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© Carmignac Portfolio Investissement Latitude

Fund combining strong convictions on global equities and expertise in managing market risk exposure. Its flexible equity exposure rate is defined by our risk management process. This process includes monitoring macroeconomic conditions as well as quantitative and country risk analysis. The Fund aims to outperform its reference indicator over 5 years.

Carmignac Portfolio Investissement Latitude had a tough third quarter, giving up –2.53%, while its global reference indicator gained +4.82%. Year to date, the Fund is down –0.87%, versus a +7.34% increase in the benchmark. There was a single cause for our underperformance in this past quarter: the underlying fund retreated –2.52% due to losses on its EM positions, whose disproportional weight proved highly counter-productive, and on its gold stocks, as well as to poor results for its energy and tech holdings (the emerging technologies issue) and its currency hedges.

Our equity-index derivatives made a positive contribution to results, thanks to hedges on the gold mine holdings in the underlying assets, our long position on a European pharmaceuticals index and our investment in a Chinese equity index. Those gains were partially eroded by our short positions on broadbased US and European equity indices. Our currency hedges made a negative contribution, chiefly those on the yen and pound sterling.

In the equity market, we have maintained our short positions on highly leveraged cyclical companies. We expect interest rates to trend further upwards and thereby accentuate the economic slowdown. In contrast, for opportunistic, tactical motives, we have retained our exposure to Chinese A-shares (i.e., listed on mainland exchanges) and to Chinese tech names, which got slaughtered over the past few months.

As we have no strong currency convictions, we have kept slightly lower exposure to the US dollar than our benchmark.

It is most frustrating to do so badly in a quarter in which our overall equity and fixed-income exposure was on target (apart from our EM exposure) and we made the right calls in terms of overweighting specific sectors. US interest rates are still rising, global liquidity has dwindled further and the economic slowdown in China has continued just when the government finds itself less able to counter it. Those factors, along with persistent concerns over how the Sino-American trade negotiations will pan out, were what led to such poor performance in the emerging world.

Donald Trump has implemented a highly unorthodox economic policy that involves fiscal stimulus at the peak of the business cycle. The resulting GDP growth in the United States has not only exceeded our expectations; it is also creating major woes for the rest of the world. No doubt about it: there is more to America First than mere rhetoric.

The rest of the world is simultaneously saddled with economic slowdown, a shrinking supply of liquidity and rising American interest rates — reflecting higher growth and inflation forecasts in the country — as well as less government bond-buying by central banks. So far, a diminishing liquidity supply hasn't hurt the US, given that it has been amply offset by the repatriation of hundreds of billions of dollars worth of corporate profits into the country. A large amount of that windfall has been spent on share buybacks by American companies, which

have in turn forced pension funds to increase the proportion of long-dated bonds in their portfolios so as to maintain their target allocations between stocks and bonds. In that way, the rise in US long bond yields has been contained, making it easier to prolong the current boom. With the US yield curve not steepening to any major extent, the property market downturn has been kept within reasonable limits and the valuation of risk assets hasn't taken a serious turn for the worse.

We accordingly feel that, in the short to medium term, the macroeconomic and financial outlook in the United States compares favourably with the situation elsewhere. However, we also believe that as the country's output gap closes, inflation will pick up and we may be seeing greater upward pressure on US wages. Both factors are likely to bring about a less advantageous fixed-income environment and eventually undermine the earnings capacity of US firms.

With those considerations in mind, we will continue to favour US stocks, particularly those of companies that can go on expanding profits in a more demanding market climate. Going forward, we will continue with our negative exposure to US and European bonds, as we feel that the market has entered a new higher-yield period driven by the downsizing of central-bank balance sheets. In the forex market, we have opted for a neutral exposure to the dollar, and plan to use the yen to maximise the Fund's ability to adapt to fluctuations in investor risk appetite.

On a tactical basis, we will adjust our portfolios to any good news regarding Sino-American trade negotiations, giving additional weight to those markets and sectors that have been hardest-hit by trade-related threats and uncertainties.

Performance of the fund since its launch



From 01/01/2013 the equity index reference indicators are calculated net dividends reinvested. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Performances are net of fees (excluding applicable entrance fee due to the distributor).

^{*} Risk scale from 1 (lowest risk) to 7 (highest risk); risk 1 doesn't mean an investment without risk. The risk category associated with this fund is not guaranteed and may change with time.

MIXED MANAGEMENT

Net currency exposure of Euro share classes (%)



Statistics (%)	1 year	3 years
Fund volatility	11.02	7.86
Benchmark volatility	11.23	9.37
Sharpe ratio	-0.25	0.20
Beta	0.74	0.44
Alpha	-0.22	-0.30

Calculation period: weekly (1 year) and monthly (3 years).

Value at Risk (%)	Fund	Reference indicator		
99% - 20 days (2 years)	7.79	7.49		

Quarterly gross performance contribution (%)

Equity	Equity	Bond	Currency	Mutual	Total
Portfolio	Derivatives	Derivatives	Derivatives	Fund	
-1.27	0.28	-0.32	-0.76	-0.06	-2.13

Exposure rate (%): 86.36

Cumulative performance (%)	Since 29/12/2017	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since the first NAV
Carmignac Portfolio Investissement Latitude A EUR acc	-0.87	-2.53	-2.94	-3.16	3.86	-	-	8.85
MSCI AC World NR (Eur)	7.34	4.82	11.08	11.73	40.14	-	-	68.14
Category average*	-0.91	0.53	1.77	0.25	8.54	-	-	13.35
Ranking (quartile)	2	4	4	4	4	-	-	3

^{*} EUR Flexible Allocation - Global. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Performances are net of fees (excluding applicable entrance fee due to the distributor).

MIXED MANAGEMENT

	CARMIGNAC PORTFOLIO INVESTISSEMENT L		prices in currencies	total value (€)	% of net a
	Cash. cash equivalents and derivatives operations			14 470 174.12	
	Cash (including collateral cash from derivative positions) Mutual Fund			14 470 174.12 10 003 684.28	
	Carmignac Investissement	Mutual Fund	1 212.36	10 003 684.28	
	Equities Developed countries	Wataarrana	1 212.00	82 600 341.04	
America				62 449 991.23	
	ACTIVISION BLIZZARD (USA)	Information Technology	83.19	2 184 212.00	
	AGNICO EAGLE MINES (Canada)	Materials	34.20	582 710.29	
	ALBEMARLE CORP (USA)	Materials	99.78	810 524.58	
	ALPHABET INC (USA)	Information Technology	1 207.08	2 223 978.65	
	ANTHEM (USA)	Healthcare	274.05	1 196 948.47	
	BANK OF AMERICA (USA) BECTON DICKINSON & CO. (USA)	Financials Healthcare	29.46 261.00	1 406 825.97 2 103 954.37	
	BOOKING HOLDINGS (USA)	Consumer Discretionary	1 984.00	2 466 548.43	
	CELGENE CORP (USA)	Healthcare	89.49	2 011 772.18	
	CLOUDERA INC (USA)	Information Technology	17.65	949 088.29	
	CLOVIS ONCOLOGY INC (USA)	Healthcare	29.37	301 210.02	
	CONCHO RESOURCES (USA)	Energy	152.75	2 027 504.74	
13 317	CONSTELLATION BRANDS INC. CL A (USA)	Consumer Staples	215.62	2 472 158.02	
7 296	COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP (USA)	Consumer Staples	234.88	1 475 406.35	
	ELANCO ANIMAL HEALTH INC (USA)	Healthcare	34.89	232 259.56	
	ELECTRONIC ARTS (USA)	Information Technology	120.49	2 595 799.63	
	EOG RESOURCES (USA)	Energy	127.57	2 474 956.85	
	FACEBOOK INC (USA)	Information Technology	164.46	2 786 545.67	
	FRANCO-NEVADA CORP (Canada)	Materials	80.80	728 914.11	
	GOLDCORP INC (Canada)	Materials	10.20	847 561.60	
	GRUBHUB INC (USA) INCYTE CORP (USA)	Information Technology Healthcare	138.62 69.08	1 033 772.23 499 469.51	
	INTERCONTINENTAL EXCHANGE (USA)	Financials	74.89	3 536 110.43	
	INTUITIVE SURGICAL (USA)	Healthcare	574.00	1 624 891.95	
	MASTERCARD INC (USA)	Information Technology	222.61	1 158 568.62	
	MYLAN INC (USA)	Healthcare	36.60	632 834.95	
	NEWMONT MINING (USA)	Materials	30.20	1 286 158.59	
75 918	NOBLE ENERGY INC (USA)	Energy	31.19	2 038 641.77	
24 514	NUTRIEN LTD (Canada)	Materials	57.70	1 217 785.45	
46 100	ORYX PETROLEUM (Canada)	Energy	0.22	6 755.25	
	PIONEER NAT. RESOURCES (USA)	Energy	174.19	2 913 014.69	
	PTC INC (USA)	Information Technology	106.19	1 586 587.40	
	PVH CORP (USA)	Consumer Discretionary	144.40	952 182.18	
	SERVICENOW (USA)	Information Technology	195.63	1 077 101.89	
	SHOPIFY INC - CLASS A (Canada)	Information Technology	164.46	1 738 476.01	
	SPOTIFY TECHNOLOGY SA (USA)	Information Technology Healthcare	180.83	1 308 545.98	
	STRYKER CORP (USA) T-MOBILE US INC (USA)	Telecommunication Services	177.68 70.18	1 064 856.20 2 213 857.25	
	VISA INC (USA)	Information Technology	150.09	1 177 460.25	
	WAYFAIR INC- CLASS A (USA)	Consumer Discretionary	147.67	1 010 614.58	
	WHEATON PRECIOUS METALS CORP (Canada)	Materials	17.50	1 176 786.48	
	ZAYO GROUP HOLDINGS INC (USA)	Telecommunication Services	34.72	1 316 639.79	
9	, , ,			20 150 349.81	
10 678	ASML HOLDINGS (Netherlands)	Information Technology	160.90	1 718 090.20	
24 433	ASOS PLC (United Kingdom)	Consumer Discretionary	57.62	1 580 676.43	
	DASSAULT AVIATION SA (France)	Industrials	1 594.00	1 240 132.00	
	DELIVERY HERO AG (Germany)	Information Technology	41.42	612 560.38	
	FERRARI NV (Italy)	Consumer Discretionary	118.60	376 080.60	
	HERMES INTERNATIONAL (France)	Consumer Discretionary	570.60	4 230 428.40	
	HSBC HOLDINGS (United Kingdom)	Financials	6.70	2 354 080.21	
	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE (United Kingdom)	Financials	45.86	1 584 722.64	
	PHILIPS ELECTRONICS (Netherlands) PUMA (Germany)	Healthcare Consumer Discretionary	39.24 425.00	1 685 653.31 759 475.00	
	RECKITT BENCKISER (United Kingdom)	Consumer Staples	70.16	1 188 304.72	
	RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC (Ireland)	Industrials	13.12	1 031 704.32	
	SANOFI-AVENTIS (France)	Healthcare	76.56	1 788 441.60	
	Equities Emerging markets	Healthcare	70.30	20 654 736.76	
America				4 999 016.87	
96 558	GRUPO PAO DE ACUCAR (Brazil)	Consumer Staples	87.51	1 793 351.85	
10 936	, ,	Information Technology	340.47	3 205 665.02	
				14 283 656.13	
33 756	58.COM (China)	Information Technology	73.60	2 138 994.06	
	AIA GROUP LTD (Hong Kong)	Financials	69.90	521 443.78	
	HANGZHOU HIKVISION DIGITAL-A (China)	Information Technology	28.74	2 559 542.30	
	HDFC BANK (India)	Financials	2 006.05	2 139 851.15	
	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE (India)	Financials	1 754.50	1 558 765.56	
	MEITUAN DIANPING-CLASS B (China)	Information Technology	68.75	1 224 657.95	
	TENCENT HOLDINGS (China)	Information Technology	323.20	1 983 867.97	
	, ,	Consumer Staples	514.30	1 692 953.75	
	WUXI BIOLOGICS (China)	Healthcare	79.15	463 579.61	
n Europe	WANDEW/D :)	Information Technology	32.89	1 372 063.76 1 372 063.76	
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