

## **Alken Fund Absolute Return Europe**

Factsheet as at 28th March 2024

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#### **Monthly Comment**

The Alken Fund Absolute Return rose 5.1% in March bringing the year to date to 5.8%.

Investor sentiment remained buoyant in March boosted by robust consumer trends and early signs of recovery in industrial segments. Inflation risks remain but central banks seem more inclined to pivot soon although at a slower pace.

The portfolio delivered a remarkable performance in March as the market focus shifts towards business fundamentals. Vallourec was the strongest position this month after ArcelorMittal announced it had acquired a strategic stake in the company reinforcing the prospects for the business. Technip was another strong contributor following better than expected results with incremental cash returns to shareholders and strong business momentum.

In contrast, Soitec was the largest detractor following weaker than expected outlook as customer inventories remain high and will take longer to be digested despite improving trends in the smartphone market.

Our current bias towards mid-cap stocks could provide a tailwind as significant undervaluation and a resilient economic environment should support good performance across these names. Early signs of an upturn in industrial activity and rising real interest rates should present selectively attractive opportunities across cyclicals and financials.

#### Portfolio Managers

Nicolas Walewski



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#### **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 83m
Base Currency:	EUR
Legal Status:	UCITS
Domicile:	Luxembourg
Management Fee <sup>1</sup> :	1.10%
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

<sup>(1)</sup> Share Class EU1,US1,CH1,GB1

(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>	51.8%
YTD	5.8%
MTD	5.1%
1Y	9.2%
3Y	24.7%
5Y	16.1%
2023	2.9%
2022	8.0%
2021	9.7%
2020	-8.6%
2019	2.6%

(1) Performance of the EU1 share class for the fund

(2) 05 February 2013

Risk Indicators <sup>1</sup>	Fund
Volatility	10.0%
Sharpe Ratio	0.4
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(1) Since inception	





Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance

Share Class	EU1	US1	CH1	GB1	
NAV	152.43	179.1	129.09	145.78	
Launch Date	Feb-13	Oct-12	Jul-13	Jun-13	
ISIN	LU0866838229	U0832412760	LU0866838062	LU1040153956	
Bloomberg	ALKAEU1 LX	ALKEUS1 LX	ALKACH1 LX	ALKAGB1 LX	
Currency Hedging	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	



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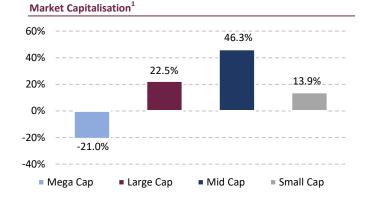
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Key Contributors	Exposure	Contribution
Energy (Single Stock)	6.3%	1.2%
Industrials (Single Stock)	4.3%	0.9%
Energy (Single Stock)	3.7%	0.6%
Key Detractors	Exposure	Contribution
Key Detractors Index (Single Short)	<b>Exposure</b> -24.7%	Contribution
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Index (Single Short)	-24.7%	-0.7%

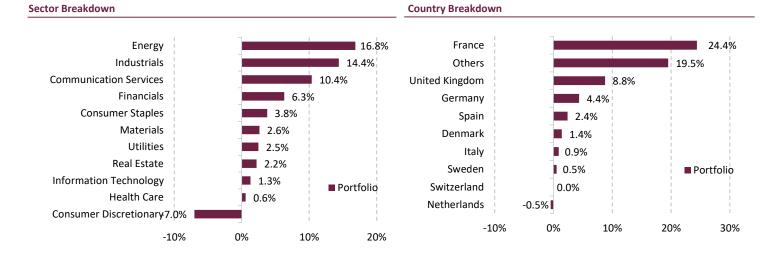
Concentration	Fund
Top 10 Holdings	40.5%
Number of Holdings	63
Long Exposure	96.4%
Short Exposure	-34.6%
Net Equity Exposure	53.8%
Gross Equity Exposure	123.1%

Contribution	MTD	YTD
Index	-1.2%	-3.0%
Longs	6.7%	8.9%
Shorts	-0.4%	-0.1%
Bonds	0.0%	0.0%

Top 5 Holdings	Exposure
Energy (Single Stock)	6.3%
C. Services (Single Stock)	5.2%
Industrials (Single Stock)	4.3%
Financials (Single Stock)	3.8%
Energy (Single Stock)	3.7%



(1) Mega Cap > €50 bn, Large Cap <€50 bn, Mid Cap <€10bn, Small Cap <€2 bn



Exposure: end of month exposures



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