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# **Proposed Muzinich Global Credit Market Neutral Strategy**

Seeks to generate positive absolute returns with lower market correlation by capitalising on mispricing and dislocation opportunities in global credit.

### **Strategy Overview**

- Mispricing Credit regularly presents mispricing opportunities. We have developed simple tools to identify these opportunities and capitalise on them efficiently, demonstrated via our existing funds' arbitrage book track records over several years in different market environments (available on request).
- Low beta & natural carry Seeks to generate returns not closely correlated to the broader market. Trades are structured to be broadly market neutral i.e. not taking a directional bet. In a positive rates environment, the strategy has a natural carry (roughly in line with risk-free rate).
- Extensive toolbox Investing across bonds, CDS, TRS and other credit instruments provides the best means to capture mispricing. We combine fundamental and relative value approaches across several pair-based trading themes including relative value, basis, intra capital structure, mean-reversion and cross-currency.
- Capitalises on dispersion Seeks to capitalise on opportunities arising from increased dispersion, which is positively correlated to next 12-month returns. We tend to find the best opportunities during and after periods of dislocation.

Proposed Strategy Facts*	
Target return	Risk-free rate +2-4%, with low beta/volatility
Leverage	Max 500%
UCITS compliant	Yes
Country split	Global
Permissible instruments	Cash Bonds, CDS, Options, TRS, Tranches, Futures, Leveraged Loans and CLOs
Fees	48bps OCF capped for seed investors
Currency	Hedged Share Classes Available
Liquidity	Daily

# **Portfolio** Management **Team**



**Jamie Cane** Portfolio Manager 18 years' experience



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Supported by a team of 24 credit analysts and 6 traders

The targets presented are an estimate of potential future returns based on a variety of factors and assumptions. The return objective will vary based on the performance of the underlying investments and the targets shown above are therefore not an exact indicator. Please refer to page 3 for further information on target returns.

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## Long/short offerings - beta range



A European high yield (HY) focused long/short strategy which uses an extensive credit toolkit to seek to outperform the HY market, with a focus on providing greater downside protection (+48% gross returns vs. 27% for HEC4 since inception).1



A US high yield focused long/short strategy that has more than captured the returns of the US HY market (117% vs. 73%) despite an average beta of <0.3x and volatility comfortably below half that of the US HY market (2.6% vs 6.9%).<sup>2</sup>



ECA & LSCY are run with arbitrage books to generate market neutral returns by capitalising on mispricing. The proposed Muzinich Global Credit Market Neutral strategy seeks to replicate the approach of these books in a dedicated strategy.



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future results. Refer to page 3 for full annualised returns.

- Source: Muzinich & Co data and ICE Index Platform. Data as of September 30<sup>th</sup> 2025. Gross performance for the Muzinich European Credit Alpha Fund Euro Acc Founder share class. Share class inception date October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. <u>The Founder's share class is not currently open for investment but may be reopened</u>
- Source: Muzinich & Co data and ICE Index Platform. Data as of September 30<sup>th</sup> 2025. Gross performance for the Muzinich LongShortCreditYield USD Accumulation E Class since inception July 6, 2012.

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# Why market neutral?



- Opportunity to potentially generate positive absolute returns with lower market correlation by capitalising on mispricing and dislocation opportunities in global credit.
- Aiming to generate a HY-like return profile with a fraction of the beta and propensity for drawdown.
- In our view, the current market backdrop where credit spreads are tight and equity prices elevated\* – presents a good time to complement a long-biased approach with a market neutral strategy.

# Why Muzinich?



- 7+year track records of managing arbitrage books in existing funds (available on request).
- Strong performance in volatile markets.
- Right tools to identify and capitalise on opportunities.

# Why now?



- Dispersion is expected to remain elevated. Dispersion is a source of mispricing opportunities and is positively correlated with potentially higher next 12 month returns.
- Tight spreads and risks around the economic trajectory favour a low-beta approach.
- In today's positive interest rate environment, the strategy has natural carry, roughly in-line with risk free rates.

## **Muzinich European Credit Alpha Fund - Performance**

Since inception: Upside capture 100%, downside capture 70%.

Since inception, **48%** gross returns versus **27%** of the broad European HY market. The fund has outperformed in a broad variety of market conditions encompassing up and down markets, volatile and flat.

Calendar year					
	Fund (gross)	Fund (net)	HEC4 index		
2017*	0.13%	0.01%	-0.39%		
2018	-0.25%	-1.18%	-3.19%		
2019	13.32%	11.11%	10.71%		
2020	7.83%	6.38%	1.94%		
2021	3.88%	3.21%	2.83%		
2022	-6.93%	-7.43%	-11.28%		
2023	11.35%	10.72%	12.25%		
2024	8.19%	7.45%	8.46%		
2025 YTD	4.29%	3.55%	4.73%		

	Fund	Index
Return since inception (gross)	48.24%	26.59%
Annualised return	5.10%	3.02%
Annualised vol	6.28%	7.43%
Sharpe ratio	0.70	0.31
Average beta	0.8	N/A

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# Muzinich LongShortCreditYield Fund Performance

Since inception: Upside capture 56%, downside capture 14%.

Since inception, 117% gross returns versus 73% of the US HY market. The fund has been tested through multiple market environments and has generated significant outperformance at much lower volatility than the broad US high yield market through the cycle.

Calendar year					
	Fund (gross)	Fund (net)	J0A0		
2015	2.96%	1.59%	-4.55%		
2016	5.13%	3.53%	17.34%		
2017	3.77%	2.30%	7.48%		
2018	1.18%	-0.02%	-2.26%		
2019	11.45%	9.04%	14.40%		
2020	10.33%	8.19%	6.20%		
2021	4.24%	3.01%	5.29%		
2022	-4.19%	-4.98%	-11.11%		
2023	6.79%	5.87%	13.40%		
2024	8.62%	6.84%	8.04%		
2025 YTD	4.72%	3.56%	8.04%		

	Fund	Index
Return since inception (gross)	117%	73%
Annualised return	6.03%	5.66%
Annualised vol	2.59%	6.90%
Sharpe ratio	1.72	0.6
Average beta	0.30	N/A

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Source: Muzinich and Bloomberg, data as September 30<sup>th</sup> 2025. Muzinich returns are the gross and net returns of the Muzinich LongShortCreditYield USD Accumulation E Class since inception July 6, 2012. The index shown is the ICE BofA US HY Cash Pay Index (J0A0). Indices selected as best available proxy to measure relative performance of asset sub classes. Returns greater than one year are annualized. Gross performance does not account for the effect of fees and charges, which would reduce the values shown. The Net performance provided is net of all fees and expenses. Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. You cannot invest directly in the index. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

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