

# ESG EQUITY ABSOLUTE RETURN FUND – CLASS A1H

Monthly Report - January 2023

### STRATEGY OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Compartment is to achieve a long term positive absolute return by integrating environmental, social and governance ("ESG") considerations with a short-term moderate risk through a combination of capital growth and income. The following guidelines apply:

- The fund will invest mainly in global large capitalization stocks with a focus on the US and Europe.
- Around 50% in Total Return Swaps having global stocks as main reference assets.
- ESG score corresponds to a rating between best (AAA or equivalent) and worst (CCC or equivalent): the average ESG rating of the investments will be BBB (or equivalent) or higher.
- Exclude companies that are involved in very severe ESG controversies, with the goal to invest the larger part of assets in companies with minor or moderate controversies.

The fund is actively managed without a benchmark.

## **MANAGER'S COMMENT**

The US market started the year very strongly, driven by a downturn in inflation expectations and a bet on a soft landing during the year instead of a recession as it had been expected at the end of 2022. This view was reinforced by a strong labor market, with unemployment that remains at the lowest level (3.5%) since decades, as well as a better than expected GDP. As a result the S&P 500 paired the December loss and the rates moved down, with the UST 10Y reaching 3.5%, 0.37% lower over the month. Lower rates also supported risky assets and growth stocks versus value stocks, which rebounded by 3% after the drawdown that began in August 2022.

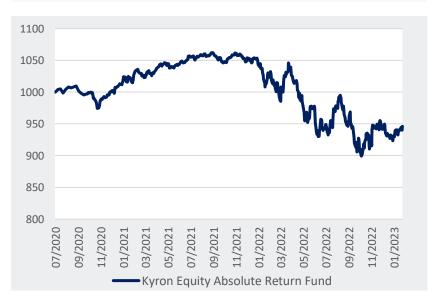
On the other end, FED members continued to state that rates will be higher for longer and higher than market expectations. At the same time, earnings are revised downward and the number of companies beating the expectations are below the five year average. Clearly, the rally of the S&P 500 was based only on multiples expansion, with the P/E reaching 19 at the end of the month.

All in all, there are both lights and shadows in the markets, but after the strong January rally we feel that more good than bad news are priced in, so we maintain a prudent approach.

### **FACTS**

ISIN Code LU1918787448 **Share Class** Accumulation A1H **EUR Hedged** Currency Regulation **UCITS** ManCo & Investment Manager **AISM** CACEIS **Depositary Bank** Auditor Mazars **Benchmark** Nο Share Class Hedging Yes July 8th, 2020 **Inception Date** Valuation Daily 10:00AM CET Cut-Off Time Settlement Up to 3 business days 50'000 EUR Minimum Investment 1.00% Management Fee Performance Fee 10% of positive perf. with HWM

Metric	Kyron ESG EAR
Average ESG rating	Α
P/E	20.7
Dvd yield	2%
Net exposure	64%



	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
2020			-0.3%	1.5%	1.2%
2021	1.8%	2.1%	-0.4%	0.4%	3.9%
2022	-1.4%	-9.5%	-3.6%	3.0%	-11.4%
2023	1.5%				1.5%



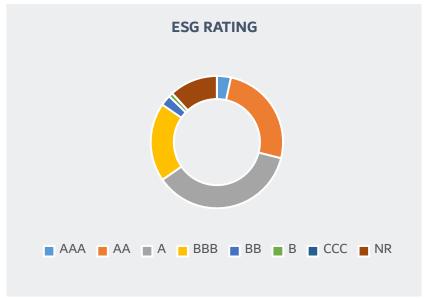
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SINGLE STOCKS BY SECTOR	Net Sector Weight
Financials	7%
Technology	20%
Materials	1%
Consumer Staples	5%
Consumer Discretionary	6%
Energy	3%
Utilities	1%
Industrials	4%
Communications	6%
Health Care	10%
Real Estate	2%



Net Sector Weight
2.0%
18.5%
26.1%
14.2%
2.5%
0.7%
-
6.7%



DERIVATIVES OVERLAY	Net Strategy Weight
Dividends	2.9%
Macro	-26.4%
Stock options	-

RISK MEASURE	Kyron ESG EAR
Value-At-Risk (99%, 20 days)	3.9
Ex-Ante Volatility	8.5

TOP FIVE FUNDS/STOCKS	WEIGHT
APPLE INC	6.9%
MICROSOFT CORP	6.2%
KYRON-SUS L/S EUR EQ FD-A1HD	5.6%
ALPHABET INC-CL A	3.7%
AMAZON.COM INC	3.0%



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