

# **Aster Global Credit**

## **Monthly Report - June 2025**



## **Portfolio Manager Comment**

The talking points of the month are the big budget proposal in the US and the Riksbank's attempt to shock start the Swedish economy. As for the US, we can see that the stock market has recovered after Liberation Day and is now at an all-time high again. American core inflation is still well above the central bank's target and the budget deficit after Trump's budget proposal will accumulate another number of trillions in debt. The budget proposal, now that most people believe it will be voted through, seems to only be filled with more unfunded tax cuts. While the economy is being fueled more than ever before in history, the market expects the key interest rate to be cut two or three steps this autumn. In Sweden, the Riksbank is doing its best to get the economy going with an interest rate cut and a promise of more. This even though core inflation is anchored north of 2%. A lower interest rate will have an impact faster in Sweden than in many other countries because much of the economy has a short interest rate fixation period, and perhaps the strong krona can compensate for any additional inflationary pressure. The Swedish ten-year swap rate is down 11 basis points during the month.

The credit market, like the stock market, has recovered from tariff fears during the month, the investment grade index has compressed 3 basis points in Europe and 5 basis points in the US.

## **Investment Goal and Strategy**

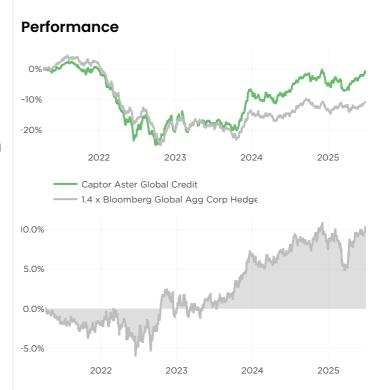
The fund targets highly liquid exposure in European and North American Investment Grade credit, whilst keeping both currency and interest rate risk in Swedish Krona. To this end credit exposure is assumed via index-based centrally cleared Credit Default Swaps (CDS). The Reference Indices of the CDS contracts are Itraxx Europe Main and CDX Investment Grade North America. The exposure to each issuer is equally weighted, ensuring a well-diversified portfolio.

The fund takes positions that eliminate its exposure to companies that do not meet the sustainability requirements set up by Captor. The fund is classified as Article 8 according to the Disclosure Regulation.

The fund's capital will be invested in AAA rated SEK bonds, primarily Swedish covered bonds. Interest rate exposure is assumed via these bonds and cleared interest rate swaps in Swedish Krona.

### **Risk Metrics**

Duration	10.69 years	CDS index EUR IG	54.59 bp
Credit duration (CDS)	10.51 years	spread	
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		spread	



#### **Relative Performance**



### **Attribution This Month**

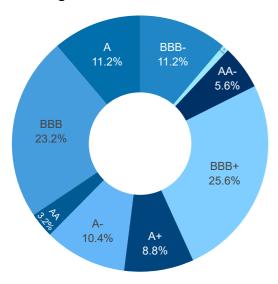


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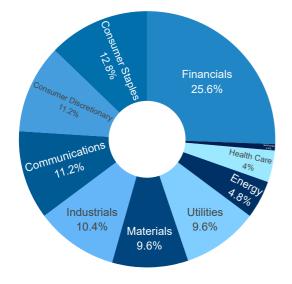
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# **Europe CDS**

## **Credit Rating**

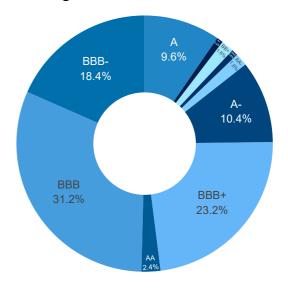


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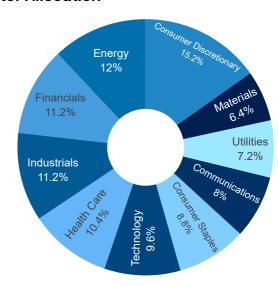


## Nordamerika CDS

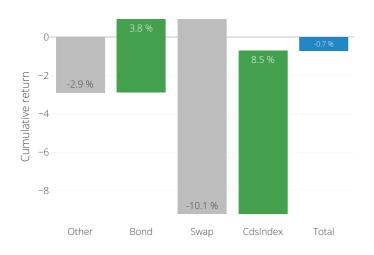
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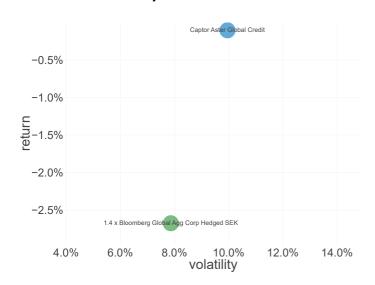
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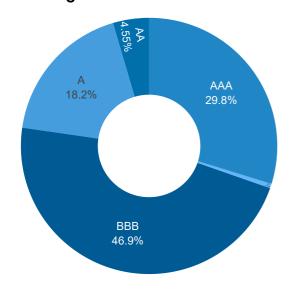
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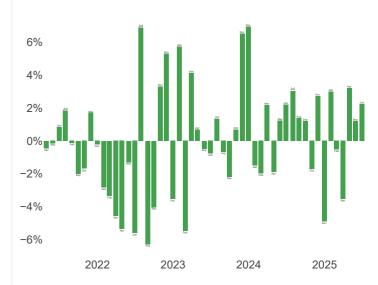
## **Return Vs Volatility**



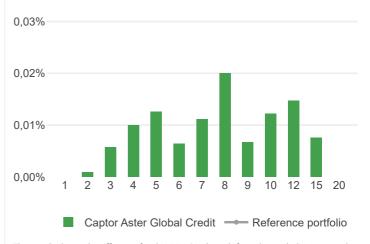
## **Credit Ratings**



## **Monthly returns**



### **Interest Rate Risk**



The graph shows the effect on fund NAV in % when shifting the underlying curve down by 0.01%.

#### **Return Table**

	Helår	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Maj	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec
2025	5.5%	3.0%	-0.5%	-3.5%	3.2%	1.2%	2.2%						
2024	1.7%	-1.5%	-2.0%	2.2%	-1.9%	1.2%	2.2%	3.0%	1.4%	1.2%	-1.7%	2.7%	-4.9%
2023	16.8%	5.7%	-5.5%	4.1%	0.7%	-0.5%	-0.8%	1.3%	-0.7%	-2.2%	0.7%	6.5%	7.0%
2022	-20.3%	-2.8%	-3.3%	-4.6%	-5.4%	-1.3%	-5.6%	6.9%	-6.3%	-4.0%	3.3%	5.3%	-3.5%
2021	-0.3%				-0.5%	-0.2%	0.8%	1.8%	-0.1%	-2.0%	-1.7%	1.7%	-0.2%

## **Top Holdings**

Issuer	Weight	Maturity	Rating	Sector
Länsförsäkringar Hypotek AB	9.6%	2031-09-10	AAA	Bank/finans
SEB Covered Bond Programme	9.4%	2029-12-06	AAA	Bank/finans
Kingdom of Sweden	7.0%	2033-11-11	AAA	Statlig
Kingdom of Sweden	6.0%	2028-05-12	AAA	Statlig
Sveriges Säkerställda Obligationer AB	5.9%	2030-06-12	AAA	Bank/finans
Nordea Hypotek AB	5.2%	2029-10-26	AAA	Bank/finans
Sparebanken Vest Boligkreditt AS	4.9%	2028-09-29	AAA	Bank/finans
Nordea Hypotek AB	4.5%	2029-10-08	AAA	Bank/finans
Stadshypotek AB	4.2%	2028-06-20	AAA	Bank/finans
DNB Boligkredit AS	3.6%	2029-01-18	AAA	Bank/finans

### **Top Issuers**

Issuer	Weight	Rating	Sector
Kingdom of Sweden	13.8%	AAA	Statlig
SEB Covered Bond Programme	12.2%	AAA	Bank/finans
Nordea Hypotek AB	11.1%	AAA	Bank/finans
Länsförsäkringar Hypotek AB	11.0%	AAA	Bank/finans
Stadshypotek AB	9.3%	AAA	Bank/finans
Landshypotek Bank AB	5.9%	AAA	Bank/finans
Sveriges Säkerställda Obligationer AB	5.9%	AAA	Bank/finans
Sparebanken Vest Boligkreditt AS	5.8%	AAA	Bank/finans
Sparbanken Skåne AB	4.5%	AAA	Bank/finans
Skandiabanken Aktiebolag (publ)	4.5%	AAA	Bank/finans

### **Share Classes**

	Class A	Class C
NAV	295.7652	99.5747
NAV Date	2025-06-30	2025-06-30
Dividend	No	No
Bloomberg Ticker	CASTERA SS Equity	CASTERC SS Equity
ISIN	SE0015243878	SE0015243886
Trade Cycle	Dagligen	Dagligen
Cut-off	14:00	10:00
SFDR	Article 8	Article 8
Min. Investment	100	10 000 000
Fee	0,6%	0,4%
Currency	SEK	SEK
Reg. Status	UCITS	UCITS
Currency Hedged	Yes	Yes

#### **Reasons To Invest**

The fund is suitable for investors with home currency in Swedish Krona looking for attractive risk-adjusted returns through a well-diversified exposure to global investment grade credit. The strategy is suitable for investors looking for liquidity in all market conditions.

By construction the strategy effectively avoids being directly exposed to EUR or USD long term interest rates. In addition, the fund avoids all costs typically associated with hedging foreign currency back into Swedish Krona.

#### **How To Invest In The Fund**

Some of the fund's share classes are available through Swedish banks and fund platforms. Furthermore, some share classes have a higher minimum investment, and for such share classes a dilution levy can be applied at subscription/redemption in order to protect the fund's shareholders. The process is the same as employed by exchange traded funds and also allows for physical creations/redemptions.

### **Risk Profile**

Interest rate risk and credit risk are the dominant risk factors in the fund. Typically a portfolio with equal exposure to these two risk factors will create a well balanced portfolio due to low correlation between them.

### Portfolio managers



Daniel has fifteen years of experience in trading fixed income, equity and currency products. He has previously worked as a quantitative analyst and asset manager at Handelsbanken and built up and managed a derivative portfolio at Industrivärden.

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