

## **BLOCKCHAIN STRATEGIES FUND**

## October 2019

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NAV	Oct 2019					
USD Class	58.88					
EUR Class	66.07					

### **Market commentary**

The major cryptocurrencies showed a positive return in October. Bitcoin and Ripple rallied respectively 10.9% and 15.8%, Litecoin rose 4.8% while Ethereum's performance was more subdued with a 2.3% return (source: Cryptocompare).

Currently the Eurekahedge Cryptocurrency Hedge Fund Index (representing crypto hedge funds' performance) is up 6.2% for the month of October. (www.eurekahedge.com as at 02/12/19).

October was a month of great contrast. Crypto markets had been trending sideways with a bearish bias during the first three weeks of the month, that is until October 25th, when we saw a massive U-turn, with Bitcoin rallying almost 35% in just a couple of hours. This followed comments from Chinese President Xi Jinping, reasserting the importance of the blockchain technology and the increasing role that blockchain should play in the Chinese economy going forward. Those remarks were taken as a strong endorsement from the most significant economy in the world, which triggered renewed enthusiasm amongst the investment community.

October also saw Canadian Investment Fund Manager 3iQ receive initial approval from the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) to launch a closed end Bitcoin Fund. This, it is expected, will enable them to offer Canadian retail investors a regulated, publicly traded Bitcoin Fund by the end of the year.

Crypto markets' general trend remains unclear in the short term. Nevertheless, the ongoing consolidation does not show the typical patterns associated with a new bear market so Block Asset Management's investment team remains constructive for the remainder of the year. On a longer term horizon (several quarters), the current cycle continues to develop in line with previous long term bull cycles. Current levels offer attractive long-term entry points for investors willing to build exposure on the crypto asset class, in our opinion.

## **Portfolio commentary**

Blockchain Strategies Fund's USD and EUR Share Classes declined 5.8% and 5.3% respectively in October. On the bright side, the Fund's cumulated performance in 2019 (to 31st October) remains solid at + 34.9% and 41.5% (USD & EUR classes).

The fund's underperformance in October was due to a short-term set-back experienced by some of our underlying funds (multi-strategies segment of the portfolio), whose positions were at odds with the huge and unexpected one-day reversal on the  $25^{th}$ . A pull-back on some tokens within the portfolio added to the decline too. We expect to recover this negative performance as the market retraces (a result of diversification).

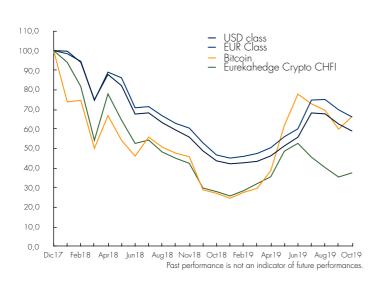
October saw the addition of 2 new funds to our portfolio, a quant trading fund and an exciting VC Fund. Both funds having passed our extensive due diligence process.

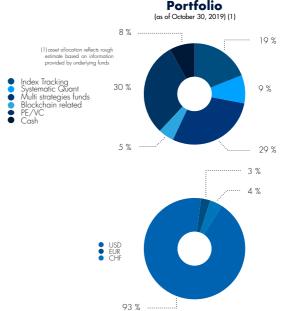
Since launch, the Fund has outperformed the Eurekahedge Cryptocurrency Hedge Fund Index by 21.3%. Interestingly enough, performance was achieved with roughly half the volatility (35% volatility for the fund vs 63% volatility for the index).

## Performance (as of October 31, 2019)

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2018	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	Since Inception
BSF USD (Class A)	-0.31%	-5.74%	-20.34%	17.23%	-6.48%	-17.59%	0.81%	-7.36%	-5.91%	-6.18%	-12.45%	-10.59%	-56.35%	-56.35%
BSF EUR (Class B)	-1.65%	-3.96%	-21.07%	19.42%	-3.36%	-17.69%	0.79%	-6.54%	-5.94%	-3.70%	-12.54%	-11.63%	-53.29%	-53.29%
Bitcoin (BTC)	-26.16%	1.04%	-32.80%	33.19%	-18.88%	-14.89%	21.14%	-9.16%	-6.15%	-3.83%	-36.78%	-6.54%	-72.94%	-72.94%
Eurekahedge Crypto CHFI	-6.04%	-13.11%	-33.67%	43.80%	-17.20%	-18.39%	3.11%	-11.22%	-6.63%	-5.73%	-29.83%	-5.26%	-71.81%	-71.81%
2019														
BSF USD (Class A)	-3.33%	1.22%	1.73%	6.42%	10.99%	8.67%	22.23%	-0.70%	-7.62%	-5.84%			34.89%	-41.12%
BSF EUR (Class B)	-3.38%	1.88%	3.24%	6.19%	11.11%	7.23%	24.46%	0.39%	-7.02%	-5.30%			41.45%	-33.93%
Bitcoin (BTC)	-8.92%	12.02%	7.57%	30.10%	59.81%	25.94%	-6.35%	-4.51%	-13.88%	10.92%			145.49%	-33.58%
*Eurekahedge Crypto CHFI	-8.60%	10.56%	12.58%	10.96%	36.69%	8.23%	-13.43%	-11.58%	-12.05%	6.19%			33.49%	-62.37%

<sup>\*</sup> Eurekahedge Crypto-Currency Hedge Fund Index: Based on 46.67% of funds which have reported October 2019 returns as at 2 December 2019 (please note that those figures are estimates and will be revised when all funds have reported their performance, and published by the Index provider).









## **Investment Program**

Blockchain Strategies Fund (BSF) is the world's first fund of funds focusing on blockchain technology investment opportunities such as Funds focusing on all aspects of digital currencies and listed companies using blockchain technology. The Fund has been designed to offer investors full access to the world's newest and fastest growing asset class with the benefits of sound risk management and portfolio diversification to reduce volatility.

#### **Investment Strategy**

A diversified multi-strategy approach that captures the sector's development while reducing downside risk in what is still a volatile and complex sector.

## **INDEX TRACKING**

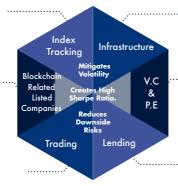
Exposure to multiple crypto currencies offering capital appreciation

## BLOCKCHAIN RELATED LISTED COMPANIES

Global listed companies that are committing material resources seeking to transform practical business applications through the development and use of blockchain technology

#### **TRADING**

Exposure to absolute return type strategies through cryptocurrency trading and exchange arbitrage



#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Exposure to crypto infrastructure companies generating income

# VENTURE CAPITAL & PRIVATE EQUITY

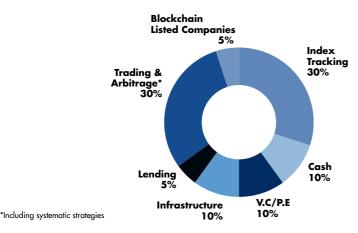
Exposure to Blockchain Funds with exposure to Initial Coin Offerings and Security Token Offerings: exposure to Private Equity / Venture Capital type gains

#### **LENDING**

Exposure to crypto and fiat loans markets across crypto exchanges offering high yields

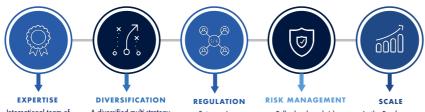
# A MULTI STRATEGY DIVERSIFYING INTO VARIOUS MARKETS, MANAGERS AND BLOCKCHAIN INVESTMENT STYLES.

#### **Model Portfolio**



### **Your Specialist Asset Manager**

The Fund bridges the gap between fint and crypto asset classes by applying risk management techniques and customizing them to the crypto emerging asset class.



International team of hand-picked professionals with experience in crypto, risk management, banking and funds A diversified multi-strategy approach that captures the sector's development while educing downside risk in wh is still a volatile and complex sector Set up using a well-established structure in Luxembourg. The Fund has an independent administrator, bank and auditor. Fully developed risk management framework. Enhanced due diligence model customized for the unique characteristics of the crypto asset class

As the Fund grows, Investors benefit from higher scale rewards as opposed to an individual investment into any of the underlying instruments

### **Key Fund Facts**

Fund Name: Blockchain Strategies Fund
Fund Manager: Block Asset Management
Admin.: Banque de Patrimoines Privés
Bank: Banque de Patrimoines Privés
Auditor: Mazars Luxembourg
Legal: Eversheds Sutherland
Swiss Representative: OpenFunds

Dealing / Liquidity: Monthly
Currencies: USD / EUR
Registration: CSSF Luxembourg

Fund type: Open ended Incorporation: Luxembourg
Management Fee: 2.5%

Performance Fee: 25% (10% Hurdle)
Redemption Fee: 5% (in first 12 months)

Eligibility: Qualified Investors
ISIN USD: LU1738364063
ISIN EUR: LU1738363925
Bloomberg Ticker USD: BLCSUSD LX
Bloomberg Ticker EUR: BLCSEUR LX

## **Key Benefits**

- ▶ Blockchain Strategies Fund offers a diverse and broad access to the blockchain technology and crypto currencies. The Block Asset Management team includes experts with over 100 years combined experience in the fund & asset management industry (Credit Suisse, Citibank, Societe General, UBS, Barclays & Lloyds).
- ▶ The Fund bridges the gap between fiat and crypto asset classes by applying proven risk management techniques and customizing them to the emerging crypto asset class. Via the Fund, investors gain diversified exposure to this dynamic new asset class by way of the funds unique six-prong investment approach.
- ➤ Maximum drawdowns can be reduced applying active Risk Management to a diversified portfolio of underlying Funds/ cryptocurrencies thus creating a smoother investment journey (less volatility).
- Blockchain Strategies Fund has strict fund concentration, strategy allocation and liquidity rules limiting maximum exposure single manager, single fund, single exchange & single currency.
- ▶ Block Asset Management is registered as AIFM with the CSSF in Luxembourg.

### **Executive Board Block AM**

Manuel E. De Luque Muntaner Founder & CEO

Kevin Ballard Co-Founder & CCO

Daniel Vegue Domínguez Partner & Chief Strategy Officer Yannis Georgandelis Advisor

**Antonio Llabrés** Partner & CMO

**Juan Carlos Serrano** Partner & COO

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