# Monthly report February 2021

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#### **PROFILE**

NCO Sustainable Return invests in Nordic corporate bonds with a target return of 7-10% p.a. The fund maintains a portfolio of c.25 holdings. Each investment undergoes thorough commercial, financial and ESG due diligence, is continuously monitored and subject to final approval by NCP's Investment Committee.

# **SUSTAINABILITY**

NCP integrates sustainability into the investment thesis to benefit our investors and contribute to the development of sustainability in society at large. We focus on companies that has a thorough understanding of the exposure to its specific ESG risks and opportunities, thus futureproofing the portfolio and investing in long-term frontrunners.

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# Sustainable Return

#### **MARKET & PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY**

February will sadly go down in history as the month when a Sovereign on the European Continent invaded another for the first time since WWII. The invasion is first a foremost a humanitarian catastrophe, but the market reaction was also understandably violent. The major market concern in the first weeks of February was Fed's expectedly hawkish approach to increasing interest rates but focus gradually shifted towards Ukraine. Consequently, all Nordic equity and debt indices fell during the month, notably Nasdaq OMX Nordic 120 Index was down -4.4% (-12.7% YTD).

The fund yielded -0.47% during the month (+0,30% YTD). The performance was driven by a reduction in cash prices by 1-2% across the portfolio due to a supply/demand imbalance on the back of redemptions in daily traded bond funds. As such, the price decline is not a reflection of increasing credit risk; our portfolio remains Nordic-centric and is not directly impacted by the situation in Ukraine. However, we understand several large Nordic bond funds suffered redemptions of 10-20% (and some smaller funds up to 50%) of AUM during the month with limited takers in the market. As our redemption policy is aligned with the liquidity of the underlying market, we have - unlike our peers - not been forced to realise any losses at these reduced levels. Instead, we have taken advantage of e.g. stressed sellers and mispricing between bonds in different currencies issued by the same issuer.

The primary market is currently closed for new issuances, and we solely focus on the secondary market. We currently see many attractive investment opportunities but remain very selective to preserve leverage headroom and liquidity for additional opportunities in the coming months.

Finally, we regret to inform you that our industry adviser Professor Marian Radetzki passed away recently. Marian, 85, was both an important investor in our early funds and a trusted adviser since NCP's inception. He will be greatly missed by the entire NCP family

Cecilia, Chris, Jakob

# **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%) SHARE CLASS B**

| NAV    | 1 month | YTD  | 1 year | 3 years | Since inception |
|--------|---------|------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| 103,96 | -0,47   | 0,30 | 7,13   | NA      | 10,87           |

# **MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (%)**

| Year | Jan  | Feb   | Mar  | Apr  | May  | Jun   | Jul  | Aug   | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  | FY   |
|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2022 | 0,77 | -0,47 |      |      |      |       |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| 2021 | 0.84 | 0,44  | 0,72 | 0,97 | 0,47 | 1,00  | 0,98 | 1,05  | 0,37 | 0,27 | 0,41 | 0,38 | 8,10 |
| 2020 |      |       |      |      |      | -0,06 | 0,39 | -0,02 | 0.11 | 0.06 | 1,54 | 0.14 | 2.16 |

#### **THE FUND**

| Fund name          | Nordic Credit Opportunities S.A., SICAV-RAIF - Sustainable Return |            |                             |  |  |  |
|--------------------|---|------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Target instruments | Nordic corporate bonds  | AIFM       | Fuchs Asset Management S.A. |  |  |  |
| Target return      | 7-10% p.a. net of fees  | Depository | Société Générale Luxembourg |  |  |  |
| Inception date     | 25 June 2020  | Auditor    | PWC Luxembourg              |  |  |  |

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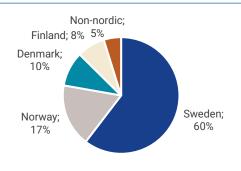
#### **KEY RATIOS**

| Ratio                     |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Yield to maturity (gross) | 10,1%     |
| Yield to worst (gross)    | 10,5%     |
| Average coupon            | 8,0%      |
| Duration                  | 0,7 years |
| Modified duration         | 0,7 years |
| Average credit maturity   | 2,3 years |

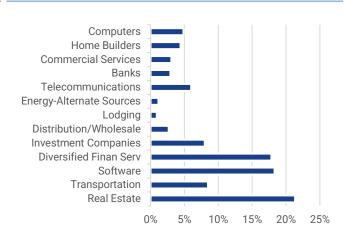
# **TOP HOLDINGS**

| Issuer                  | %    |
|-------------------------|------|
| HEIMSTADEN AB           | 6,1% |
| MULTITUDE SE            | 5,1% |
| SIBS AB                 | 5,0% |
| IMPALA GROUP PLC        | 5,0% |
| AZERION HOLDINGS BV     | 4,9% |
| OMNIONE S.A.            | 4,8% |
| DOOBA FINANCE AB        | 4,7% |
| MEDIA AND GAMES INVEST  | 4,7% |
| ESMAEILZADEH HOLDING AB | 4,5% |
| CABONLINE GROUP HOLD    | 4,4% |

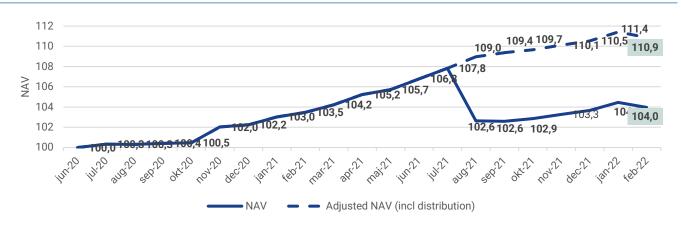
#### **BREAKDOWN BY GEOGRAPHY**



#### **BREAKDOWN BY SECTOR**



# **NAV SHARE CLASS B**



#### **SHARE CLASS INFORMATION**

|                             | Class A               | Class B                | Class C                |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| ISIN                        | To be launched        | LU2173402509           | LU2173402681           |
| Currency                    | EUR                   | EUR                    | EUR                    |
| Income                      | Distribution          | Distribution           | Distribution           |
| Frequency                   | Yearly                | Yearly                 | Yearly                 |
| Minimum                     | EUR 20,000,000        | EUR 500,000            | EUR 500,000            |
| Last day of subscription    | 31st December 2021    | 31st December 2021     | 31st December 2021     |
| Redemption / Redemption fee | Annually / 3%         | Annually / 3%          | Monthly / 7%           |
| Fixed fee                   | 0,5% p.a.             | 0,55% p.a.             | 0,55% p.a.             |
| Perf fee                    | 20% p.a.              | 20% p.a.               | 20% p.a.               |
| Hurdle                      | max (Euribor 3m;3.0%) | max (Euribor 3m; 0.0%) | max (Euribor 3m; 0.0%) |