



CAPTOR

# Aster Global High Yield

## Monthly Report - July 2023



### Portfolio Manager Comment

The month started with higher interest rates and higher credit spreads, with the movements driven by central bank statements and macro statistics. Towards the middle of the month, sentiment turned when a lower-than-expected CPI came from the US. It was followed by poor GDP figures from China and dovish statements from the ECB which reinforced the trend. Towards the end of the month, the FED raised interest rates by 25 basis points as expected to the range of 5.25–5.50%, which could be the maximum interest rate in the US during this hiking cycle. The following day, the ECB also raised interest rates by 25 basis points, which was also in line with expectations. No major market reactions followed the hikes. In Sweden, interest rates are expected to peak just above 4% at the beginning of 2024.

The credit market has performed strongly during the month. The European index compressed around 21 basis points and American index around 22 basis points. The sector that has compressed the most in Europe is consumer staples and in the US it is communications. At the same time, communications widened the most in Europe and technology widened the most in the US.

### Investment Goal and Strategy

The fund targets highly liquid exposure in European and North American High Yield credit, whilst keeping both currency and interest rate risk in Swedish Krona. To this end credit exposure is mainly assumed via index-based centrally cleared Credit Default Swaps (CDS). The Reference Indices of the CDS contracts are Itraxx Europe Crossover and CDX North America High Yield. The exposure to each issuer is equally weighted, ensuring a well-diversified portfolio.

The fund is also allowed to invest directly in corporate bonds with the corresponding rating. When the exposure to corporate credit is assumed through CDS contracts, the capital of the fund is simultaneously in AAA rated SEK bonds, primarily Swedish covered bonds.

The fund takes positions that eliminate its exposure to companies that do not meet the sustainability requirements set up by Captor. The fund is classified as Article 8 according to the Disclosure Regulation.

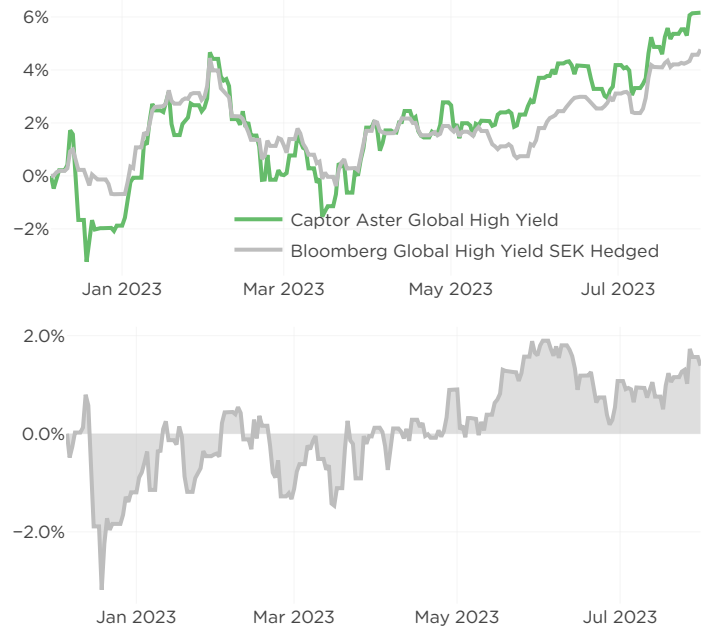
### Risk Metrics

Duration	3.18 years	CDS index EUR spread	378.02 bp
Credit duration (CDS)	4.23 years	CDS index USD spread	409.19 bp

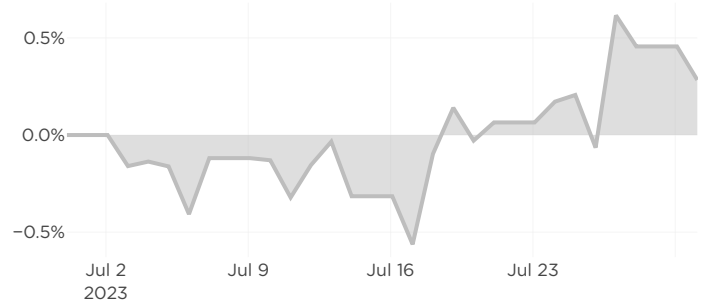
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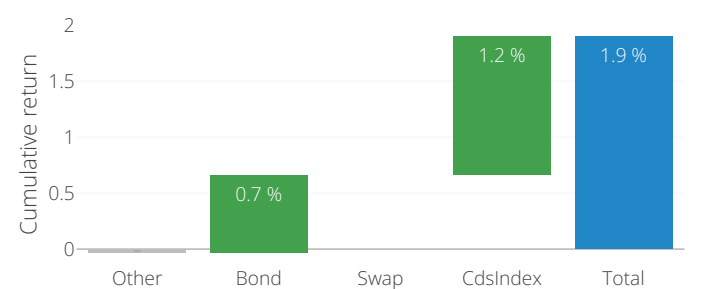
### Performance



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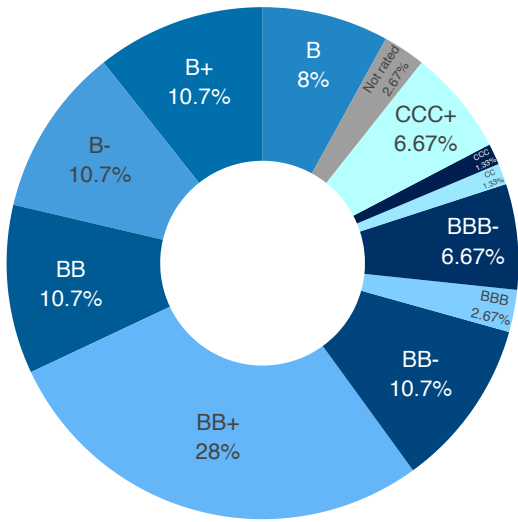


### Attribution This Month



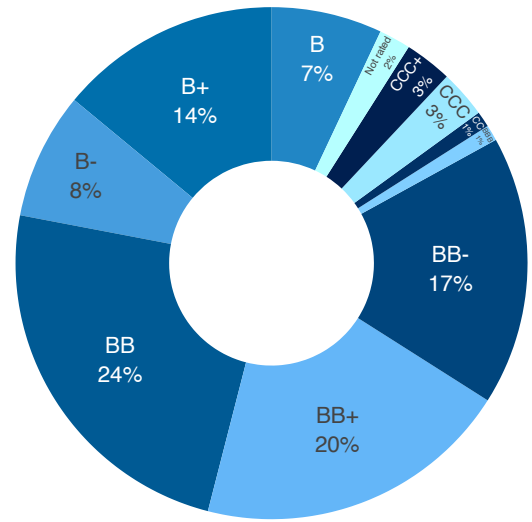
## Europe CDS

### Credit Rating

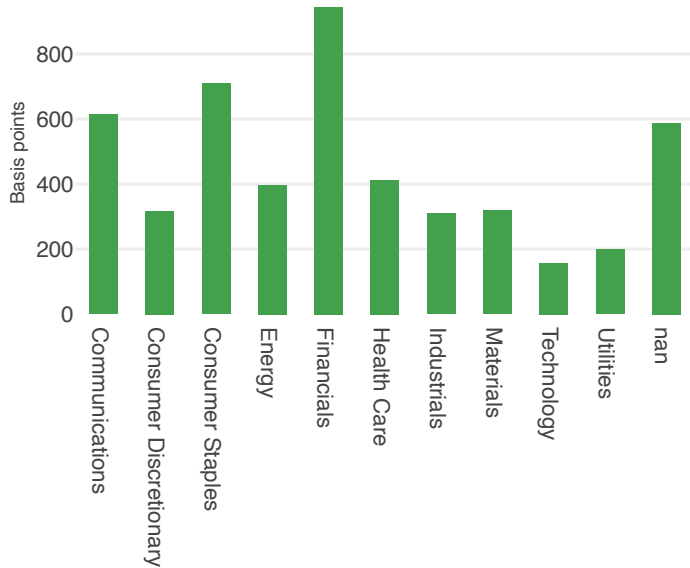


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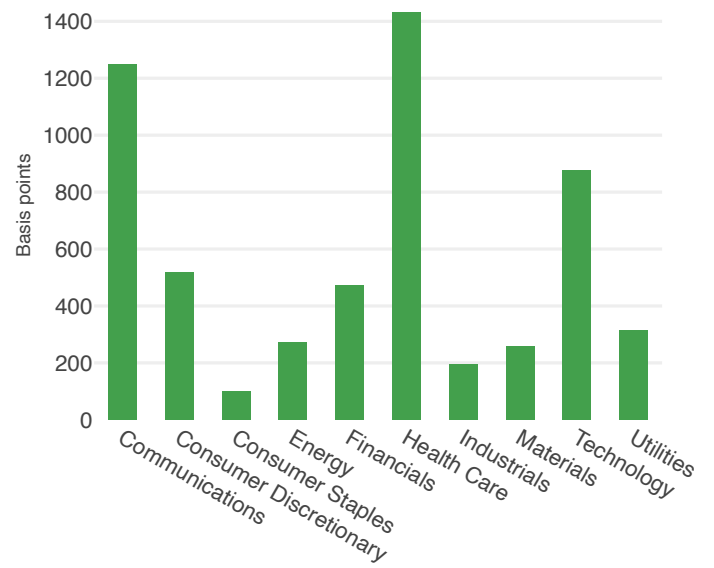
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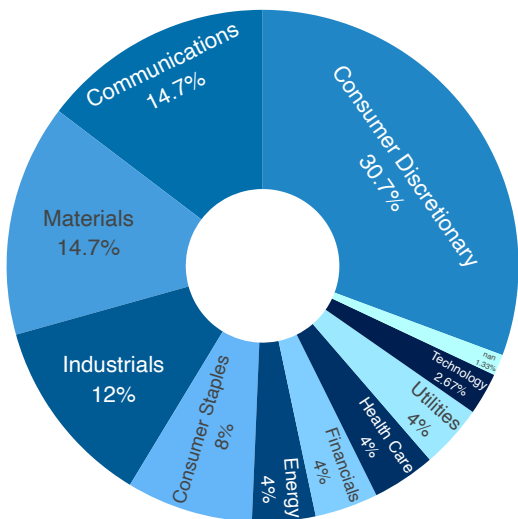
### Sector Spreads



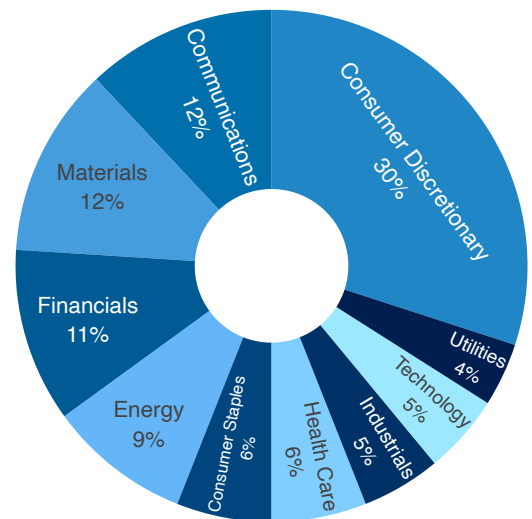
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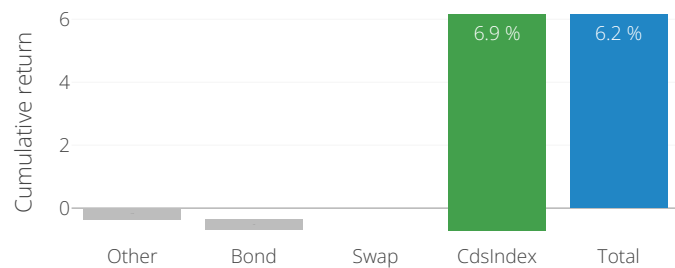
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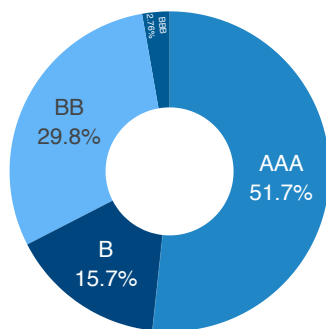
## Return Table

	Helår	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Maj	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec
2023	8.2%	4.5%	-2.5%	1.8%	0.9%	-0.0%	1.4%	1.9%					
2022	-1.9%												-1.9%

## Cumulative Attribution



## Credit Ratings



## Share Classes

	Class A	Class C
NAV	319.6608	106.6058
NAV Date	2023-07-31	2023-07-31
Dividend	No	No
Bloomberg Ticker	CASTHYA SS Equity	CASTHYC SS Equity
ISIN	SE0017832264	SE0017832280
Trade Cycle	Dagligen	Dagligen
Cut-off	14:00	10:00
SFDR	Article 8	Article 8
Min. Investment	100	10 000 000
Fee	0,6%	0,4%
Currency	SEK	SEK
Reg. Status	UCITS	UCITS
Currency Hedged	Yes	Yes

## Reasons To Invest

The fund is suitable for investors with home currency in Swedish Krona looking for attractive risk-adjusted returns through a well-diversified exposure to global high yield credit. The strategy is suitable for investors looking for liquidity in all market conditions.

By construction the strategy effectively avoids being directly exposed to EUR or USD long term interest rates. In addition, the fund avoids all costs typically associated with hedging foreign currency back into Swedish Krona.

## How To Invest In The Fund

Some of the fund's share classes are available through Swedish banks and fund platforms. Furthermore, some share classes have a higher minimum investment, and for such share classes a dilution levy can be applied at subscription/redemption in order to protect the fund's shareholders. The process is the same as employed by exchange traded funds and also allows for physical creations/redemptions.

## Risk Profile

Credit risk is the dominant risk factor in the fund. It is exposed to credit spreads of both its bond positions and its position in CDS contracts.

## Portfolio managers



Daniel has fifteen years of experience in trading fixed income, equity and currency products. He has previously worked as a quantitative analyst and asset manager at Handelsbanken and built up and managed a derivative portfolio at Industrivärden.

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