

# **ELEVA Absolute Return Europe - Class I**

## 29/01/2021 Monthly report

For professional, gualified and institutional investors.

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#### Investment objective and approach

#### Performance and risk measures

Sources: ELEVA Capital, Bloomberg

• Aiming to achieve an absolute return over the medium term through capital growth

Investing primarily in European equities and equity related securities on both a long and short basis
Differentiated and disciplined bottom up investment philosophy complemented by a macroeconomic overlay

to support sector positioning

• Flexible net exposure between -10 and +50% driven by

fundamental idea generation and market volatility

Recommended investment horizon : At least 5 years

#### **Fund facts**

Manager: Eric Bendahan

Legal structure: Luxembourg SICAV - UCITS V

Fund launch date: 30th December 2015

Total Fund Assets: 2 369 385 674 €

#### Last NAV: as of 29/01/2021

Class I (EUR) acc.: 1 166.91 € Class I (EUR) dis.: 1 162.23 € Class I (CHF) acc. (hedged) : 1 224.40 CHF Class I (GBP) acc. (hedged) : 1 158.12 GBP Class I (USD) acc. (hedged) : 1 182.17 USD

#### **Distribution policy:**

Class I (EUR) acc.: Accumulation Class I (EUR) dis.: Distribution Class I (CHF) acc. (hedged) : Accumulation Class I (GBP) acc. (hedged) : Accumulation Class I (USD) acc. (hedged) : Accumulation

#### ISIN & Bloomberg code:

Class I (EUR) acc.: LU1331972494 | ELARIEA LX Class I (EUR) dis.: LU1331973112 | ELARIED LX Class I (CHF) acc. (hedged): LU1331972817 | ELEICAH LX Class I (GBP) acc. (hedged): LU1331972908 | ELEIGAH LX Class I (USD) acc. (hedged): LU1331972650 | ELAIUAH LX

#### Share class launch date:

Class I (EUR) acc.: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Class I (EUR) dis.: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Class I (CHF) acc. (hedged) : 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017 Class I (GBP) acc. (hedged) : 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Class I (USD) acc. (hedged) : 23<sup>th</sup> August 2018 **Registration (I EUR acc.)**: AT, BE, DK, FI, FR, DE, IS, IE, IT, LU, NL, NO, PT, SG, ES, SE, GB, CH

For all available share classes please refer to the Fund prospectus.

#### **Risk measures since inception**

Volatility	4.33%
VaR (99%, 20 days)	4.11%
Sharpe ratio	1.31
Sortino Ratio	1.69



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2021	-0.91%												-0.91%
2020	-0.63%	-0.36%	-1.41%	2.42%	2.38%	1.65%	0.96%	2.19%	0.55%	-1.12%	0.30%	1.49%	8.64%
2019	2.66%	0.81%	0.37%	1.32%	-1.54%	0.30%	1.24%	0.82%	-0.53%	0.64%	1.70%	0.53%	8.58%
2018	0.94%	-1.27%	-0.46%	0.64%	2.13%	1.08%	0.26%	-0.24%	1.75%	-2.41%	-1.09%	-1.41%	-0.18%

Class I (EUR) acc: share class launched 10/01/2018 - Please note that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

#### **Monthly Comment**

Markets opened on a high note due to ongoing progress on vaccinations and expectations of further significant fiscal stimulus. However they lost ground over the month as additional lockdowns were implemented globally. High retail investor activity disrupted the US market in January and triggered a wave of short covering activity. ELEVA Absolute Return Europe was down 0.91% in January.

The long book had a negative impact on performance, weighted by poor contributions from Financials and Staples, while Industrials and Materials had a positive impact. Cyclicals were in favour generally, even if it reversed partially as some investors cut their positions to reduce gross exposure. **Covestro** was the best contributor in the month, thanks to ongoing market tightness on their main chemical end markets in polycarbonates and polyurethanes. **Michelin** showed a healthy recovery in tyre demand in Q4, as did **Volvo** with record orders of trucks in the US. On the contrary, defensives suffered. **JDE Peet** was as investors worried about the impact of the weak out of home coffee demand in Europe and Brazil. There was also some profit taking in **Stellantis**, the merged entity of Fiat and Peugeot, after a strong share price performance.

The short book was a small drag to performance. Index hedges helped, but their impact was outweighed in the last week of the month by a wave of short covering that took place in Europe, even if the retail investor influence is clearly not as pronounced as in the US. Our short book is quite diversified and we try to avoid trades that are too crowded in our view.

The macroeconomic environment has been extremely affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, but should now improve. A gradual availability of vaccine means that the economic environment should normalize fully by early 2022. There is probably scope for value and cyclicals to continue their outperformance in the next quarters. We will continue to monitor leading indicators that are in the process of peaking. Value exposure is at 49.3% of the long book. Net exposure was reduced to 18.0% as volatility picked up in markets, whilst gross exposure is at 135.4%.

Since inception, ELEVA Absolute Return Europe is up 16.69%.

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Source: ELEVA Capital

6.4%

8%

18.0%

135 4%

### **Portfolio manager**

Eric Bendahan is the Portfolio Manager of Eleva European Selection, Eleva Euroland Selection and Eleva Absolute Return Europe Funds. Prior to founding Eleva Capital, Eric worked for 9 years at Banque Syz & Co where he was responsible for managing Oyster European Opportunities and Oyster European Selection funds. Eric is a CFA Charterholder and has a Master's in Business and Economics at ESSEC.

### Administrative information

Central administration:

HSBC Continental Europe, Luxembourg Branch

Transfert agent: HSBC Continental Europe, Luxembourg Branch

Custodian bank: HSBC Continental Europe, Luxembourg Branch

Auditor: PricewaterhouseCoopers

Management Company: ELEVA Capital SAS

Subscription / Redemption Cut off: 12:00 CET

Subscription / Redemption Settlement: T+2

Fees

Subscription fee: Up to 3%

**Redemption fee: 0%** 

Management fee: 1%

**Performance fee:** 20% of any excess return the NAV achieves over the High Water Mark

#### **Investment Manager**

Firm name: ELEVA Capital SAS

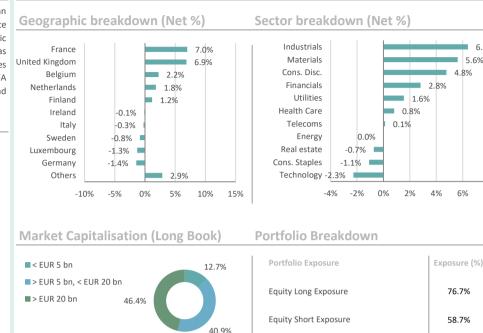
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## Top 5 Long Holdings

Company	Weight (%)	Indexes and Companies	Weight (%)
STELLANTIS NV	2.58%	STOXX EUROPE 600	37.45%
PERNOD RICARD SA	2.12%	CONSUMER STAPLES COMPANY	0.72%
MICHELIN (CGDE)	1.99%	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY COMPANY	0.70%
TELEPERFORMANCE	1.94%	FINANCIALS COMPANY	0.68%
SKF AB-B SHARES	1.76%	FINANCIALS COMPANY	0.66%

Equity Net Exposure

Equity Gross Exposure

**Top 5 Short Holdings** 



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