

## Monthly Comment

The Alken Fund Absolute Return rose 0.3% in April bringing the year to date to 6.0%.

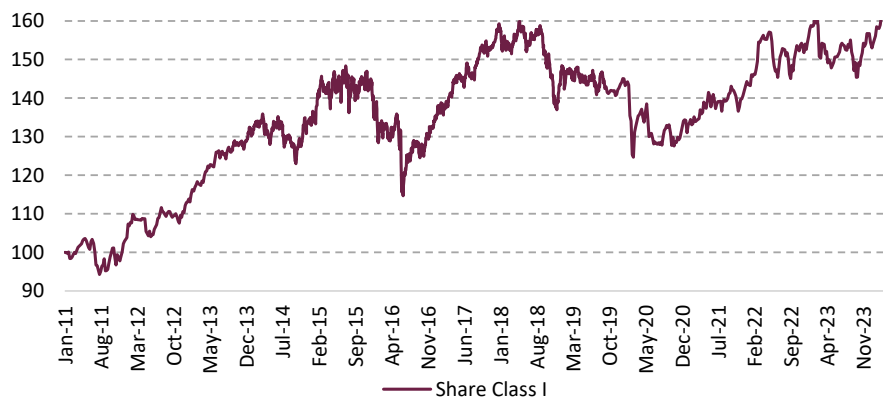
Equity markets were soft in April following a strong performance this year as the narrative around a pivot in monetary policy shifted given volatile inflation data and mixed economic indicators. Value sectors outperformed in Europe with signs of improving momentum in economic activity.

The portfolio delivered positive returns driven by our stock selection and market hedging. VusionGroup, a digital labelling provider, surged after the group announced an upgrade of an existing contract with a large retail customer which should accelerate revenue growth in coming quarters. Eramet, a mining company, rallied after the group released stronger than expected results raising full-year guidance on the back of rising prices due to significant manganese supply shortages.

In contrast, some of our oil services names consolidated during the on the following a strong trajectory year to date.

Market sentiment remains heavily influenced by uncertainty about monetary policy and geopolitical risks. Nonetheless, robust company fundamentals, elevated real interest rates and improving trends in the global industrial activity might shift investor appetite towards cyclical names with good earnings prospects and attractive valuations.

## Performance since inception <sup>1</sup>



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance

Share Class	I	US2	CH2
NAV	166.13	151.1	124.49
Launch Date	Jan-11	Jul-13	Jul-13
ISIN	LU0572586674	LU0866837924	LU0866838146
Bloomberg Code	ALKAREI LX	ALK AUS2 LX	ALKACH2 LX
Currency Hedging	No	Yes	Yes

## Portfolio Managers

Nicolas Walewski



Marc Festa



## Investment Objective & Universe

Provide capital growth and a positive absolute return over the long-term through long and short market exposure in European markets. The fund will have flexible net exposure to equity markets by taking long and short exposures on European equities through the use of transferable securities, derivatives and index futures.

## Fund Facts

AuM:	EUR 82m
Base Currency:	EUR
Legal Status:	UCITS
Domicile:	Luxembourg
Management Fee <sup>1</sup> :	1.50%
Performance Fee <sup>2</sup> :	20%
Settlement:	T+3
SFDR <sup>3</sup> :	Art.8
SRI <sup>4</sup> :	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

(1) Share Class I, US2, CH2

(2) Against the high-water-mark as defined in the Prospectus

(3) Sustainable Financial Disclosure Regulation

(4) Summary Risk Indicator

Performance <sup>1</sup>	Fund
Since inception <sup>2</sup>	66.1%
YTD	6.1%
MTD	0.3%
1Y	9.2%
3Y	21.9%
5Y	12.8%
2023	2.6%
2022	7.7%
2021	9.3%
2020	-8.9%
2019	2.2%

(1) Performance of the I share class for the fund

(2) 28 January 2011

Risk Indicators <sup>1</sup>	Fund
Volatility	9.7%
Sharpe Ratio	0.4
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(1) Since inception

# Alken Fund Absolute Return Europe

Factsheet as at 30th April 2024

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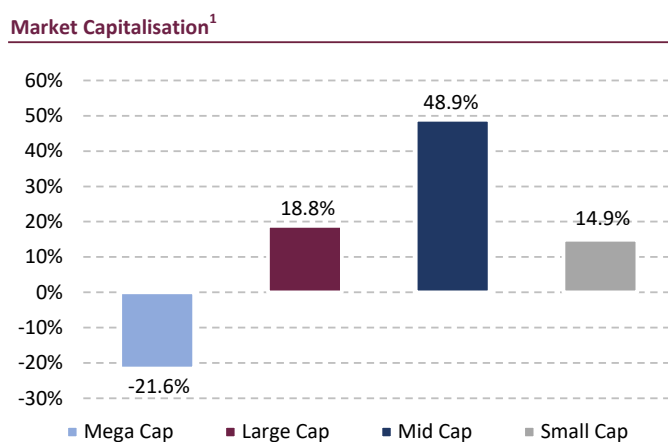
Key Contributors	Exposure	Contribution
Index (single short)	-24.5%	0.8%
IT (single stock)	2.2%	0.2%
Materials (single stock)	0.8%	0.2%

Key Detractors	Exposure	Contribution
Other (single stock)	0.6%	-0.4%
Consumer Staples (single stock)	1.6%	-0.4%
Energy (single stock)	6.1%	-0.3%

Contribution	MTD	YTD
Index	0.8%	-2.2%
Longs	-0.7%	8.1%
Shorts	0.2%	0.1%
Bonds	0.0%	0.0%

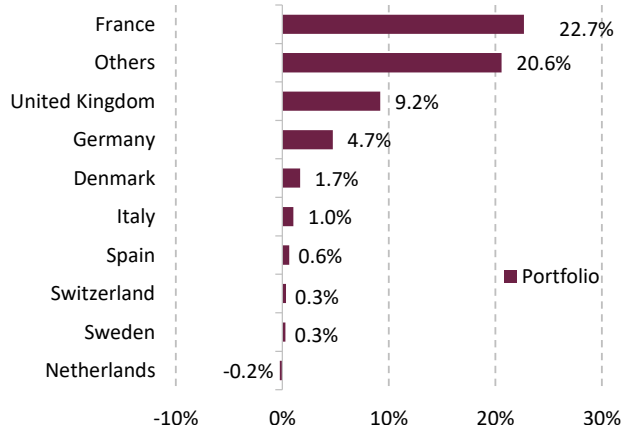
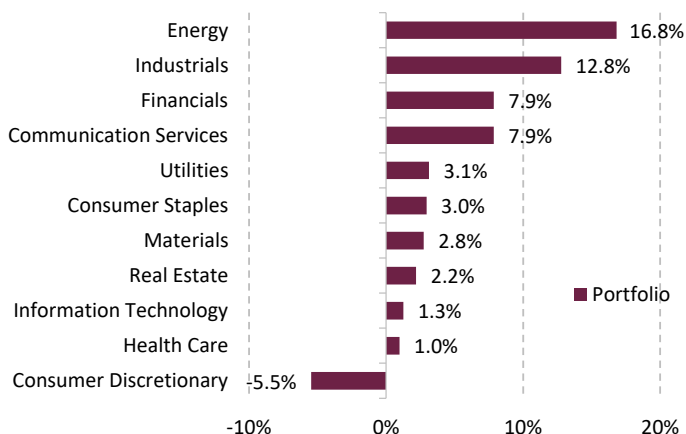
Top 5 Holdings	Exposure
Energy (single stock)	6.1%
C. Services (single stock)	5.4%
Industrials (single stock)	4.3%
Utilities (single stock)	4.0%
Financials (single stock)	3.8%

Portfolio Breakdown	Fund
Top 10 Holdings	41.0%
Number of Holdings	76
Long Exposure	98.3%
Short Exposure	-37.3%
Net Equity Exposure	53.2%
Gross Equity Exposure	127.8%



## Sector Breakdown

## Country Breakdown



Exposure: end of month exposures

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