

# Investor Report

April 2024

## CQS Dynamic Credit Multi Asset Fund

### Key Facts

<b>Portfolio Manager</b>	Craig Scordellis and Darren Toner
<b>Inception Date</b>	08 February 2021
<b>Legal Structure</b>	UCITS
<b>Base Currency</b>	GBP
<b>Currency Share Classes</b>	EUR, GBP, USD
<b>SFDR</b>	Article 8
<b>Dealing Frequency</b>	Daily by 1pm Dublin time
<b>Subscriptions and Redemptions</b>	
<b>I Share Class<sup>2</sup></b>	£1m (or foreign currency equivalent)
<b>Min. Investment</b>	
<b>Domicile</b>	Ireland
<b>ISIN</b>	GBP IE00BN15XV68 EUR IE00BN15XT47 USD IE00BN15XW75
<b>Bloomberg</b>	GBP CQTRCIG EUR CQTRCIE USD CQTRCIU
<b>SEDOL</b>	GBP BN15XV6 EUR BN15XT4 USD BN15XW7

Key Metrics	Value
Total Fund AUM	\$850.0m
Total Strategy AUM <sup>3</sup>	\$8.0bn
Yield to Expected Maturity (% , GBP)	6.19
Weighted Average Credit Spread (bps)	186
Interest Rate Duration (yrs)	4.63
Number of Securities	513
Average Credit Rating <sup>4,5</sup>	BBB
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (t/\$m Sales): Fund <sup>6</sup>	192
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (t/\$m Sales): Reference Index <sup>6,7</sup>	219
Average ESG Rating <sup>8</sup>	A
SRRI Score <sup>9</sup>	4

### Description

- A flexible multi-asset credit approach seeking high income across developed markets to achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns
- Actively managed portfolio, focused on delivering daily liquidity and putting investors' capital in the right asset class, geography and sector at the right time
- Targets a net return of 6-8% per annum over the cycle, with single digit volatility<sup>1</sup>
- Integrated approach to responsible investment

### Performance<sup>2</sup>

Past performance does not predict future returns. Share class launch dates vary.

	1 Month (%)	3 Month (%)	Year-to-Date (%)	1 Year (%)	Since Inception Annualised (%)	NAV/Share
<b>F EUR</b>	(1.43)	(1.10)	(0.32)	1.41	(0.77)	97.527
<b>F GBP</b>	(1.32)	(0.79)	0.10	2.80	0.43	101.395
<b>F USD</b>	(1.30)	(0.75)	0.16	3.14	0.46	101.383
<b>FD GBP</b>	(1.32)	(0.79)	0.10	2.80	2.80	99.714
<b>I EUR</b>	(1.47)	(1.22)	(0.48)	0.90	(0.97)	96.873
<b>I GBP</b>	(1.36)	(0.91)	(0.06)	2.31	0.03	100.105
<b>I USD</b>	(1.34)	(0.85)	0.02	2.67	0.42	101.373

### Performance Since Inception of the Fund (F GBP Share Class)<sup>2</sup>

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>2024</b>	0.90	(0.64)	1.18	(1.32)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.10
<b>2023</b>	2.52	(0.58)	1.25	1.42	(1.19)	(0.16)	0.76	(0.05)	(1.95)	(1.29)	4.09	2.59	7.48
<b>2022</b>	(1.37)	(1.47)	0.01	(2.96)	(0.88)	(5.67)	2.66	(0.39)	(3.94)	(0.12)	3.81	(0.04)	(10.22)
<b>2021</b>	-	(0.22)	0.41	1.05	0.39	0.99	0.26	0.59	0.64	(0.17)	(0.31)	1.26	4.97

### Commentary

#### Performance

April saw a shift in tone for financial markets as macro data in the US remained robust, whilst geopolitical tensions put pressure on commodities before dissipating into month end. Treasuries came under significant strain throughout the month, characterised by the largest one-day increase in 10Y yield since September 2022, following the hot CPI print on the 10th. Overall, 10Y yields increased +48bps throughout April. This weighed on global rates, but we did start to see a disconnect between US and Europe, as German bunds relatively outperformed. These moves dwarfed excess returns in credit, with treasuries dragging on US credit. US Investment Grade (IG) and High Yield (HY) lost -2.33% and -1.00% respectively. Meanwhile EU HY outperformed wider fixed income credit and had a positive total return of +5bps, whilst floating rate ABS and loan markets outperformed. Ahead of the June meeting market expectations of rate cuts have now dropped below 10% in the US, compared to 85% in Europe.

Fund returns were impacted by the move in government bonds, with a total return of -1.35%, as our allocation to US IG weighed on Fund performance. ABS and Loan strategies contributed positively along with Financials and European HY, whilst US HY also weighed on performance.

#### Fund Positioning

There have been several changes to Fund positioning throughout April. Firstly, the duration of the Fund was increased from 4.3 to 4.7. Within the ABS portfolio, some CRT positions were rotated whilst Loan TRS exposure was increased. Overall, the Fund is positioned defensively, with a high-quality bias, whilst also maintaining a focus on income as the Fund searches for idiosyncratic opportunities.

Investors should note that, relative to the expectations of the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, this UCITS presents disproportionate communication on the consideration of non-financial criteria in its investment policy.

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## Portfolio Analysis

Asset Allocation Breakdown	% Long Exposure
Asset Backed Securities	17.6
Cash*	1.9
Corporate Hybrid	0.7
EU High Yield Bonds	7.7
Financials	9.8
Sovereign	7.2
US High Yield Bonds	6.2
US Investment Grade	43.7
Loan Index	5.2

\*Cash includes short-dated government bonds.

Credit Rating Breakdown <sup>4</sup>	% Long Exposure
AAA	1.3
AA	11.2
A	22.7
BBB	38.0
BB and below	26.9

Top 10 Country Exposures	% Long Exposure
United States	65.3
PanEuropean	10.0
United Kingdom	7.5
Germany	3.1
Spain	3.1
France	1.9
Canada	1.7
Italy	1.4
Netherlands	1.0
Belgium	0.8

Top 10 Industry Exposures	% Long Exposure
Banks	10.5
CLO	10.0
Sovereign	9.1
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	6.1
Agency	5.7
Broad Market Indices	5.2
Insurance	4.9
Diversified Telecommunication Services	3.2
Electric Utilities	3.0
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	3.0

ESG Rating Breakdown <sup>8</sup>	% Rated
AAA	7.2
AA	30.6
A	32.1
BBB	20.1
BB	8.4
B	1.4
CCC	0.3

Actual allocations at month end. There is no guarantee that the Fund will invest in this way at all or do so in the same manner as set forth in this factsheet. Figures may not sum to 100 due to rounding and the use of efficient portfolio management techniques.

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Source: CQS as at 30 April 2024.

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<sup>2</sup>Class returns are calculated net of fees and expenses and with all dividends and income reinvested on the basis of a holding since inception of such class or, if such class has become dormant at any point following inception, since the first new investment into such class. The Fund launched on 8 February 2021. Investors should note that the base currency of the Fund is UK Sterling. Individuals may have different returns depending upon the date of their investment. Investors should refer to each specific share class for the actual historical performance of the relevant class; please request full history of data from CQS. Class F GBP, I GBP, F EUR, I EUR and I USD launched on 8 February 2021. Class FD GBP launched on 2 May 2023. Class F USD launched 25 May 2021. Please be advised that the F share class is closed to investors.

<sup>3</sup>Strategy Assets are estimated and represent assets held across CQS-managed funds (including bespoke mandates) where similar multi-asset credit investment strategies are employed. The provision of an overall Strategy Asset AUM is for illustrative purposes only and is intended to show solely the size of the asset classes managed by CQS where the investment strategy is the similar.

<sup>4</sup>Internal credit ratings and subsequently spread ratings are used where externally sourced credit ratings are not available. Cash allocation is rated according to the issuer rating of the custodian bank.

<sup>5</sup>Weighted Average Rating: positions are weighted according to BEE (Bond Equivalent Exposure (BEE): for equity and debt instruments, the market value of the position, and for derivatives, the notional adjusted by the market value of the position).

<sup>6</sup>Weighted Average Carbon Intensity ("WACI") is estimated using scope 1 & 2 available disclosures or proxy estimates based on comparative data from MSCI. For proxy estimates, we apply a waterfall approach which requires a minimum of 10 issuers within the proxy estimate group. If there are not 10 issuers in the proxy estimate group, it changes to a broader category group to increase the number of comparable issuers and continues moving to a broader group until a minimum group size of 10 issuers are obtained or "sector" level is reached. The order is sub-industry first, then industry, then industry group, then finally sector. Where MSCI data is stale or the proxy estimate is not an appropriate reflection of the issuer, we may implement a carbon emission override to report an issuer's most recent publicly available carbon data or use a more appropriate comparator (using MSCI data) as a proxy estimate. Please note that the WACI score does not include hedges for efficient portfolio management purposes.

<sup>7</sup>The Reference Index is the ICE BoA Developed Markets High Yield Index (HYDM).

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<sup>9</sup>SRRI score stands for Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator.

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