

# Degroof Global Isis MEDIUM Capitalisation

Quarterly Report

## **Economic slowdown confirmed**

#### PERFORMANCES SECOND QUARTER 2008

The return of uncertainty to the financial sector and concerning the economic slowdown put skids under the stock markets in June. Likewise, fears associated with a fresh wave of inflation are pulling long-term interest rates upwards and dampening any hopes of a relaxation in short-term rates.

The month of June alone cancelled out the positive performances recorded in April and May. Overall, the second quarter figures were negative for shares as well as bonds.

Performances in euros	Second Quarter 2008	January - June 2008
Shares world	-1.6%	-17.2%
Shares emerging countries	-1.5%	-19.2%
Shares Europe	-4.1%	-18.9%
Bonds Euroland	-3.0%	-0.7%
USD	+0.1%	-7.4%
Isis Low	-2.4%	-6.8%
Isis Medium	-2.7%	-11.6%
Isis High	-2.8%	-16.6%

#### PARALLEL MANAGEMENT IN SHARES AND BONDS

Remaining faithful to our contrarian strategy, we took advantage of this difficult six-month period to realign the portfolio. For shares, index volatility exceeded 25% in January and March, periods during which we sold Put options highly lucratively. The options sold in January on the EuroStoxx with volatility of more than 30% were repurchased in March at a low price despite the market downtrend. The position had been converted into shares in direct lines, which benefited as the markets recovered in April. In March, we also sold Put options on the S&P500 index (USA) with a volatility of 25%. The short maturity (1 month) quickly rendered the option worthless and the premium remains definitively vested in the fund. Even though the markets started moving down again in May and June, this options strategy enabled us to enhance our position in shares to good effect.

These special options strategies fit in with the overall allocation of shares for which, owing to the high risk premiums in March, reinforcement was required. As from April, the increase in long rates, coupled with an end to expectations of a fall in short rates, prompted us to show greater caution. We sold 2% of European shares at this precise moment, before the sharp fall in June.

The same contrarian approach was applied to bonds. Fears concerning financial shares in March sparked off a flight to quality, causing long-term interest rates to sink to an extremely low level. We reduced the duration of our bonds to 5.3 years at the beginning of April. Next, German 10-year rates moved up again to reach, and even overtake, our target of 4.5%. According to our analysis, this was a catching up and not the first fruits of a lasting uptrend over the medium term. Recent business

indicators, such as the PMI, IFO and ISM, all point towards an economic slowdown, favouring stable rates. We have therefore extended the duration for bonds to close on 6 years, by giving preference to the bonds of first-class companies or specific government bonds (Portugal) at the expense of German government bonds.

For currencies, we believe that the overall appreciation of the euro against all the currencies is drawing to an end. The last remaining dollar cover has been removed.

Fresh concerns emerged in late June again concerning the financial sector, where the first dividend reductions made their appearance, but also concerning other cyclical sectors, such as automobiles and construction materials, which is a new development. This, together with the recent fall in long-term interest rates, is a sign that the economic slowdown announced six months ago is now taking hold. As with all slowdowns, we cannot predict either its duration or its scale. Valuation ratios such as price/earnings and dividend yield have climbed back to attractive levels, as we highlighted in our previous report before the April bounceback. Once again we need to stick with the contrarian approach and gradually repurchase shares, which is what we set about doing during the last month of June.

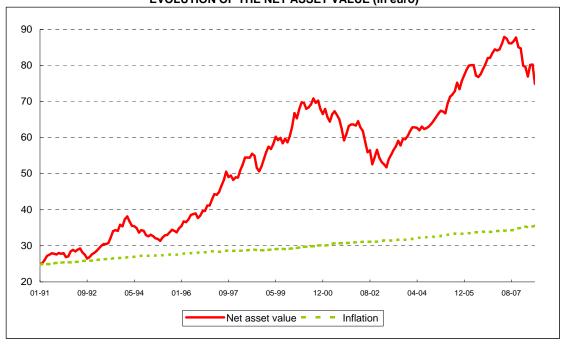
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# **RETURN OF ISIS MEDIUM CAP. AS AT 30 JUNE 2008**

Period	Valuation date	Value B share	Return over the period	Accumulated return
1990	04/12/90	24.79		
1991	31/12/91	27.07	8.66%	9.20%
1992	05/01/93	28.58	5.59%	15.30%
1993	04/01/94	37.38	30.79%	50.80%
1994	03/01/95	32.70	-12.53%	31.90%
1995	02/01/96	35.50	8.57%	43.20%
1996	31/12/96	41.20	16.07%	66.20%
1997	29/12/97	48.93	18.74%	97.40%
1998	04/01/99	56.05	14.54%	126.10%
1999	31/12/99	66.80	19.18%	169.47%
2000	31/12/00	66.57	-0.34%	168.54%
2001	31/12/01	63.65	-4.39%	156.76%
2002	31/12/02	54.44	-14.47%	119.61%
2003	31/12/03	60.43	11.00%	143.77%
2004	31/12/04	65.63	8.60%	164.75%
2005	31/12/05	77.33	17.83%	211.95%
2006	31/12/06	83.49	7.97%	236.80%
2007	31/12/07	84.73	1.49%	241.80%
1° quarter 2008	31/03/08	76.95	-9.18%	210.42%
2° quarter 2008	30/06/08	74.91	-2.65%	202.19%

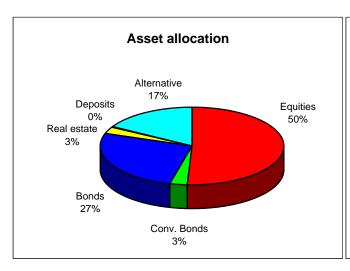
Period	Valuation date	Value B share	Annualized return	Accumulated return
Since				
the origin	04/12/90	24.79	6.49%	202.19%
10 years	29/06/98	55.53	3.04%	34.90%
5 years	30/06/03	56.56	5.78%	32.44%
3 years	30/06/05	71.34	1.64%	5.00%
2 years	30/06/06	76.81	-1.24%	-2.47%
Since				
12 months	30/06/07	87.48		-14.37%
9 months	30/09/07	86.75		-13.65%
6 months	31/12/07	84.73		-11.59%
3 months	31/03/08	76.95		-2.65%

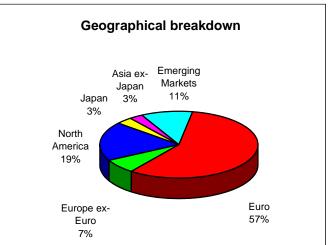




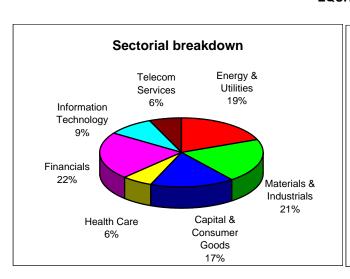
## STRUCTURE OF THE PORTFOLIO AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

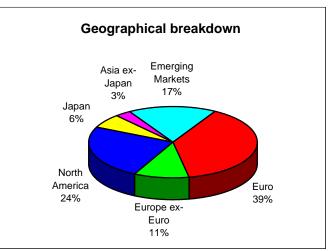
#### **GLOBAL PORTFOLIO**



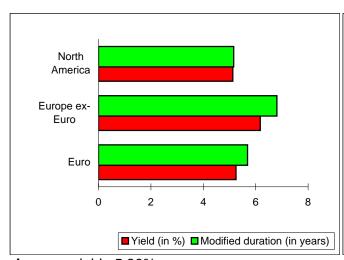


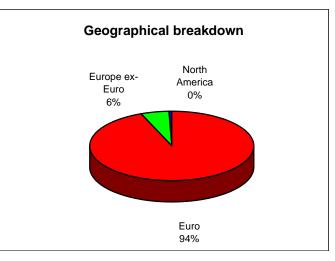
#### **EQUITIES**





#### **BONDS**





Average yield: 5.30%

Mean modified duration: 5.75 years

# COMPOSITION OF ISIS MEDIUM AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

## **EQUITIES AND REAL ESTATE**

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Indexed management	% Total	Indexed management	% Total
Future DAX	1.23	Future FTSE 100	1.89
D Equ Belgium Index	0.68	Future SMI	0.51
D Equ EMU Index	0.44	Opals UK MSCI	0.36
Total	0.43	Nestle	0.10
Future CAC 40	0.35	BP	0.10
Future AEX	0.34	XACT OMXS30	0.09
Telefonica de Espana	0.29	Novartis	0.07
Nokia	0.29	Roche Holding	0.06
E.On	0.28	HSBC	0.06
Banco Santander	0.26	Syngenta	0.05
Arcelor Mittal	0.22	Royal Dutch Shell A	0.05
ENI	0.20	Rio Tinto	0.05
BBVA	0.18	Statoilhydro Asa	0.05
BNP Paribas	0.17	UBS	0.04
Siemens	0.17	Vodafone	0.03
Sanofi Aventis	0.16	Glaxosmithkline	0.03
Opals MSCI Italy	0.16	Diageo	0.03
Unicredito Italiano	0.15	CS Group	0.03
Future SPMIB	0.15	Royal Dutch Shell B	0.03
Volkswagen	0.15	Richemont	0.02
Suez	0.11	Others	0.36
Axa	0.10	Europe ex-euro	4.02
Groupe Danone	0.10		
Generali Assig.	0.10	Opals S&P500	1.44
Allianz AG Holding	0.09	Future SP500	0.72
Endesa	0.09	Future SP/TSE 60	0.70
SAP	0.09	D Equ US Index	0.39
Vivendi Universal	0.09	Opals MSCI Canada	0.28
Repsol	0.08	Canadian natural resources	0.14
France Telecom	0.08	Exxon Mobil	0.14
L'Oréal	0.08	IBM	0.09
Alstom regroupement	0.08	GE	0.09
Opals Germany MSCI	0.08	Microsoft	0.08
Philips	0.08	Petro-Canada	0.07
Deutsche Bank	0.08	ATT & Inc	0.06
Air Liquide	0.08	Procter & Gamble	0.06
Iberdrola	0.08	Cisco	0.06
Deutsche Telekom	0.08	Wal Mart	0.05
Société Générale	0.08	Royal Bank of Canada	0.05
LVMH	0.07	Chevron	0.05
Basf	0.07	Schlumberger	0.05
Intesa Sanpaolo	0.07	Transcanada	0.05
ACS Cons y Serv	0.07	Bank of Nova Scotia	0.05
ETF HEX 25 Index Fund	0.07	Exelon	0.05
Gas Natural	0.07	Monsanto	0.04
Bouygues	0.07	Pfizer	0.04
KPN	0.07	Intel	0.04
Renault	0.07	Honeywell	0.04
Fortis B	0.06	Verizon Comm.	0.04
Metro	0.06	Union Pacific	0.04
Bayer	0.06	Johnson & Johnson	0.04
ING Groep	0.06	Pepsico	0.04
Daimler Chrysler	0.06	State Street	0.04
Fortum	0.06	Mdco Health Solutions	0.04
Munchner R.	0.06	Abbott Labs	0.04
Others	2.26	Others	1.93
Eurozone	11.26	North America	7.03

## **EQUITIES AND REAL ESTATE**

Indexed management	% Total
Future Topix	1.73
Opals MSCI Japan	0.41
D Equ Japan Index	0.27
Toyota	0.05
Nintendo	0.04
Kao Corp.	0.03
Secom	0.03
Mizuho Financial Group	0.03
NTT	0.03
Orix	0.03
Canon	0.03
Sony Corp	0.03
Shin-Etsu Chem	0.02
Mitsubishi Electric	0.02
Fanuc	0.02
Tokyo Electric Power	0.02
Nippon Steel	0.02
Millea Holdings	0.02
TDK	
	0.02
Matsushita Electric	0.02
Hitachi	0.01
Takeda Health Careceutical	0.01
NTT Do Co Mo	0.01
Astellas Health Care	0.01
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	0.01
Daïwa Securities	0.01
Others	0.06
Japan	2.99
Future ASX/SPI	0.64
Future HSI	0.24
BHP Billiton	0.09
CSL	0.05
Woodside Petroleum	0.05
Westpac Banking	0.04
Hang Seng Bank	0.04
National Australian bank	0.04
Singapore Telecom	0.03
United Overseas Bank	0.03
Wesfarmers	0.03
ANZ	0.02
Brambles Industries	0.02
DBS Group Holdings	0.02
Alumina	0.02
Keppel Corp	0.02
Telstra	0.02
AMP	0.02
	0.02
Hutchison Whampoa	
Singapore Airlines	0.02
MacQuarie Bank	0.02
Hong Kong Electric Holdings	0.02
Others	0.15
Asia ex-Japan	1.63
Jaharra MCCI Francis MI / F	4 70
Ishares MSCI Emerg Mkt Fund	1.78
Emerging Markets	1.78
Total Indexed management	28.71

Active management	% Total
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D Equ EMU Behav Value	2.07
D Equ Europe Beh Value D Equ EMU Behav Profit	2.98 1.38
TR European Growth	0.40
Eurofund V b	0.40
D Equ Sml Cap Europe Be	
Carlyle Europe Partners III	
Eurofund IV b	0.10
Etex Group	0.02
Degroof PE Fund	0.02
Eurozone	7.42
D Equ Europe Beh Value	2.07
Pantheon Intl	0.22
D Equ Sml Cap Europe Be	h Value 0.15
TR European Growth	0.09
Europe ex-euro	2.53
D Equ US Behav Value	4.53
Vanguard index small cap	0.52
Carlyle US Partners V	0.10
Future Nasdaq100	0.04
North America	5.20
Ocean Japan Target II	0.13
Japan Smaller Cap	0.10
Japan	0.23
Genesis EMF	2.21
Emerg Mkt Strategic Fund	1.32
Asia Pacific Performance B	
CAAM-Emerging Mkt AI	0.89
Morgan Stanley Emerg Ma	rkets 0.48
Future HSCEI	0.33
Templeton Emerg Mkt UK	0.26
Latin America Equity	0.15
Mexico Fund	0.13
Emerging Markets	6.79
Atlas Real Estate EMU	2.06
Aedifica Sicafi	0.32
Wereldhave Belgium	0.09
Unibail-Rodamco	0.08
Optimum Immo	0.08
Cofinimmo Wereldhave	0.07
Wereidnave Cheung Kong Holdings	0.04 0.03
Swire Pacific	0.03
Westfield Group	0.02
United Overseas Land	0.00
Real estate	2.81
Total Active managemen	t 24.98
Total equities and real es	tate 53.69

# BONDS, ALTERNATIVE, CASH

Convertibles Bonds	% Total
TREETOP Convertible Intern	1.78
TREETOP Convertible Pacific	1.09
Total	2.88

Alternative	% Total
D Global Int Flexible	7.98
D Equ World Flexible	4.77
D Alt FOHF Low volatility	1.92
Phaunos Timber Fund Ltd	1.02
DGC Euroarbitrage Ltd	0.54
Reliance Multi-Advisor Fnd-D-usd	0.35
AIMS Low Volatility-usd	0.21
Total	16.79

Bonds	% Total
EIB 15/02/28, 5.625%	2.16
RFF 12/10/2020, 6%	1.66
D Bonds Corporate Eur	1.56
CFF 23/02/15, 6.125%	1.30
CNA 24/03/13, 5.85%	0.92
KFW 22/01/18, 5.5%	0.90
OATi 25/07/29, 3.4 %	0.89
BTP 01/11/09, 4.25%	0.76
OLO 44 28/03/35, 5%	0.74
CNA 19/05/14, 4.325%	0.73
RFF 17/03/2014, 4.625%	0.71
lboxx 100 FRN 22/06/09	0.67
Corealcredit Bk 20/01/14, 4.25%	0.63
BBV Argentaria 27/09/10, 5.75%	0.62
BTP I/L 15/09/14, 2.15%	0.60
KFW 17/06/13, 5.125%	0.58
E.On 29/05/09, 5.75%	0.58
AHB 12/01/09, 4%	0.55
Finland 23/02/2011, 5.75%	0.52
Caja de Madrid 15/01/10, 5.5%	0.51
Portugal 20/05/10, 5.85%	0.51
Portugal 16/10/17, 4.35%	0.49
Banco Santander 04/05/27, 4.625%	0.45
OLO 28/09/14, 4.25%	0.45
Sigma Fin capital notes 30/04/14	0.43
BBV Argentaria 24/01/21, 3.5%	0.42
OLO 31 28/03/28, 5.5%	0.39
Future Bund	-0.15
Others	4.35
Euro	24.93
Nykredit 01/10/38, 5%	0.62
Nykredit 1/10/25, 4%	0.60
Nykredit 01/10/35, 5%	0.28
Denmark	1.50
Delhaire America 45/04/04 00/	0.07
Delhaize America 15/04/31, 9%	0.07
IADB 18/11/08, 5.375%	0.06
Future Long Bond 20y	-0.02
U.S.A.	0.12
Total Bonds	26.55

Cash	% Total
Euro	-2.16
USD	0.95
GBP	0.12
Yen	0.04
Others	1.14
Total Cash	0.09

Total convert. and alternative 19.67

Total bonds and cash	26.64
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