# FACTSHEET

#### **Performance Returns**

The North MaxQ Macro UCITS Fund (USD Inst. Class) return for the August 2015 period (29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015) was **+2.04**% bringing the year-to-date return to **9.46**%.

#### **Fund Overview**

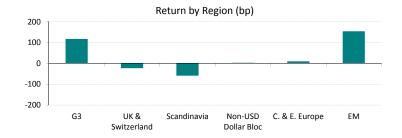
The North MaxQ Macro UCITS Fund is a global macro fund that seeks to generate absolute positive returns over a market cycle that is uncorrelated to other global macro managers, the broad fund universe and primary interest rate, foreign exchange and equity indices. The investment manager identifies micro-economic and country specific imbalances to develop views and corresponding trading strategies. These strategies provide a diverse source of alpha and are expressed through thematic, relative value, counter-trend and quantitative exposures. The exposures are constructed to offer the best asymmetric payoff, while minimising expected correlations and providing protection against downside gap-risk. The investment manager prefers to take risk across a number of different strategies. Risk is monitored in real-time at the strategy and portfolio level and individual strategy stop-loss limits are established at the inception of each trade.

## **Monthly Market Commentary**

Acute financial market volatility, spurred by ongoing anxiety about growth in Emerging Markets and in particular China, was the dominant concern during the month of August. Economic data releases out of Europe and the US were somewhat lacklustre, with most leading indicators off their recent highs, thus raising fears that the recession in many Emerging Markets is spilling over to Developed Markets. Concerns about Chinese growth prospects were amplified when the PBOC unexpectedly depreciated the currency while at the same time the equity market continued its recent weakness. During this period the Fund benefited from the increased volatility by deploying counter trend strategies which took advantage of the market weakness, but also from interest rate and FX volatility positions in China, which benefit from the Chinese policy measures. Drags on performance were interest rate positions in Europe and the US, and currency positons in Latin America and Norway. Heading into the month of September we anticipate elevated market volatility due to the uncertainty of the timing surrounding the Fed tightening and the potential for further weakness in risky assets..

## **Performance Attribution**

Returns in August were broad based. Out of a total of 55 strategies that were active during the month of August, 23 had a positive return, 18 had a negative return and 14 were essentially flat. 9 strategies were added and 7 were closed. The figures below show the performance attribution across different regions and by strategy style.





## THE MANAGER





Nick D'Onofrio is a Co-Founder, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer at North Asset Management. Nick has over 20 years of experience within the industry. Nick is a former Executive

Director at Morgan Stanley within the Finance Department and headed the credit risk team that focused on managing the inherent risk in the broad array of products traded at Morgan Stanley, including fixed income, foreign exchange, equities and commodities. Prior to Morgan Stanley, Nick worked at Swiss Banking Corporation and ABN AMRO. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Harvard University.

## **FUND FACTS**

Mgt. Fee

Perf. Fee

Min Init. Sub.

**ISIN Codes** 

**UCITS Fund** Structure **Domicile** Ireland Liquidity Weekly **Fund AUM** \$339.2m **Share Class** Institutional/Institutional Pooled Currency EUR/GBP/CHF/USD 1.50% Mgt. Fee Perf. Fee 20% Min Init. Sub. 100,000 Inception 1st April, 2014 **ISIN Codes** EUR: IE00BH3H5S94/IE00BH3H5T02 GBP: IE00BH3H5Y54/IE00BH3H5X48 CHF: IE00BH3H5Z61/IE00BH3H6082 USD: IE00BH3H6421/IE00BH3H6314 **Share Class Retail Pooled** Currency EUR/GBP/CHF/USD

> GBP: IE00BH3H5W31 CHF: IE00BH3H6199

EUR: IE00BH3H5V24

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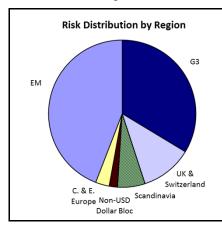
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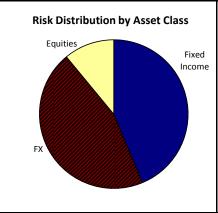
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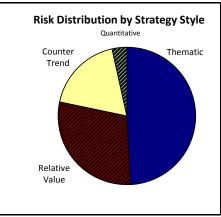


## **Risk Distribution**

As of month end, the North MaxQ Macro UCITS Fund had a Value-at-Risk ("VaR") exposure of 0.46% of its net asset value on a 1-day return 95% confidence level. The figures below show the risk distribution across different regions, assets and strategies:







#### Regions

G3: US, Eurozone, Japan UK & Swiss: UK, Switzerland Scandinavia: Norway, Sweden

Non-US Dollar Bloc: Canada, Australia, New Zealand C. & E. Europe: Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland

EM: Emerging Markets

#### Asset Classes

Fixed Income: Sovereign bonds, interest rate swap & swaptions, inflation-linked bonds & swaps, futures, options and CDS

Foreign Exchange: FX spot, forwards and options

Equities: Equities, futures and options

## Strategy Style

Thematic: Macro views seeking to exploit dislocations between fundamentals and market value

Relative Value: Perceived mis-pricings in two closely correlated assets

Counter Trend: Opportunistic directional exposures due to overextended investor positioning, deteriorating fundamental support and a breakdown in price momentum

Quantitative: Systematic quantitative strategies using foreign exchange and interest rates in G10 and EM

## **USD Institutional Share Class\***

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2015	-1.86%	2.22%	0.41%	1.73%	2.47%	-1.00%	3.20%	2.04%	1	1	-	1	9.46%
2014	-	-	-	-2.67%	1.50%	-0.28%	1.52%	1.86%	3.10%	0.32%	-1.00%	-6.08%	-2.04%

\*The performance figures quoted above represent the performance of the North MaxQ Macro UCITS Fund – USD Institutional Class. The table shows month-on-month performance since its launch on 1st April 2014. Month-on-month performance is measured with respect to the last Wednesday of each calendar month. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a guarantee of future performance or a reliable guide to future performance.

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