# Ver Capital Credit Fund

Ver Capital Credit Fund's (VCCF) objective is to maximize absolute return through capital growth and income. VCCF invests predominantly in nonfinancial high yield bonds issued by European companies and/or Euro denominated. Key drivers of VCCF return are: bottom-up issue selection, sector and geographical diversification and portfolio rotation with yield, duration and volatility targets. VCCF is structured as a sub-fund, UCITS IV Compliant, with daily NAV, of the Luxembourg Sicav Nextam Partners.

Available on <u>All Funds platforms (</u>both Institutional and Retail) and on Aviva and Eurovita Unit-linked platforms

#### Market

During the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> of October, ECB president Mario Draghi highlighted the EU economic growth and appointed the "weaker momentum" of the Eurozone to the threats of a global trade war, troubles in the EM and uncertainties in the Italian political scenario. Hence, QE ends at the end of 2018 and rates remain at present levels until after next summer. Having said that, October was a riskoff month, in fact the European HY index performed negatively. October issuance was not strong as the one recorded in the previous month, in fact spreads experienced a further widening since the beginning of 2018. Yields for B and BB rated bonds average are 6.43% and 3.76%, slightly above the ones recorded at the end of September respectively 6.34% and 3.56%. The persistent low yield environment created an environment in which changes of the credit outlook generate big fall prices. However, Euro HY has historically showed contained volatility and duration relatively to other asset

#### Inception date Dec. 16th, 2011

classes, in particular, during periods of rising interest rates and similar to the current one described by the Banque the France governor as "Exiting unconventional monetary policies in an uncertain world".

#### **Investment Tactics**

After having furtherly reduced the number of issuer in our portfolio to 105 from 112 of the previous month, we slightly increased our position on some high conviction names and we believe that we are well positioned in order to reap the benefits of a more careful selection. We foresee for the last quarter, more idiosyncratic than systemic risks related to the Euro HY asset class. Therefore we will continue to choose high conviction names and keep duration low for the next month in order to better handle volatility spikes arising from unpredictable events. On the bright side during the first days of November the fund is performing positively recording a +0.35%.

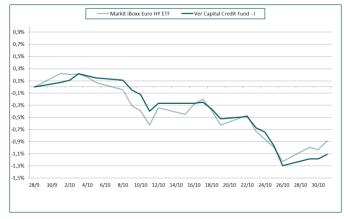
#### **NAV Performance**

| 1 Month | YTD    | 1 Year | 3 Years | Since Inception<br>(Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2011) |
|---------|--------|--------|---------|---|
| -1.11%  | -1.47% | -2.18% | 9.15%   | 34.78%  |

### **Performance Comparison**

The iShares Markit Iboxx ("iShares" Isin IE00B66F4759), an ETF tracking the Markit iBoxx Euro high yield Index, has been selected in order to compare VCCF's performance with the overall Euro high yield market. Comparing the dividend adjusted performance of the iShares and the VCCF, the latter experienced a 22 bp under-performance over the month and a 82 bp under-performance over the last twelve months. The portfolio shows a low degree of risk both in terms of volatility and VaR, in fact, the latter, calculated over a one-month horizon and 99% confidence level, has been on average below 1.5% since inception.





Performance: VCCF Capital performance LTM, vs. Ishares Markit iBoxx.

Performance Comparison: VCCF last month vs. Ishares Markit iBoxx.

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14,20%

15,72%

### **Portfolio Performance**

| Geographical distribution              | 79,93% EU |
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| Currency denomination                  | 100% EUR  |
| Average rating                         | B+        |
| Average coupon (not including cash)    | 5,02%     |
| Yield to worst (not including cash)    | 3,49%     |
| Yield To Maturity (not including cash) | 4,87%     |
| Modified Duration                      | 2,53      |
| Number of sectors                      | 36        |
| Number of issuer                       | 105       |
| Number of issuances                    | 115       |
| Top 10 holdings                        | 15,72%    |

**Top 10 holdings TOP 10 SECURITIES** Wgt Cumulated Wgt LHMC FINCO SARL LHMCFI 6 1/4 12/20/23 1.64% 1,64% UNITED GROUP BV ADRBID 4 3/8 07/01/22 1,63% 3,27% SCHMOLZ+BICKEN LX STLNSW 5 % 07/15/22 1,59% 4,86% MARCOLIN SPA MCLIM Float 02/15/23 1,58% 6,44% REFINITIV US HOLDIN(FINRSK 4 1/2 05/15/26 1,56% 8,00% L'ISOLANTE K-FLEX SFKFLXIM 4 1/4 10/07/23 1,56% 9,56% WEPA HYGIENEPRODWEPAHY 3 ¾ 05/15/24 1,55% 11,12% PICARD GROUPE SASPICSUR Float 11/30/23 1,54% 12,66%

### Geographical allocation (Company headquarter)

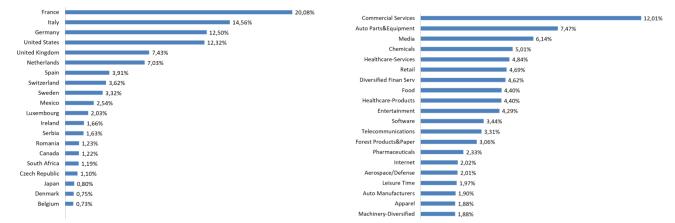
# **Top 20 sector allocation**

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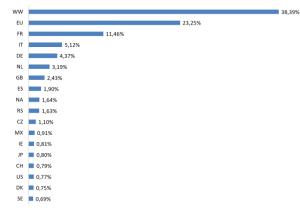
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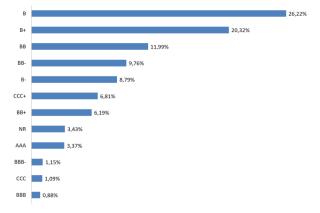


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# Geographical allocation (Country of risk)



# **Allocation by rating**



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