



CAPTOR

# Aster Global High Yield

## Monthly Report – May 2025



### Portfolio Manager Comment

This month's tariff game has been about doubling import duties on goods from the EU, which have however been postponed until July. The term TACO, Trump Always Chickens Out, has been launched to the anger of the American administration. The fixed income market has seriously begun to worry about the American national debt and the credit institution Moody's downgraded the American credit rating to Aa1 from the previous Aaa. This means that none of the major rating agencies anymore consider the USA to have the highest credit rating. Interest payments on the national debt are expected to increase as part of the American national budget going forward and "The One, Big, Beautiful Bill", Trump's budget proposal, is expected to increase rather than reduce the deficit. For the Swedish part, the largest opposition party has decided during its congress to further ease the surplus target from balance to deficit in order to enable investments in other areas than defense. Most people probably agree that the need for investment in Swedish basic infrastructure is great. Loan-financed investments should keep interest rates somewhat higher in the future than the surplus policy of the last decade. The Swedish yield curve has steepened somewhat during the month. The market is now pricing in a rate cut after the summer to a policy rate of 2% where it is considered equally stable. Core inflation is still well above the Riksbank's target. The Swedish four-year swap is up about 1 basis point during the month.

The credit market, like the stock market, has recovered from tariff fears during the month, with investment grade indices compressing 44 basis points in Europe and 53 basis points in the US.

### Investment Goal and Strategy

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

The fund is also allowed to invest directly in corporate bonds with the corresponding rating. When the exposure to corporate credit is assumed through CDS contracts, the capital of the fund is simultaneously in AAA rated SEK bonds, primarily Swedish covered bonds.

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.

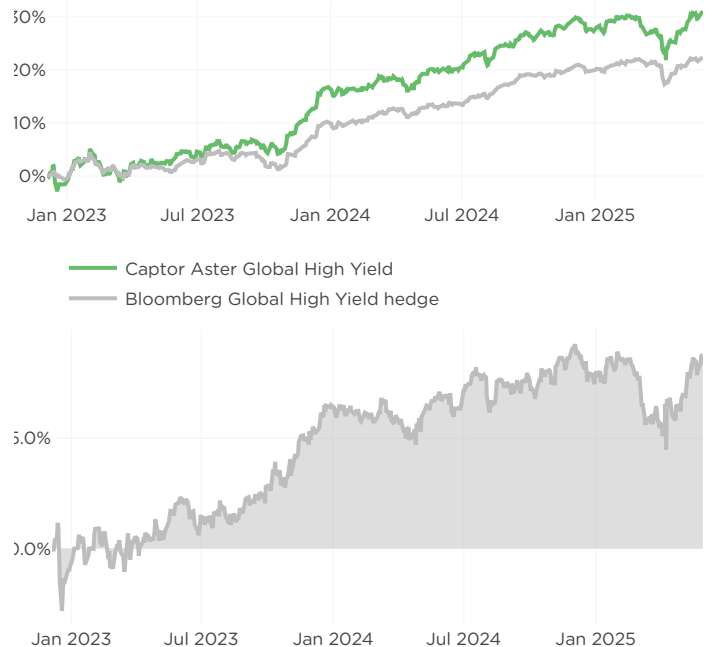
### Risk Metrics

Duration	3.63 years	CDS index EUR HY spread	299.92 bp
Credit duration (CDS)	5.00 years	CDS index USD HY spread	353.88 bp

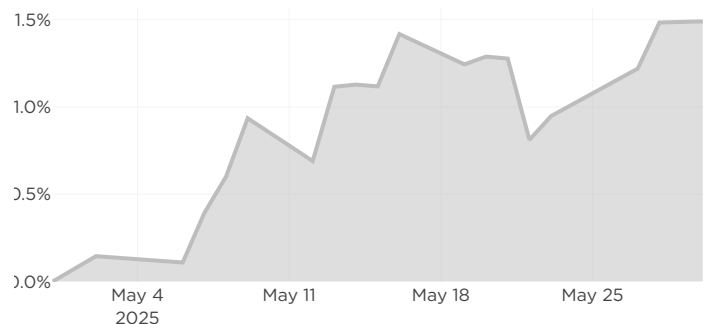
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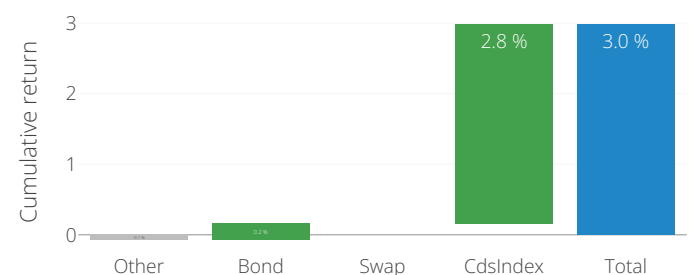
### Performance



### Relative Performance

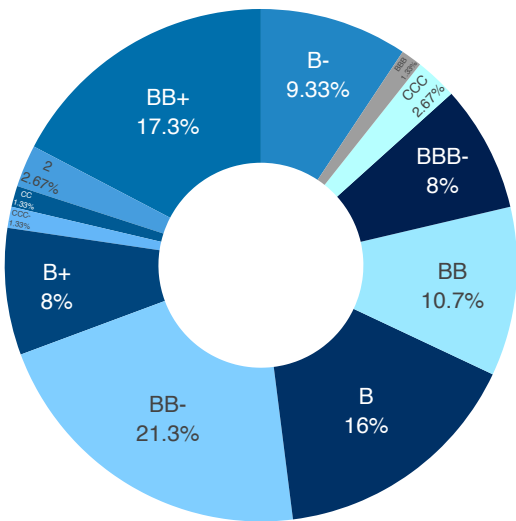


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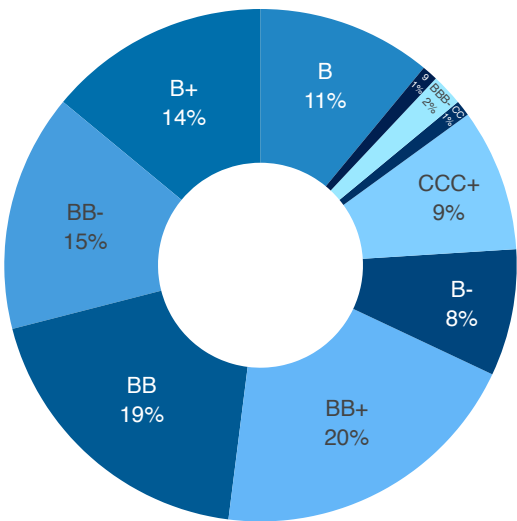
Europe CDS

Credit Rating

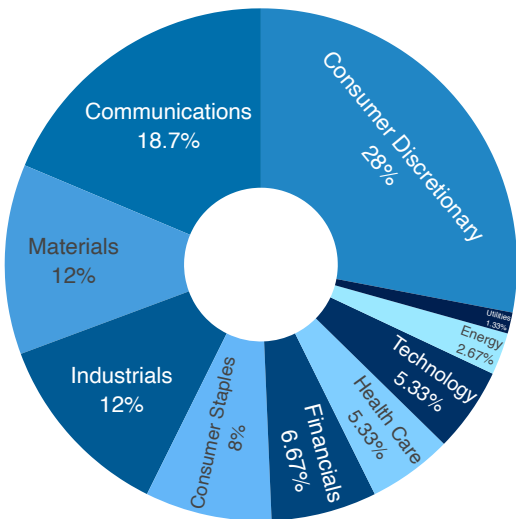


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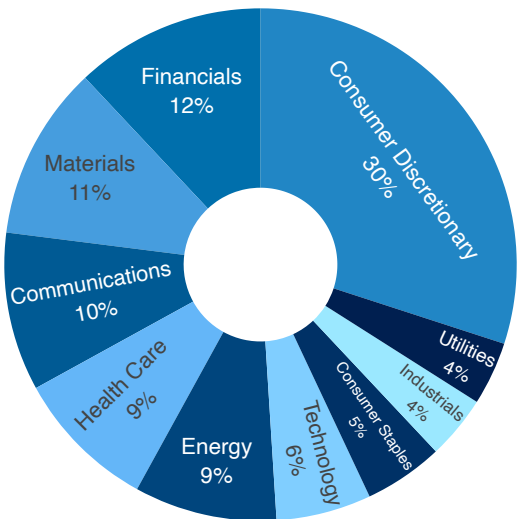
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Sector Allocation



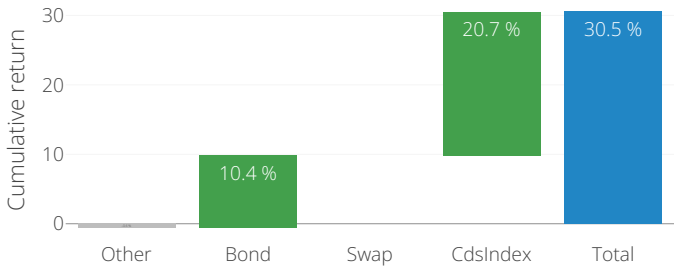
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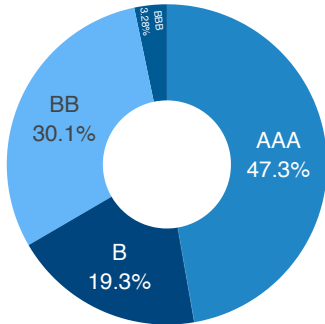
Return Table

	Helår	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Maj	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec
2025	3.0%	2.3%	-0.4%	-2.7%	0.8%	3.0%							
2024	9.0%	-0.3%	0.6%	1.5%	-0.9%	1.7%	0.5%	2.3%	1.3%	1.7%	-0.5%	2.4%	-1.6%
2023	18.6%	4.6%	-2.5%	1.8%	0.9%	-0.0%	1.4%	1.9%	-0.0%	-0.6%	-0.4%	5.5%	4.8%
2022	-1.5%												-1.5%

Cumulative Attribution



Credit Ratings



Top Issuers

Issuer	Weight	Rating	Sector
Kingdom of Sweden	19.1%	AAA	Statlig
Länsförsäkringar Hypotek AB	17.3%	AAA	Bank/finans
SEB Covered Bond Programme	15.8%	AAA	Bank/finans
Nordea Hypotek AB	14.0%	AAA	Bank/finans
Danske Hypotek AB	6.3%	AAA	Bank/finans
Landshypotek Bank AB	6.1%	AAA	Bank/finans
Sparebanken Vest Boligkreditt AS	4.0%	AAA	Bank/finans
DNB Boligkredit AS	3.8%	AAA	Bank/finans
Swedbank Hypotek AB	2.6%	AAA	Bank/finans
Stadshypotek AB	2.3%	AAA	Bank/finans

Share Classes

	Class A	Class C
NAV	391.6190	131.0745
NAV Date	2025-05-30	2025-05-30
Dividend	No	No
Bloomberg Ticker	CASTHYA SS Equity	CASTHYC SS Equity
ISIN	SE0017832264	SE0017832280
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

Top Holdings

Issuer	Weight	Maturity	Rating	Sector
SEB Covered Bond Programme	15.8%	2029-12-06	AAA	Bank/finans
Kingdom of Sweden	14.4%	2028-05-12	AAA	Statlig
Länsförsäkringar Hypotek AB	9.8%	2031-09-10	AAA	Bank/finans
Nordea Hypotek AB	8.4%	2029-10-26	AAA	Bank/finans
Länsförsäkringar Hypotek AB	7.5%	2030-09-30	AAA	Bank/finans
Nordea Hypotek AB	4.7%	2029-10-08	AAA	Bank/finans
Kingdom of Sweden	4.6%	2026-11-12	AAA	Statlig
Sparebanken Vest Boligkreditt AS	4.0%	2028-09-29	AAA	Bank/finans
Danske Hypotek AB	3.9%	2029-12-19	AAA	Bank/finans
DNB Boligkredit AS	3.8%	2029-01-18	AAA	Bank/finans

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 high yield 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



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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