

# Ver Capital Credit Fund

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

## **Market**

After the high volatility at the beginning of the month, triggered by the historic decision of the Bank of Japan to return interest rates to positive territory for the first time since 2016, August provided few market catalysts, leading to the consolidation of expectations regarding central banks' next moves at more balanced levels. The initial reaction, driven by the unwinding of many Yen-financed carry trades, sparked a sell-off in all risky assets, from equities to Emerging Markets and European peripheral bonds. However, this trend quickly reversed after Japanese bankers announced they would place more emphasis on market stability when defining future monetary policy actions. Expectations of Fed support, with a 50bp cut priced in for September and over 120bp by the end of 2024, quickly returned to late July levels, i.e., 25bp for each of the next three meetings. In the U.S., confirmation of a continued slowdown in inflation in July, at 2.9% YoY, and a significant downward revision in new employment numbers between April 2023 and March 2024 (-818,000) solidified expectations, bringing yields, especially short-term ones, back to early August lows along with a general steepening of yield curves. Powell's opening remarks on the start of a new monetary policy cycle at the Jackson Hole symposium further reinforced market confidence, though these expectations seem overly optimistic and may be disappointed if a significant economic deterioration in the U.S. does not materialize. In Europe, yields stabilized at their lowest levels since the beginning of the year, with the 2-year German bond hovering

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around 2.35%, about 25bp lower than at the end of July. After an initial drop, yields on longer maturities rose (the 10-year bond went from 2.35% to 2.5%), reducing the 2-10 year curve inversion by more than 15bp. The total ECB rate cuts expected by the end of the year remain just under 75bp, with a September cut widely anticipated. By the end of August, the confirmation of a decline in European inflation to 2.2% YoY from 2.6% in July strengthened market convictions, despite cautious comments from the more hawkish members of the council, such as Holzmann and Schnabel.

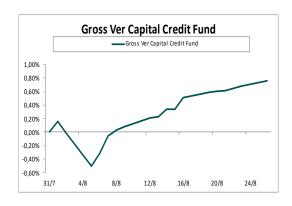
In August, the European HY market saw no significant primary volumes, with only €970m issued. The YTD return at the end of August was +5.31%, showing a clear outperformance compared to the corporate IG index (+2.46%).

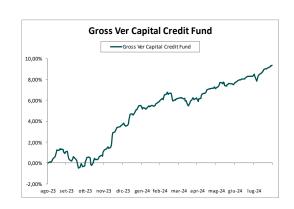
## **Investment Tactics**

In August, the fund returned +0.83%. The fund maintains a positive performance against the high-yield market benchmark since the beginning of the year. This is due to both a duration and credit factor. Indeed, the fund's duration is lower than that of the market, making the portfolio less exposed to rate volatility, while credit selection has contributed to the outperformance. In the upcoming weeks, we will extend the portfolio's duration by participating in new issuances in the primary market and purchasing longer-duration, BB-rated securities in the secondary market.

#### **NAV Performance**

1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years
+0.83%	+4.70%	+8.08%	+3.74%





# VER CAPITAL CREDIT FUND (VCCF), August 2024

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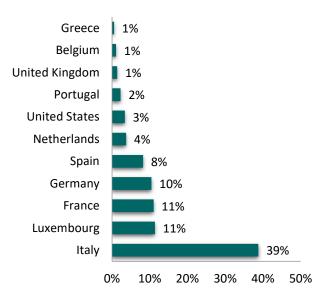
## **Portfolio Performance**

Geographical Distribution (EU)	87%
Currency denomination (EUR)	100%
Average rating	BB/BB-
Average coupon (not including cash)	5,5%
Yield to worst (not including cash)	6,1%
Yield To Maturity (not including cash)	6,9%
Modified Duration	2,20
Number of sectors	29
Number of issuers	59
Number of issuances	64
Top 10 holdings	28%

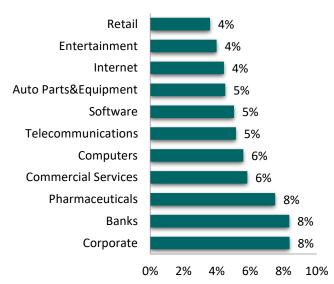
# **Top 10 holdings**

Top 10 securities	Ticker	wgt	Cumulated Wgt
1	TEAMSYSTEM SPA	4,48%	4,48%
2	ZF EUROPE FINANCE BV	3,37%	7,85%
3	ROSSINI SARL	2,87%	10,72%
4	BACH BIDCO SPA	2,81%	13,53%
5	CERVED INFORMATION SOLUT	2,78%	16,31%
6	WEBUILD SPA	2,53%	18,84%
7	LABORATOIRE EIMER SELAS	2,44%	21,28%
8	TAP SA	2,24%	23,52%
9	AVIS BUDGET FINANCE PLC	2,21%	25,73%
10	INTER MEDIA COMMUNICATIO	2,20%	27,93%
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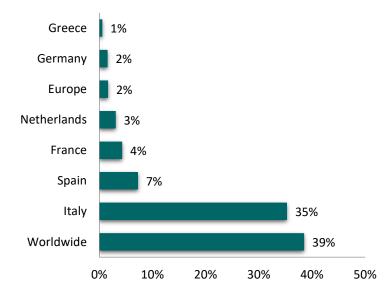
# Geographical allocation (Company headquarter)



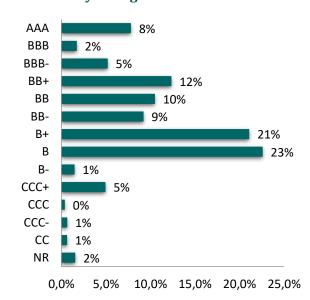
#### **Sector allocation**



# Geographical allocation (Country of risk)



#### Allocation by rating



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