

Investor Report

28 October 2022

CQS Sustainable Total Return Credit Fund

Target Return

The Fund targets a net return of 6-8% per annum over the cycle, with 5-7% estimated volatility¹

Key Fund Facts				
Portfolio Managers	Craig Scordellis and Darren Toner			
Fund Launch Date	8 February 2021			
AUM	\$88.0m			
Legal Structure	UCITS			
SFDR	Article 8			
Domicile	Ireland			
Registered	Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom			
Base Currency	GBP			
Share Classes	EUR, GBP, USD			
Dealing Frequency Subscriptions and Redemptions	Daily by 1pm Dublin time			

F Share Class Details			
Management Fee		0.35% p.a.	
Expenses		Capped at 0.25% p.a.	
Minimum Investment		£10m (or foreign currency equivalent)	
ISIN	GBP EUR USD	IE00BN15XR23 IE00BN15XQ16 IE00BN15XS30	
Bloomberg	GBP EUR USD	CQTRCFG CQTRCFE CQTRCFU	

I Share Class Details			
Management Fee		0.80% p.a.	
Expenses		Capped at 0.25% p.a.	
Minimum Investment		£1m (or foreign currency equivalent)	
ISIN	GBP EUR USD		
Bloomberg	GBP EUR USD	CQTRCIG CQTRCIE CQTRCIU	

Risk and Reward Profile						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lower Higher						

Description

The CQS Sustainable Total Return Credit Fund ("the Fund") is a flexible multi asset credit solution, combining bottom-up fundamental research and top down asset allocation. It invests primarily across developed market corporate credit.

Key Advantages for the Investor

- Invests in high income assets to deliver high risk-adjusted returns
- Active interest rate duration management
- Volatility management: the Fund has a tactical strategy bucket designed to mitigate undesired risks
- Responsible Investment: the Fund is classified as Article 8 under the Sustainable Finance
 Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). This categorisation reflects the Fund's binding commitment to
 responsible investing

Performance²

Past performance does not predict future returns. Share class launch dates vary. Please see Important Information on page 4 for details.

Share Class	1 month (%)	3 months (%)	Year-to-Date (%)	1 Year (%)	Since Inception Annualised (%)	NAV/ Share
F GBP	(0.12)	(4.43)	(13.49)	(12.66)	(5.36)	90.81
I GBP	(0.15)	(4.53)	(13.79)	(13.04)	(5.73)	90.19
F EUR	(0.23)	(4.82)	(14.39)	(13.78)	(6.37)	89.12
I EUR	(0.27)	(4.94)	(13.96)	(13.44)	(6.33)	89.18
F USD	(0.01)	(4.16)	(13.13)	(12.27)	(6.83)	89.94
IUSD	(0.04)	(4.27)	(13.42)	(12.62)	(5.53)	90.53

Commentary

Market

October has been a constructive month for Credit, in a partial reversal of the significant weakness we had in September to end Q3. Despite continued geopolitical risks and the release of hawkish inflation and employment data, credit spreads rallied around the narrative of a potential central bank dovish pivot, spurred in part by the release of a WSJ article mid-month indicating the Fed would consider reducing the pace of future rate hikes. This led to the outperformance of High Yield (HY) over Investment Grade (IG) -particularly US HY where spreads tightened 90bps month-to-date (MTD) versus 1bps in US IG. However, much of the spread tightening in US HY was driven by technicals, namely ETF arbitrage activity, a continued lack of primary issuance and constructive fund flows (mainly into ETFs).

While global rates rallied around the dovish pivot narrative, this was not enough to reverse the earlier MTD sell-off, so we closed the month materially wider (US 10-year +22bp, European 10-year +3bp), driving the underperformance of rate-sensitive IG over HY (Global IG MTD GBP hedged returned -0.38% versus Global HY +2.61%).

In the UK, LDI selling continued to impact credit markets following the turmoil in September (when pension funds following LDI strategies were forced to sell assets after a sudden spike in gilt yields). Liquid credit markets, specifically liquid parts of ABS and US IG, continued to sell off, driving some of the underperformance of US IG relative to US HY.

Decompression continued as a thematic across HY, with BB and B rated credit outperforming CCC in US HY; we saw a similar dynamic in Europe, as demand for CCC risk continues to diminish given concerns about a forthcoming recession. Financials performed well, supported by strong Q3 results. This partially reversed the September weakness, with the AT1 index posting GBP hedged +2.47%.

In terms of primary market supply, there continued to be a glut within HY; however, US IG markets remained relatively robust pricing \$88bn, although this was lower than expectations.

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Investors should note that, relative to the expectations of the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, this UCITS presents disproportionate communication .on the consideration of non-financial criteria in its investment policy.

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Performance

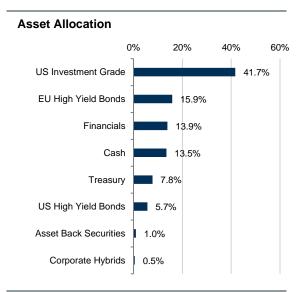
The continued sell-off in rates has been a difficult environment for total returns for the Fund, given our increase in quality via a US IG bias. Whilst we outperformed IG benchmarks globally, we underperformed HY benchmarks significantly, given the large delta in performance between the two markets. However, we believe this was driven by technicals and will reverse its course in the near-term.

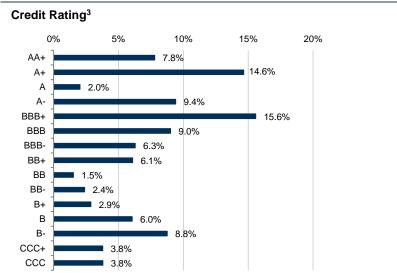
Within our core HY strategies, we underperformed as a function of single-name weakness, versus the more liquid BB rallying due to ETF buying. Our Tier 2-biased Financials allocation lagged its reference benchmark because of the strength in higher beta Tier 2/ AT1 paper this month. Our US IG allocation outperformed its reference benchmark - a function of its lower relative duration given the move in rates. We gave up small profits in our Efficient Portfolio Management book due to outperformance of CDX HY MTD.

Positioning

No significant changes in terms of our allocation per asset class other than the reduction of our US IG exposure - by leaning into the recent rally in rates and taking off our long Total Return Swap (TRS) position.

Portfolio Analysis³ (% of NAV)

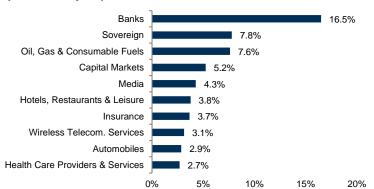




Fund Characteristics

	Fund
Yield to Expected Maturity (GBP)	6.25%
Weighted Average Credit Spread (bps)	378
Interest Rate Duration	3.15
Number of Securities	141
Average Rating ^{3,4}	BBB
Total IR Hedge Exposure (%NAV)	(1.1%)

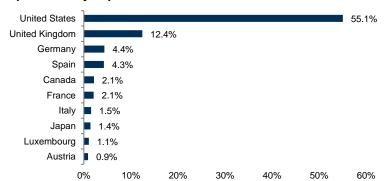
Top 10 Industry Exposures



Top 5 Holdings

Business Name	Sector	% NAV
US	Sovereign	7.79
Morgan Stanley	Financials	2.23
Lhmc Finco Sarl	Consumer Discretionary	2.07
Goldman Sachs	Financials	1.99
Cooperative Bank Finance	Financials	1.87

Top 10 Country Exposures

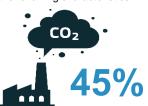


Actual allocations at month end. There is no guarantee that the Fund will invest in this way at all or do so in the same manner as set forth in this factsheet. Figures may not sum to 100 due to rounding and the use of efficient portfolio management techniques.

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The Fund's portfolio currently exhibits the following characteristics:



lower carbon emission intensity than the Reference Index⁵

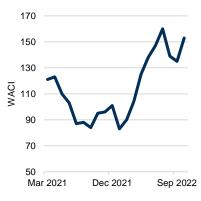
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (t/\$m Sales)⁵

153 Fund

278 Reference Index⁵

Fund WACI since inception

WACI⁵ (t/\$m Sales)



Weighted Average ESG Rating

BBB

9% of the portfolio is invested in issuers with an ESG rating of B or lower.

Responsible Investing

Restrictions & Considerations

As part of CQS' Firm-wide process to drive sustainability, we focus on companies which demonstrate strong ESG characteristics as well as adaptability and resilience in the transition to a low carbon economy.

The Strategy is committed to delivering:

- A portfolio with no more than 20% of NAV in issuers with an ESG rating of B or lower
- A lower WACI than the Reference Index⁵
- A Net Zero portfolio by 2050 or sooner
- Engagement to drive long-term ESG improvement

Approach

- Fully-integrated ESG investment process
- Follow the CQS five-stage RI process, with portfolio managers required to consider it as part of their decision making
- Thorough research by specialist analysts and extensive engagement activity
- Select stronger ESG issuers over weaker ones, all else being equal
- ESG laggards require detailed analysis, rationale and engagement to understand the risks and actions being taken by the company
- A review of ESG characteristics at the monthly Asset Advisory Committee

Exclusions⁶

The Fund's portfolio will not include direct investment in any issuer which:

- Is involved in the production of controversial weapons
- Derives more than 10% of revenue from direct involvement in tobacco, adult entertainment or payday lending
- Derives more than 5% of revenue from direct involvement in thermal coal and/or oil sands
- Companies that as far as the IM is aware are linked to or engage in activities deemed to be in breach of the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact

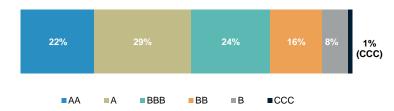
Engagement

126 Trailing 12-month engagements across MAC Strategies ⁷

Commentary

As a Firm, we believe in engagement over exclusion and we therefore work with the companies that we invest in to provide support and expertise to help them improve in ESG areas. We have been engaging with French telecommunications company, SFR group. We had previously brought to their attention that they were rated B by MSCI – a score we believe is poor. They reached out to us to understand how we incorporate ESG factors into our investment process and what they could do to improve. We suggested that they engage with the rating agencies, hire an ESG specialist, and identify areas where changes can be made quickly and easily. We were encouraged by the positive steps they took, such as increased disclosures, and subsequently gave them a positive internal outlook. As a result of our engagement, we have noticed that their MSCI score has increased from, 3.9/10 to 4.7/10 and we hope this will result in an improved letter rating when MSCI complete their annual rating review.

Fund ESG Rating Breakdown⁸



We are a signatory to the Net Zero Asset Managers' initiative and our interim targets have now been approved and published. Please refer to the Net Zero Asset Managers' initiative website (https://www.netzeroassetmanagers.org/signatories/cgs/) for further details.

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Important Information

Source: CQS as at 28 October 2022.

¹Target returns are estimated and net of anticipated fees, expenses and income reinvested. They are based on long-term performance projections of the investment strategy and market conditions at the time of modelling and are therefore subject to change. There is no guarantee that any target return can be achieved. Investors should not place any reliance on such target return in deciding whether to invest in the Fund. Target returns are for illustrative purposes only. For the purposes of this factsheet, we consider the "cycle" to be 5-10 years.

²Class returns are calculated net of fees and expenses and with all dividends and income reinvested on the basis of a holding since inception of such class or, if such class has become dormant at any point following inception, since the first new investment into such class. The Fund launched on 8 February 2021. Investors should note that the base currency of the Fund is UK Sterling, Individuals may have different returns depending upon the date of their investment. Investors should refer to each specific share class for the actual historical performance of the relevant class; please request full history of data from CQS. Class F GBP, I GBP, F EUR, I EUR and I USD launched on 8 February 2021. Class F USD launched 25 May 2021.

³Internal credit ratings and subsequently spread ratings are used where externally sourced credit ratings are not available. Cash allocation is rated according to the issuer rating of the custodian bank.

⁴Weighted Average Rating: positions are weighted according to BEE (Bond Equivalent Exposure (BEE): for equity and debt instruments, the market value of the position, and for derivatives, the notional adjusted by the market value of the position).

⁵Weighted Average Carbon Intensity ("WACI") is estimated using scope 1 & 2 available disclosures or proxy estimates based on comparative data from MSCI. For proxy estimates, we apply a waterfall approach which requires a minimum of 10 issuers within the proxy estimate group. If there are not 10 issuers in the proxy estimate group, it changes to a broader category group to increase the number of comparable issuers and continues moving to a broader group until a minimum group size of 10 issuers are obtained or 'sector' level is reached. The order is sub-industry first, then industry, then industry group, then finally sector. Please note that the WACI score does not include hedges for efficient portfolio management purposes. The Reference Index is the ICE BoA Developed Markets High Yield Index (HYDM).

⁶The CQS Sustainable Total Return Credit Fund may invest in issuers which would otherwise be prohibited under the listed exclusions via sustainability-linked bonds, 'social' bonds, 'green' bonds, 'blue' bonds, and/or 'brown' (or 'transition') bonds.

Includes cluster munitions, landmines, incendiary weapons (white phosphorus), blinding laser weapons, non-detectable fragments, depleted uranium weapons, nuclear and biological / chemical weapons.

For the purposes of monitoring the above exclusions, 'direct investment' shall not include exposure of the Fund to the underlying constituents of an index or underlying exposures in ABS transactions, or other similar investments in which the Investment Manager is unable to exercise discretion over the selection of underlying assets or exposures.

 $^7\mbox{This}$ includes engagements with CLO managers and banks to whom we provide regulatory capital relief.

⁸ESG rating breakdown is calculated based on percentage of rated assets and using a waterfall approach. We use the MSCI ESG rating first. Where there is no MSCI ESG rating, we then use the CQS internal ESG rating. MSCI ESG ratings are sourced from MSCI ESG Research LLC. Please see the MSCI ESG Rating disclaimer at the end of this report.

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