+4.72%	+2.58%	9.06%
Class M EUR	Oct-16	LU1344623373	FODCFME	1,252.91	+4.68%	+4.68%	+3.13%	8.39%
Class N EUR	Dec-16	LU1539542248	FODCFNE	932.85	+4.62%	+4.62%	+2.47%	8.54%
Class O EUR	Mar-17	LU1570265261	FODCFOE	970.27	+4.61%	+4.61%	+1.78%	9.15%
Class Q SEK	Oct-18	LU1886619987	FODCFQS	11,386.16	+4.60%	+4.60%	+2.50%	9.97%
Class R EUR	Dec-19	LU1892529196	FODCFRE	1,087.90	+4.52%	+4.52%	+2.06%	11.11%
Class R USD	Dec-19	LU1892529279	FODCFRU	1,156.96	+4.63%	+4.63%	+3.58%	11.13%
Class S EUR	Sep-19	LU1892528388	FODCFSE	1,125.89	+4.61%	+4.61%	+2.78%	10.85%
Class S USD	Dec-19	LU1892528461	FODCFSU	1,204.63	+4.72%	+4.72%	+4.58%	11.10%

Footnotes

- 1) Fair Oaks Capital data. Performance is of M EUR and is net of fees. The M Share Class is the earliest share class with the longest track record (M GBP shares launched Sep-16 and M EUR shares launched in Oct-16) and is no longer available for new investment.
- 2) JP Morgan Euro High Yield Index. Data as at 31-Jan-24.
- 3) JP Morgan Euro Loan Index. Data as at 31-Jan-24.
- 4) Pitchbook LCD. Default rate by principal value. Distress ratio by issuer count. Data as at 31-Jan-24.
- 5) Pitchbook LCD. Data as at 31-Jan-24.
- 6) Pitchbook LCD. Only actively managed BSL CLOs. Excludes resets and refinancings. Data as at 31-Jan-24.
- 7) JP Morgan Secondary 2.0 EUR - CLO BBB Spread to 3M Euribor, JP Morgan Euro HY Summary Spread to Worst, JP Morgan European Loan Index Summary DM – Flat to Maturity. Data as at 31-Jan-24.
- 8) Target gross return is before Fund expenses and management fees. Share class KIIDs including TERs are available on Management Company's Waystone website (<https://www.waystone.com/our-funds/waystone-managed-funds/>).
- 9) The Fund promotes environmental or social characteristics and is subject to enhanced sustainability disclosures within the meaning of Article 8 of the Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on Sustainability-related disclosures in the financial sector. The Investment Manager sources environmental and social scores from a reputable third-party evaluation service, for the issuers of corporate loans held by the CLOs in which the Fund invests or considers investing. The Fund has weighted average environmental and social scores which are each above the average for the corporate loan market.
- 10) Based on the current valuation of the assets in the Fund's base currency at month-end.
- 11) Due to rounding errors, the percentages may not sum to 100%. Currency breakdown of CLO investments excludes cash balance.
- 12) Intex. Weighted average yield of portfolio, before Fund fees, expenses and currency hedging. Call is assumed one year after the end of each CLO's reinvestment period. Note the expected call timing might be unrealistic for some shorter-dated notes in the current market environment.
- 13) Intex. Based on the par value of loans to issuers in the underlying bank loan portfolios. This analysis excludes recent purchases that have not settled in the reporting month. Data as of 31-Jan-24.
- 14) Based on available Moody's classification of the loan issuers. This analysis excludes recent purchases that have not settled in the reporting month. Data as of 31-Jan-24.
- 15) Fair Oaks' data. Performance is from the launch of M EUR and is net of fees. The M Share Class is the earliest share class with the longest track record (M GBP shares launched Sep-16 and M EUR shares launched in Oct-16) and is no longer available for new investment.
- 16) NAVs calculated net of fees. Performance information is not yet available for some share classes (Class A2 EUR, Class A2 GBP) as they do not have a full 12-month track record. Share classes R2 and S2 have not launched as of the reporting month.



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