

# ASTER GLOBAL CREDIT SHORT TERM

## **MONTHLY REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2025**



#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENT

Out with inflation and in with the labor market. The Federal Reserve cut interest rates after weaker-than-expected labor market figures. The dual mission of keeping an eye on inflation and at the same time ensuring that unemployment does not skyrocket gives the FED's board of directors a great deal of freedom. Despite the fact that the inflation rate remains elevated, and perhaps even on the rise, a cut now is considered right to support the labor market. However, American statistics are notoriously uncertain and figures that came in at the end of the month have pointed to a continued strong labor market. The FED was also clear that they wanted to see more clear figures before they can continue to lower interest rates. The Swedish Riksbank has also jumped on the bandwagon to cut interest rates as a stimulus, it is a bit unclear whether that is part of their mandate, but who in this country really complains when interest rates are lowered? The strong statistics at the end of the month have, in combination with crashed budget negotiations in the US, driven up longer-term interest rates. The Swedish oneyear swap rate has not moved and closes the month at 1.98%.

There has been a continued positive performance for the credit market during the month. The indices rolled into new series where some companies were changed and the maturity was extended by 6 months. Adjusted for the roll, the spread for the European index compressed around 5 basis points while the spread for the US index compressed around 3 basis points.

## **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.

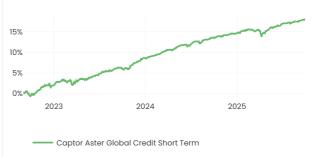
The fund takes positions that eliminate its exposure to companies that do not meet the sustainability requirements set up by Captor. The fund is classified as Article 8 according to the Disclosure Regulation.

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	, , , , , ,	CDS index EUR IG	56.18 bp
Credit duration (CDS)	5.61 years	CDS index USD IG spread	52.28 bp

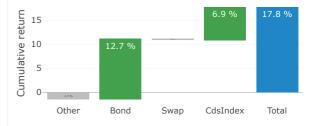
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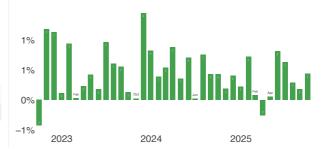
#### ATTRIBUTION THIS MONTH



### **CUMULATIVE ATTRIBUTION**



## **MONTHLY RETURNS**

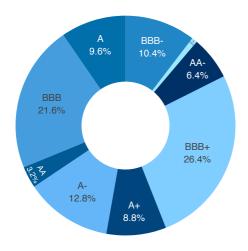


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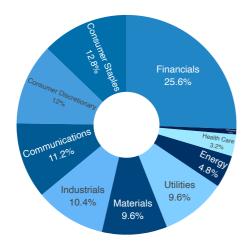
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# **EUROPE CDS**

# **CREDIT RATING**

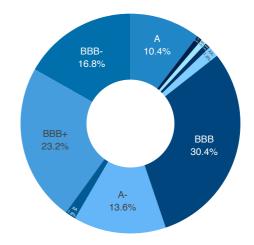


## **SECTOR ALLOCATION**

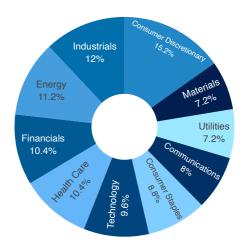


# **NORDAMERIKA CDS**

# **CREDIT RATING**



## **SECTOR ALLOCATION**



#### **RETURN TABLE**

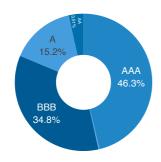
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2025	3.0%	0.7%	0.1%	-0.3%	0.1%	0.8%	0.6%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%			
2024	5.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.9%	0.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.8%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%
2023	6.5%	0.9%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	1.0%	0.6%	0.6%	0.1%	0.0%	1.5%	0.8%
2022	2.0%									-0.4%	1.2%	1.1%	0.1%

#### **INTEREST RATE RISK**



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

#### **CREDIT RATINGS**



## **TOP ISSUERS**

Issuer	Weight	Rating	Sector
Nordea Hypotek AB	13.5%	AAA	Bank/finans
Swedbank Hypotek AB	12.4%	AAA	Bank/finans
Länsförsäkringar Hypotek AB	11.4%	AAA	Bank/finans
Stadshypotek AB	9.7%	AAA	Bank/finans
SEB Covered Bond Programme	7.5%	AAA	Bank/finans
Landshypotek Bank AB	5.6%	AAA	Bank/finans
Kingdom of Sweden	5.3%	AAA	Statlig
Skandiabanken Aktiebolag (publ)	4.8%	AAA	Bank/finans
Sparbanken Skåne AB	4.7%	AAA	Bank/finans
Borgo AB	4.5%	AAA	Bank/finans

# **SHARE CLASSES**

NAV         352.2047         117.9839           NAV Date         2025-09-30         2025-09-30           Dividend         No         No           Bloomberg Ticker         CASTSTA SS Equity         CASTSTC SS Equity           ISIN         SE0017832314         SE0017832330           Trade Cycle         Dagligen         Dagligen           Cut-off         14:00         10:00           SFDR         Article 8         Article 8           Min. Investment         100         10:00 000           Fee         0,4%         0,25%           Currency         SEK         SEK           Reg. Status         UCITS         UCITS		Class A	Class C
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#### **TOP HOLDINGS**

Issuer	Weight	Maturity	Rating	Sector
Nordea Hypotek AB	11.4%	2029-10-26	AAA	Bank/find
SEB Covered Bond Programme	7.5%	2029-12-06	AAA	Bank/find
Länsförsäkringar Hypotek AB	5.6%	2031-09-10	AAA	Bank/find
Swedbank Hypotek AB	4.8%	2030-10-29	AAA	Bank/find
Swedbank Hypotek AB	4.5%	2029-09-27	AAA	Bank/find
Stadshypotek AB	4.3%	2028-06-20	AAA	Bank/find
Skandiabanken Aktiebolag (pub	4.3%	2030-05-08	AAA	Bank/find
Länsförsäkringar Hypotek AB	3.9%	2029-09-19	AAA	Bank/find
Borgo AB	3.9%	2027-06-30	AAA	Bank/find
Kingdom of Sweden	3.5%	2026-11-12	AAA	Statlig

### **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**

Credit risk is the dominant risk factor in the fund. It is exposed to credit spreads of both its bond positions and its position in CDS contracts.

# **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**



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