

### FACTSHEET

### THE MANAGER

#### Performance Returns

Conquest STAR UCITS Fund returned (6.09)% in February for the USD Institutional Founder class.

#### Investment Objective & Strategy

Systematic absolute return strategy focused on capturing independent alpha from short-term trading opportunities regardless of the risk environment in both “risk-seeking” and “risk averse” regimes. The fund employs 4 sub-strategies using a dynamic risk allocation based on the Conquest Risk Aversion Index. The strategy provides geographic and asset class diversification by trading in over 30 liquid global futures markets including currencies, equity indices, and fixed income with no correlation to traditional portfolios, hedge fund portfolios, and CTA portfolios.

#### Monthly Commentary

Stocks were down about 4 percent, and market participants reacted to the first real rise in the VIX since the stock market selloff of Q1 '16 as inflationary concerns and a more-aggressive pace of Fed rate hikes spooked the market in the early day of February. Credit markets were also fragile in February, with U.S. Treasury rates rising across the yield curve. Rates rose 13, 15 and 18 basis points in the 5, 10- and 30-year maturities. The Treasury curve had modestly steepened with Treasury, investment grade (IG) corporate and IG muni bonds posting losses also in February.

#### Conquest STAR UCITS Fund Performance

All the losses for the STAR UCITS essentially happened in the first few days of February. To understand the performance in early February, we need to go back and look at the January market behavior. Risk assets in general had a better-than-textbook rally in January, and given the all-weather nature of the program, we participated in that move on the long side.

As markets had their very sharp reversal in early February, our Short-Term Trend Following models suffered some losses on their long positions, but given the nature of the short-term program, stopped out of these long positions. Our Counter-Trend models, given the almost perfect quality of the uptrend in January, treated the reversal in stocks as a pullback within a healthy up-trend and tried to “buy the dip” only to get stopped out as the markets kept heading lower. Once markets fell below the threshold where models identified the uptrend as intact, these models stopped trying to “buy the dip”. Our Short-Term Trading Long Vol component was somewhat active, but given the very large sudden expansion in volatility, many of its models where waiting for a pullback in volatility in order to establish more favorable risk/reward expectations for its trades. Our last component, Risk Capture, that mimics the performance of hedge funds during risk-seeking periods, understandably suffered some losses. The rest of the month was characterized by a great deal of misdirection and muted strategy returns as models adjusted to the higher volatility environment.

In addition to STAR's inherently more dynamic trading relative to longer-term CTAs, its automatic sub-strategy and market re-weightings are another source of ongoing adjustment. Most pertinent to 2018 performance, the limit-entry systems that were responsible for the bulk of losses in equities will be incrementally de-weighted if we continue to move into a higher volatility environment. On the market side, we are also observing increased risk-taking within fixed income, particularly within short-rate contracts, as these contracts underwent years of losses in short-term momentum trading, a pattern which began to reverse last year.

While we are very disappointed with the performance in February, we are still very bullish on the prospects for the rest of the year. Ultimately, Conquest STAR generates the most profits from a higher realized volatility environment, but is not a high frequency strategy, and part of the alpha generation process necessarily involves not reacting tick-for-tick to market movements. In this particular case, it cost us given the very sharp and extremely rare size and strength of the move given the volatility of the last 9 years, but the models are already adjusting to turn this volatility into a profit generating opportunity.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2018	4.13%	-6.09%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.19%
2017	-	-	0.07%	0.19%	0.49%	-2.42%	-2.61%	3.75%	0.00%	0.50%	-0.15%	-0.28%	-0.59%

The performance figures quoted above represent the performance of the Conquest STAR UCITS Fund since launch on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a guarantee of future performance or a reliable guide to future performance.



#### Marc Malek

Founder and Portfolio Manager

Mr. Malek founded Conquest and began his role as Portfolio Manager in 1999 after departing UBS as the Global Head of FX and Derivatives Proprietary trading in Europe and the Americas. While at UBS, Mr. Malek held several senior positions, including leading the global group in exotic derivatives in Foreign exchange. Prior to his tenure at UBS he worked at a hedge fund trading currency options and developing proprietary trading models. Mr. Malek began his career in 1992 at Salomon Brothers in New York as a Financial Analyst in the Financial Strategy Group.

#### Jason Ruspini

Portfolio Manager

Mr. Ruspini is a Portfolio Manager who joined Conquest in 2003. Prior to joining Conquest, Mr. Ruspini worked as a Quantitative Analyst and Floor Trader on the NYMEX under Mark Fisher, at which time he began developing systematic strategies. From 1999 - 2002, Mr. Ruspini worked at Goldman Sachs where he served as a senior analyst in firm-wide and fixed-income technology for over three years.

#### Harold Feder

Chief Financial Officer & Compliance Officer

Mr. Feder joined Conquest in 2004. Prior to joining Conquest, Mr. Feder worked in public accounting for seven years, most recently as an audit manager at Grant Thornton's Financial Services Industry Group. While at Grant Thornton, Mr. Feder was in charge of auditing various hedge funds, private equity partnerships and broker dealers.

#### FUND FACTS

Structure	UCITS Fund
Domicile	Ireland
Liquidity	Daily
Fund AUM	\$80 million
Strategy AUM	\$84 million
Inception	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
Share Class	Institutional Founder/Institutional
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	1.25%/1.5%
Perf. Fee	15%/20%
Min Init. Sub.	10,000,000/100,000
ISIN Codes	EUR: IE00BYXLP56/IE00BYXLJ998 GBP: IE00BYXLJQ63/IE00BYXLJB11 CHF: IE00BYXLS871/IE00BYXLDJ35 USD: IE00BYXLJR70/IE00BYXJLC28
Share Class	Institutional Founder Pooled/Retail Pooled
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	1.25%/2%
Perf. Fee	15%/20%
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**CONQUEST STAR MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (NON-UCITS)\***

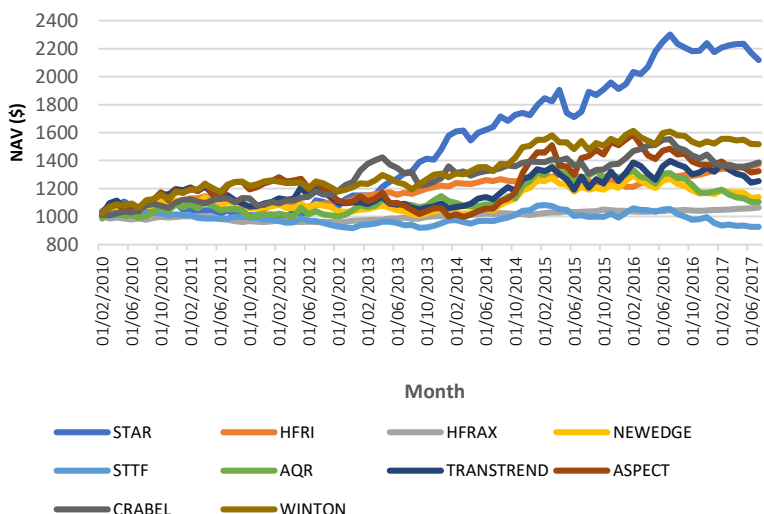
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2018	3.45%	-3.52%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.71%
2017	-2.70%	2.12%	0.65%	0.31%	0.40%	-2.46%	-2.43%	3.74%	0.00%	0.50%	-1.09%	-0.41%	-1.29%
2016	1.35%	4.52%	-0.67%	3.31%	5.37%	2.99%	2.17%	-2.27%	-1.09%	-0.95%	0.27%	2.28%	18.37%
2015	4.10%	2.83%	-0.47%	4.24%	-8.69%	-0.17%	2.26%	8.24%	-1.41%	1.88%	2.25%	-2.26%	12.50%
2014	5.91%	0.30%	0.63%	-4.95%	3.76%	1.41%	1.47%	4.62%	-0.44%	3.24%	1.75%	-0.37%	18.26%
2013	0.19%	-0.26%	-0.72%	6.22%	2.98%	3.04%	2.23%	-0.15%	5.58%	2.42%	-0.42%	4.99%	29.05%
2012	1.48%	-4.64%	2.07%	4.14%	-1.93%	1.91%	7.55%	-0.94%	-1.57%	-1.87%	5.32%	3.16%	14.94%
2011	-4.14%	0.91%	-4.65%	2.79%	-0.29%	-2.38%	2.59%	-2.92%	0.16%	-1.35%	-1.34%	-0.08%	-10.48%
2010	-	3.75%	0.65%	0.65%	2.56%	-2.93%	-3.01%	1.58%	5.17%	0.92%	-4.82%	2.09%	9.06%

\*The above performance pertains to the Conquest STAR and is not representative of the Conquest STAR UCITS Fund, UCITS Funds have to abide by onerous investment restrictions and consequently the performance of the Conquest STAR UCITS Fund may not be similar to that presented above.

**Conquest STAR Performance vs. Other Alternative Strategies \***

**Statistical Analysis and Annual Returns \***

**NAV Growth Conquest STAR Since Inception (February 2010)**



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**Annual Returns**

	Conquest STAR	Newedge CTA Index	HFRI Comp Index	S&P 500
2018	-0.71%	-2.68%	0.33%	1.83%
2017	-1.29%	2.34%	8.52%	21.83%
2016	18.37%	-2.87%	5.46%	11.96%
2015	12.50%	0.03%	-1.11%	1.38%
2014	18.26%	15.67%	2.98%	13.69%
2013	29.05%	0.73%	9.13%	32.39%

**Risk Statistics**

	Conquest STAR	Newedge CTA Index	HFRI Comp Index	S&P 500
Sharpe Ratio (0.25%)	0.99	0.21	0.89	1.19
Standard Deviation	10.32%	8.05%	4.81%	11.99%
Sortino Ratio (0.25%)	1.73	0.32	1.39	2.11
Upside Deviation	8.96%	6.02%	3.91%	10.68%
Downside Deviation	5.86%	5.31%	3.05%	6.73%
Correlation		0.30	0.15	0.09

**Return**

	Conquest STAR	Newedge CTA Index	HFRI Comp Index	S&P 500
Compounded Annual Return	10.46%	1.94%	4.52%	14.54%
Cumulative Return	123.50%	16.85%	43.00%	199.66%
% of Positive Months	59.79%	54.64%	67.01%	71.13%

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