

Objective

The Fund is a US Dollar denominated, moderate risk, equity long/short hedge fund, which aims to achieve superior risk-adjusted returns on an absolute basis over any 12 month period by investing in Global Emerging Markets.

Capricorn GEM Fund comprises Capricorn GEM Fund Inc. and Capricorn GEM Fund L.P.

	CURRENT NAV PER SHARE	1 MONTH %	YTD %	1 YEAR %	ANNUALISED SINCE LAUNCH	SINCE LAUNCH %
Class A (\$)	205,1	(0,3%)	(2,9%)	7,9%	7,4%	105,1%
Class B (€)	191,8	(0,5%)	(3,3%)	5,0%	6,7%	91,8%
Class C (£)	193,0	(0,5%)	(3,2%)	5,7%	6,8%	93,0%

Date: as at 28/02/2018 (net of fees). Source: Quintillion Limited & Capricorn Fund Managers (Pty) Ltd
AUM of the Capricorn GEM Strategy: \$142m. The Strategy consists of Capricorn GEM Fund Inc., Capricorn GEM Fund LP (\$75m) and Lyxor/Capricorn UCITS Fund (\$67m).

Manager's Comments

February brought a return to volatility for global markets with the iShares MSCI emerging markets ETF having its first significant drawdown since November 2016. The drawdown of -5.9% was sharp and was supposedly precipitated by the upward move in US bond yields. The reality in our view is that markets had rallied uninterrupted for a long time and this was simply a pullback. We were pleased with our monthly return of -0.3% despite running a significant net long position, as our protection strategy as well as a number of short positions bore fruit for us in the month.

Our biggest gainer of the month was a long term short position in a South African property group. We have had a long standing position in this group as it has consistently traded at a substantial premium to its NAV driven by years of South African investors positioning in what they perceived to be "rand hedge defensive dividend" plays. We believed that this trade would unwind as sentiment in South Africa improved and valuations would revert to more logical levels. Our second biggest gainer for the month was a put spread we had taken on the iShares MSCI emerging markets ETF. In the middle of the month we crystallised this gain close to the lows and booked a gain of 1% of performance. We had spoken about the low levels of volatility in our newsletter earlier this year and how this provided us with outsized risk/reward in terms of protecting our portfolio. Other gainers included long-term shorts in Polish insurance and utilities, as well as our long holding in Malaysian e-government services provider, My EG, which rallied in anticipation of strong results.

Losers again for us came from the Philippines in the form of internet company Xurpas, emerging property conglomerate Double Dragon and logistics company Chelsea Logistics. The Philippines has suffered continuous foreign institutional outflows and as a result local retail is now making up as much as 70% of traded volumes in many names. This environment naturally leads to large swings in stock prices and this can be disconcerting for many market participants. However our view on these companies remains positive and the price action only improves the long term opportunity. In order to help during this volatility, we have a series of short positions which have mitigated these drawdowns to some degree. These 3 positions in the Philippines are some of the biggest structural opportunities around and as investors we encourage our investors to look through the volatility which is exacerbated by market conditions. They very much have a place in this portfolio and provide substantial and rapid upside opportunity at any time, since the same volatility on the upside applies as that which has been seen on the downside, once the bottom-up of these businesses evolves. Other losers included our core positions in both Alibaba and Naspers which sold off in line with global internet and tech as well as Bidvest in South Africa which paused after a strong run.

We would also like to take this opportunity to mention the events that have unfolded in an Indian company which we invested in, Vakrangee. As many of our investors will know, we invested in Vakrangee in December 2014 after identifying the substantial growth opportunity in the company due to Indian financial inclusion, its growing list of retail

partners and more specifically the opportunity in ecommerce brought about by the relationship of the company with Amazon. There has always been an element of doubt about the reputation of the company's owners and management team, about which we had been warned by many of our local partners and contacts. We conducted our due diligence and there were some issues which we discovered but we decided that the opportunity at the time was enormous and the risk vs reward profile was heavily in our favour. As the years passed the company became more mainstream, foreign ownership increased and the company even entered the larger indices. We maintained our guard but preferred to believe that many of the issues originally raised were a function of the company's original size and some local relationship issues. In November 2017, we went to India to meet a number of companies and to see the lay of the land. After some detailed research on the trip we began to feel very uneasy and concluded the risk reward was heavily against us. We sold the position in early November, realising a gain of more than 200% on our original investment. Subsequently in late January 2018, news emerged that the Indian regulator, SEBI, was investigating Vakrangee for alleged stock price manipulation. The price fell by 68% from late January to the end of February. The SEBI investigation has subsequently concluded that there was no stock price manipulation but the bounce back in the name has been limited. So to be clear there is no evidence of any misdemeanour at this stage however we will not be re-entering the position. We are happy to speak in more detail on this to any investor about our trip to India and about this name in particular.

We would also like to comment specifically about South Africa. As we have written about in previous investor updates we are very positive on South African equities and further news flow continues to support the thesis of better governance and reform. President Ramaphosa is now in office and has reshuffled his cabinet. We believe South African domestic names (retailers, industrials, banks, insurers and property companies) are still under-owned both by foreign investors but also by local managers and despite optically high valuations from a historical perspective we believe it is still fairly early and as such continue to increase our exposure there.

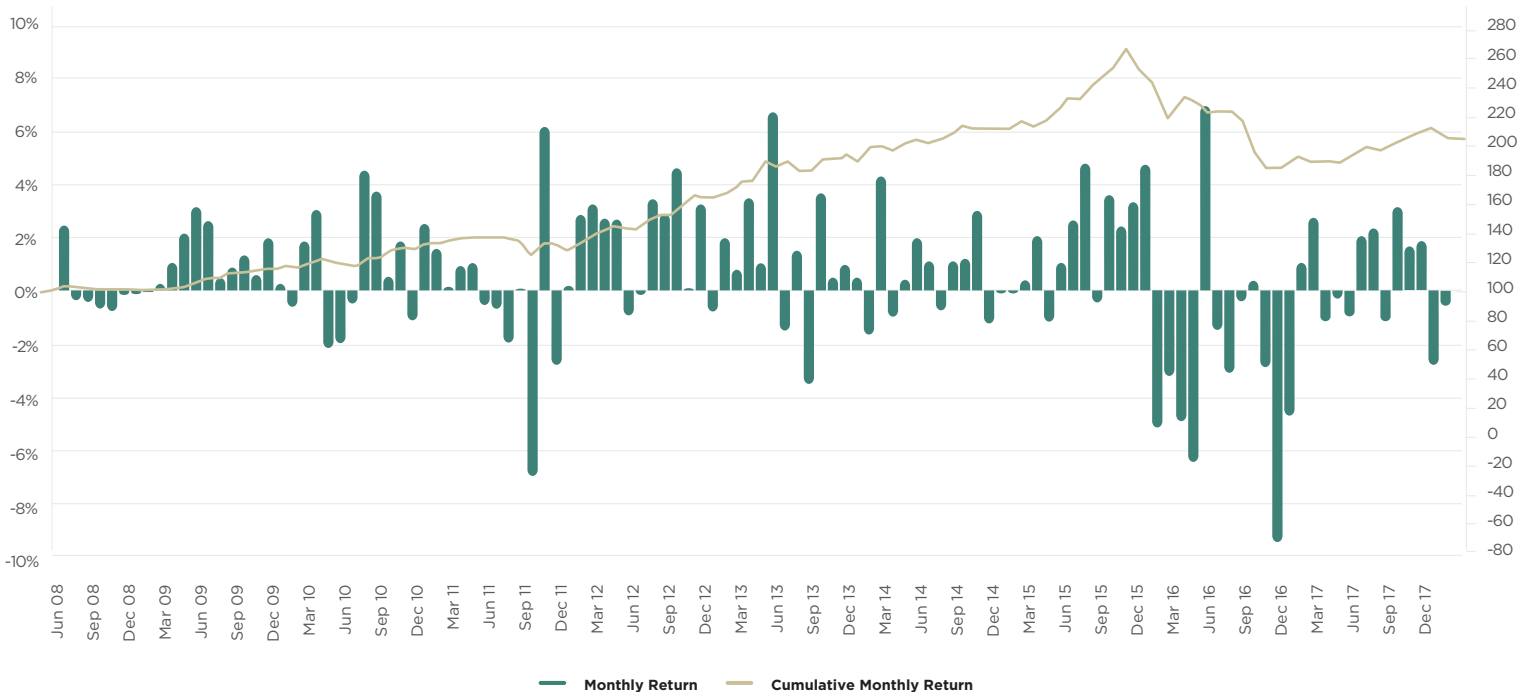
It is important to note that February saw a watershed moment for the fund when we made our first China A share purchases. We have been researching the companies and nature of the China A share market for nearly 2 years and we believe we are ready to participate. Our stock selection is centred on one of our biggest emerging themes which is the rise of Chinese artificial intelligence and our belief that Chinese companies will grow to become dominant players in a global context in the years to come.

Looking ahead more broadly, we are still positive on emerging markets as a whole; however we do think that this return to a higher level of volatility is here to stay and we now firmly are of the view that dispersion across emerging markets is about to rise. This is traditionally a very good environment for our fund and we have taken advantage of the sharp moves to build positions as well as crystallise gains. We have many exciting positions both long and short and look forward to the rest of the year.

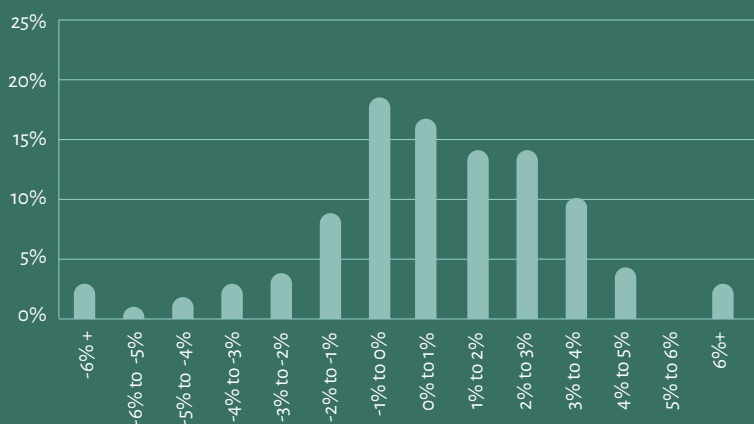
Historical Monthly Returns - Class A (USD)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2008			0.1%	1.2%	2.5%	(0.4%)	(0.4%)	(0.7%)	(0.8%)	(0.1%)	(0.1%)	0.2%	1.6%
2009	0.2%	0.2%	1.0%	2.2%	3.2%	0.5%	2.7%	0.9%	0.7%	1.4%	0.3%	2.0%	16.3%
2010	(0.6%)	1.9%	3.1%	(2.1%)	(2.0%)	(0.5%)	4.6%	0.6%	3.8%	1.9%	(1.1%)	2.6%	12.6%
2011	0.2%	1.6%	1.0%	1.1%	(0.5%)	(0.6%)	0.1%	(1.9%)	(7.0%)	6.3%	0.2%	(2.8%)	(2.9%)
2012	3.0%	3.3%	2.8%	2.7%	(0.9%)	(0.1%)	3.5%	3.0%	0.1%	4.7%	3.3%	(0.7%)	27.4%
2013	0.8%	2.0%	3.6%	1.1%	6.9%	(1.5%)	1.6%	(3.5%)	0.5%	3.8%	0.5%	1.0%	17.7%
2014	(1.6%)	4.4%	0.5%	(1.0%)	2.0%	1.1%	(0.7%)	1.1%	1.2%	3.1%	(1.2%)	(0.0%)	9.2%
2015	0.4%	(0.1%)	2.1%	(1.1%)	1.1%	2.7%	4.9%	(0.4%)	3.7%	2.5%	3.5%	4.8%	26.7%
2016	(5.2%)	(3.2%)	(4.9%)	(6.5%)	7.1%	(1.4%)	(3.1%)	0.4%	(0.4%)	(2.9%)	(9.6%)	(4.4%)	(29.8%)
2017	1.1%	0.0%	2.7%	(1.1%)	(0.1%)	(0.9%)	2.1%	2.4%	(1.2%)	3.3%	1.6%	2.0%	12.4%
2018	(2.6%)	(0.3%)											(2.9%)

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Frequency Distribution of Monthly Returns Since Inception



Statistics

Assets Under Management (USD)	74.8m
Gross exposure	193%
Net Exposure	76%
% of positive months	62%
% of negative months	38%
Average positive monthly return	2.1%
Average negative monthly return	(1.8%)
Annualised monthly volatility (historic)	9.1%
Sharpe Ratio	0.8
Maximum monthly drawdown	(9.6%)
Maximum cumulative drawdown	(29.8%)

Exposure

Sector Exposure	Gross	Net
Financials	48%	14%
Information Technology	30%	18%
Consumer Discretionary	29%	14%
Materials	27%	8%
Consumer Staples	25%	11%
Industrials	16%	11%
Hedge	6%	6%
Health Care	3%	(3%)
Real Estate	3%	(3%)
Telecommunication Services	3%	3%
Utilities	2%	(2%)
Energy	1%	(1%)
Grand Total	193%	76%

Country Exposure (based on Revenue split of Invested Companies)	Gross	Net
Africa	53%	25%
Asia Ex-China	52%	21%
Middle East	27%	11%
Eastern Europe	16%	(3%)
South America	16%	(1%)
China	15%	14%
Europe	9%	4%
ROW	4%	4%
Australia	1%	1%
Grand Total	193%	76%

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