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Global Credit Investing

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Specialist fixed income manager

Proprietary global credit strategy

Consistently strong returns

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SphereInvest at a glance

Specialist fixed income manager

Boutique investment manager founded in 2009 by Joseph Strubel and Nicolas Snelling

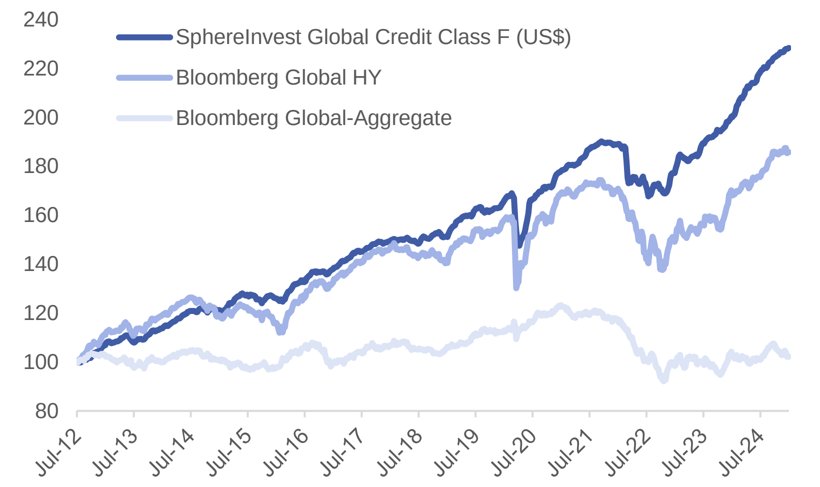
Global credit strategy

- Dynamic, unconstrained & opportunistic, long-only fixed income fund
- Globally diversified, high-conviction portfolio of hard currency corporate bonds and, at times, short-duration US Treasuries
- ★★★★★ MorningStar rating

Proprietary investment process

1. Quantitative rank-factor screening to highlight relative value
2. Thorough, bottom-up fundamental analysis of individual credits
3. Qualitative "equity approach" incorporating macroeconomic context for individual risk assessment and market timing.

Performance As at 31.12.24	YtD	3 years		Since inception	
	Return	Return*	Sharpe	Return*	Sharpe
SphereInvest Global Credit Class F (US$)	14.0%	6.3%	0.5	6.8%	1.4
Bloomberg Global HY	9.2%	2.7%	-0.2	5.1%	0.5
ICE US HY	8.2%	2.8%	-0.2	5.4%	0.6
ICE Europe HY	8.6%	2.4%	-0.3	5.2%	0.6
ICE EM HY	12.5%	1.5%	-0.4	4.8%	0.5
Bloomberg Global-Aggregate	-1.7%	-4.4%	-1.1	0.2%	-0.3
MCSCI World	17.0%	4.6%	0.0	9.1%	0.5
MSCI EM	5.1%	-4.3%	-0.5	1.1%	0.0



*Annualised weekly Returns and Sharpe Ratios. **Fund inception: July 2012.**
Source: SphereInvest Group; ICE BofA. The value of shares in the UCITS and income received from it can go down as well as up and investors may not get back the full amount invested. Performance may also be affected by currency fluctuations.

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Our investment philosophy

Unconstrained and opportunistic fixed income, Targeting mid+ single digit annual coupons

Global high yield

Consistently greater return per unit of risk vs other asset classes

Hard currency corporate high yield continues to be a fertile asset class for targeted returns with good liquidity

Access to opportunities at unsynchronized stages of the business cycle

Dynamic barbell portfolio

High conviction portfolio of hard currency, corporate high yield bonds

Avoiding over-diversification & stale positioning

Flexibility to harness inefficiencies in unrated issuers

Risk-off option to increase cash/US treasuries, reducing market beta in a negative financial environment

Proprietary investment process

Quantitative rank-factor screening

Bottom-up fundamental analysis

Qualitative ‘equity approach’ consideration

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Core Strengths

Investment expertise

- Experienced credit team led by Joseph Strubel,
- Analytical, trading and portfolio management experience in global credit through numerous investment cycles
- Dedicated expertise across the Americas, Asia, and EMEA

Proprietary portfolio selection

- Quantitative rank-factor screening to highlight relative value
- Thorough bottom-up fundamental analysis of individual credits
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Institutional operations & systems

- Comprehensive portfolio oversight (Nasdaq Adenza Trading and Risk Management Platform)
- Partnered with Apex Investment Services for middle-back-office support and independent portfolio valuation
- Global Custodian: Citibank N.A., London

Outsourcing operations model

- Non-core operational functions outsourced to independent specialists in their field
- Middle & back office, portfolio valuation & accounting, technology solutions all outsourced
- Provides significant expertise, personnel and resources

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Investment process, trade initiation and review

Proprietary screening

Prioritization of ideas from credit universe (in the 1000s)

Seeking attractive ranking across multiple facets:

- Credit fundamentals
- Momentum
- Liquidity

Dynamic focus list

(4-500 credits)

- Attractive yield (≥ 6-8%)
- Threshold creditworthiness
- Better or best-ranked across a range of relative value measures

Opportunities offering more spread per unit of risk

"Favourites" (the Portfolio)

(~50 credits)

Second relative value evaluation

- Bottom-up fundamental analysis
- Qualitative "equity approach"
- Macroeconomic context for risk assessment & market timing

Continuous and dynamic portfolio and position monitoring, for additions, reductions and switches

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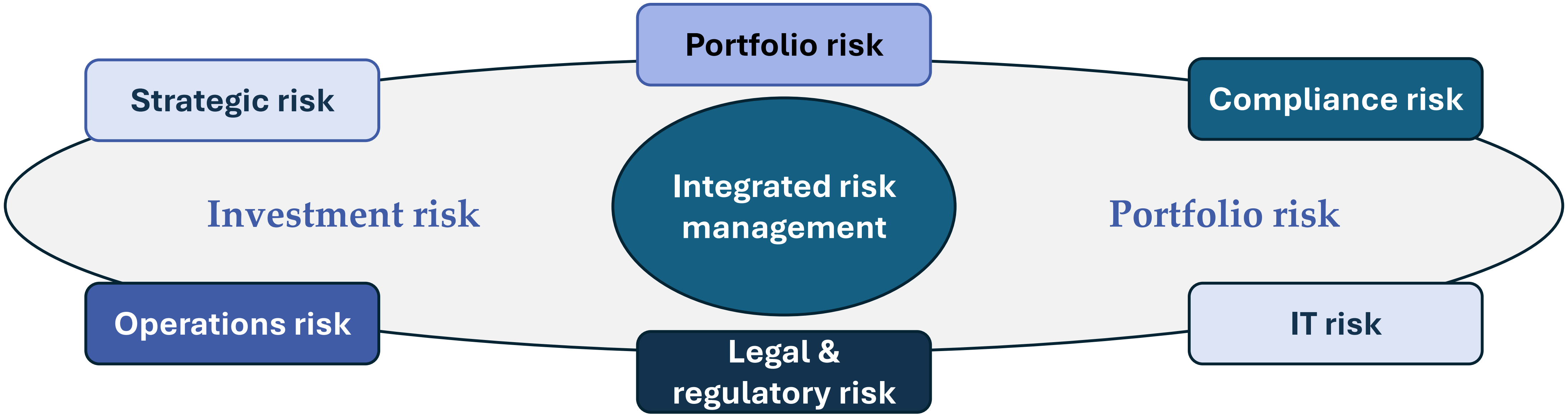
Risk management



Nasdaq Adenza portfolio management

- Hard limits by issuer, industry, country, region and rating.
- >5% move triggers review of position.
- Pre-set individual position limits trigger profit taking or stop loss discussion.
- Stop loss discussion leads to exit or hold decision

Nasdaq Adenza monitoring

- Enterprise Risk System allows real time monitoring to mitigate and control position, portfolio & counterparty risks
- External (independent) reconciliation with all counterparties and administrator (Apex)

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SphereInvest Global Credit Strategies Fund

Terms and service providers

Domicile	Ireland	
Regulatory framework	UCITs V	
Launch date	2nd July 2012	
Management fee	Retail Share Class: 1.5%	Institutional Share Class: 1%
Performance fee	5% paid annually, above high-water mark	
Share classes:	Retail	Institutional
Minimum investment	25,000 nominal	200,000 nominal
Accumulating	USD EUR GBP CHF CAD NOK	USD EUR GBP CHF CAD NOK
Distributing	USD EUR	USD EUR
Series accounting	-	USD EUR CHF
Liquidity	Daily NAV, Weekly Trading with 8 business days' notice for redemption	
Administrator	Apex Fund Services (Ireland) Ltd.	
Custodian & global custodian	European Depository Bank SA, Dublin & Citibank N.A., London	
Legal advisor	Eversheds Sutherland (EU Law)	
Auditor	Deloitte Ireland LLP	
Regulator	Central Bank of Ireland	

Meet the credit team

Joseph Strubel, Senior Advisor & Co-Founder

- 40-years' experience in financial services
- Non-exec director on the board of S&P Global Ratings 2015 – 2019
- Senior Investment roles at Millennium Global, Renaissance Capital, SBC Warburg, HSBC & Merrill Lynch
- BA Economics & MBA Finance/Applied Economics

Sebastian Hofmeister, Senior Portfolio Manager

- 25+ years' experience in financial services
- Head of Latam credit at Lucror Analytics
- Senior Analyst / Portfolio Manager for NN Investment Partners' European high yield bond strategy
- 10-years as a ratings analyst at Moody's
- BA and MA Economics
- CFA Charter Holder

Gerd Balon, Portfolio Manager

- 20+ years' experience in financial services
- Head of Fixed Income at Anchor Investment Management
- Corporate Credit Analyst Team Leader at Raiffeisten Zentralbank
- BSc Industrial Engineering, MBA Information Management, and Dr in Operations Research
- CFA Charter Holder

Tiberiu Samareanu, Junior Portfolio Manager

- 15+ years' experience in financial services
- Head of Trading at TradExec Ltd.
- Derivatives trading at Union Capital Group, Macroeconomic research at National Bank of Romania, Financial Data Management at Erst Group
- MSc Finance
- CFA Charter Holder

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Meet the operations team

Nicolas Snelling, Chief Operating Officer & Co-Founder

- 30+years' experience in financial services
- COO and CFO at Cedar Investment Management Ltd, CFO at Agora Capital Management Ltd.
- BA Accounting and Financial Control
- Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Roscoe Camilleri, Chief Financial Officer

- 20+yeas' experience in industry and financial services
- CFA Compliance Officer and Money Laundering Reporting Officer Managed several FTSE100 multinational groups at Marsh Management Services
- Higher Diploma in Management and Business Administration
- Chartered Accountant

Tracey Mifsud, Financial Controller

- Senior Auditor and Audit Supervisor for Park Russell Turner
- Associate Auditor for Grant Thornton
- BA Commerce and MSc Accountancy

Joshua Snelling, Investor Relations Manager

- Customer relationship role at a large multi-national
- Developed digital marketing capabilities

SphereInvest Global Credit Strategies Fund

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Fund Databases

Investment Platforms

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