

SYZ Asset Management launches global version of its successful quantitative, market-neutral fund

- New fund with aim of delivering stable, alpha-rich returns, while maintaining a low correlation to global equity markets
- In an environment of low-rates and stretched valuations, the fund provides an alternative source of returns
- Quantitative approach supports disciplined risk control and robust data analysis

Geneva, 22 February 2018 – SYZ Asset Management (“SYZ AM”), the institutional asset management arm of the SYZ Group, has expanded its offering of quantitative solutions through the launch of *OYSTER Equity Premia Global*. This new offering builds on the strong success of the *OYSTER Market Neutral Europe* fund and will similarly seek to deliver alpha-rich returns while aiming to maintain a near zero equity beta over time. In order to support initial asset growth and reward early investors, a one-year discount of 50% on the management fees will be offered¹.

SYZ AM risk premia delivers returns and strong risk control

While investing in equity premia is nothing new, the approach taken by SYZ AM to ‘harvest’ inefficiencies in equity markets by adopting a highly liquid, long/short approach while aiming to maintain a near-zero equity market beta is a key differentiator. The Quantitative Investment Solutions team have drawn on their years of investment and academic experience to create robust equity premia, which are the key building blocks of any risk premia strategy.

Commenting on the strategy, Guido Bolliger, Portfolio Manager and Co-Head of Quantitative Investment Solutions, said: “Our solution focuses on premia present in equity markets and seeks to offer the prospect of stable, alpha-rich returns disconnected from broader market behaviour.

Benoît Vaucher, Portfolio Manager added “The fund aims to offer an alternative source of returns in an environment of low-rates and stretched valuations”.

The three-member strong team, which includes Mr. Bolliger, Mr. Vaucher and Co-Head of Quantitative Investment Solutions, Mr. Claude Cornioley, achieved a net return of +5.24% for the *OYSTER Market Neutral Europe*, placing it among the top quartile of its peer group².

Consistent performance over market cycles

By actively and dynamically allocating among a pre-defined universe of equity premia, the SYZ AM’s in-house developed strategy is designed to provide stable, alpha-rich returns over market cycles. With risk management at the core of the investment process, the fund’s systematic approach supports the strategy’s heavy reliance on data analysis that is used to aim to generate both performance and control risk.

Stable returns in uncertain markets

In a world where finding stable, diversified sources of returns is challenging, the SYZ AM risk premia strategy can represent a very compelling proposition. The flexibility offered by equity premia can provide investors diversification, a lower correlation to broader equity markets and the potential to generate attractive alpha, all of which can serve an important role in a portfolio, in particular during periods when equity drawdowns are significant.

¹ One-year discount of 50% on the management fees available from the date of fund launch on 15.12.2017.

² *OYSTER Market Neutral Europe R EUR PF* since manager change, from 16.01.2017 to 31.01.2018.







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Katia Coudray, CEO of SYZ Asset Management remarked, “The result of our investment in this new investment strategy, which represents an added expertise among our product range, has been quite satisfying.” She added, “Our dedicated quantitative investment team is delivering performance consistent with our DNA of alpha-generation - but in this case, through a long/short, beta-neutral approach rather than long-only”.

The *OYSTER Equity Premia Global* fund is registered in 8 European countries: Luxembourg, United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium, France, Austria, and will be later available in other European countries. In order to support initial asset growth and reward early investors, a one-year discount of 50%³ on the management fees will be offered.

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List of Equity Premia

 VALUE <i>Cheap assets tend to outperform expensive ones</i>	 MOMENTUM <i>Assets which have performed well will continue to do so and vice-versa</i>	 QUALITY <i>High quality assets tend to outperform low quality ones</i>	 SAFETY <i>Low risk stocks tend to outperform high risk ones on a risk-adjusted basis</i>	 SIZE <i>Small capitalization stocks tend to perform better than high capitalization ones</i>	 MANAGEMENT <i>Prudent use of financing</i>
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Administrative information

OYSTER Equity Premia Global

Available classes	ISIN	Management fee	Performance fee
I USD PR	LU1726319590	0.75% ¹	10% above hurdle with high-water mark
R USD PR	LU1726319913	0.8% ¹	10% above hurdle with high-water mark

¹ One-year discount of 50% on the management fees available from the date of fund launch on 15.12.2017:

- I USD PR: 0.375% (50% discount)
- R USD PR: 0.40% (50% discount)

The management will be discretionary in terms of the choice of assets, without reference to an index or any indicator.

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Risk/return profile:

Lower risk Higher risk
Potentially lower return **Potentially higher return**



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OYSTER Market Neutral Europe

Available classes	ISIN	Management fee	Performance fee
C EUR PF	LU0435361257	1.5%	15% with high-water mark
I EUR PF	LU0933611567	0.75%	15% with high-water mark
R CHF HP PF	LU1045040190	0.9%	15% with high-water mark
R EUR PF	LU0435361844	0.9%	15% with high-water mark
R GBP HP PF	LU1091109659	0.9%	15% with high-water mark

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Note to the Editor

About SYZ Asset Management*

SYZ Asset Management, the institutional asset management entity of the SYZ Group, provides investment solutions to institutional investors and financial intermediaries. Based on a strong conviction approach, SYZ Asset Management strategies are designed to fulfil the portfolio and risk management requirements of demanding investors. The company offers managed accounts and several ranges of investment funds, among which OYSTER Funds, a UCITS Luxembourg SICAV, offering a diversified range of recognized products covering a variety of asset classes and investment styles entrusted to internal and external fund managers.

SYZ Asset Management has been awarded "Best Group over 3 years - Overall Small Company" at Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards 2017 for Switzerland.

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