

September 2023

# Variety CKC Credit Opportunity Fund S GBP

## Risk Information



The **Variety CKC Credit Opportunity Fund** is a US Short Duration Credit focused Daily Dealing UCITS Fund, managed by CKC Capital LLC.

**CKC Capital LLC** is a Corporate Credit focused Investment Manager founded in 2012 by Kevin "KC" Baer & Christopher Yanney.

**Kevin "KC" Baer** – 31 years of experience. Former Head of High Yield Trading at Barclays and Senior Trader at Bank of America and CitiBank. Graduate of Duke and MBA from Fuqua School of Business.

**Christopher Yanney** – 26 years of experience. Former Head of High Yield Trading at Barclays, Morgan Stanley & CitiBank. Head of Emerging Markets at Delaware and Senior Trader at Goldman Sachs. Graduate of MIT.

## Investment Objective

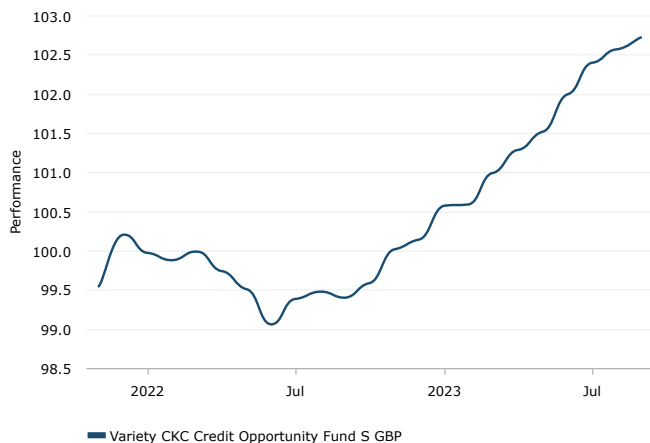
The Investment objective of the Fund is to seek to achieve consistent risk-adjusted total returns while seeking to limit the downside and volatility of investments. The Fund is actively managed and the Investment Manager has the discretion to select the Fund's investments. The Fund is not managed in accordance with a benchmark.

The Investment Manager will seek to achieve this objective through investment in a diversified portfolio of investment grade and high yield bonds, typically in the United States, and through the active trading of opportunities available from the new issuance of bonds, in the secondary market, and other trading related opportunities.

## Monthly Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
<b>2023</b>	0.43	0.02	0.40	0.30	0.22	0.48	0.39	0.18	0.15				<b>2.58</b>
<b>2022</b>	-0.23	-0.10	0.12	-0.25	-0.24	-0.44	0.32	0.10	-0.08	0.18	0.44	0.12	<b>-0.06</b>
<b>2021</b>											-0.46	0.66	<b>0.20</b>

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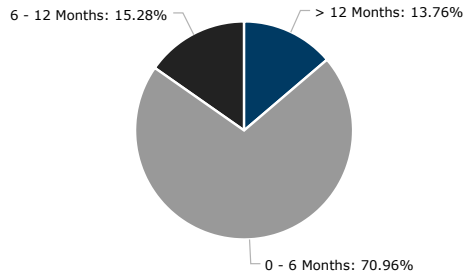
## Top 5 Holdings

HCA Healthcare Inc 5 03/15/24	6.92%
Ball Corp 4 11/15/23	6.88%
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc 0 3/4 03/15/24	6.79%
Broadcom Inc 3 5/8 01/15/24	6.31%
Charter Communications Inc 4 1/2 02/01/24	4.94%

## Fund Features

Fund Manager	CKC Capital LLC
Administrator	CACEIS Investor Services Ireland Limited
Custodian	CACEIS Investor Services Bank S.A., Dublin Branch
Legal Structure	UCITS
Dealing	Daily
Base Currency	USD
Shareclass Currency	GBP
Fund AUM	\$149.2 million
Minimum Investment	£10 million
Subscription Settlement Cycle	T+3
Redemption Settlement Cycle	T+3
Inception Date	Nov 2021
Management Fee	0.60%
Performance Fee	15.00%
Subscription / Redemption Fee	0.00%
Bloomberg Ticker	VCKCSUU ID
ISIN	IE000R2O9RV6

## Portfolio Breakdown By Duration



## Portfolio Breakdown by Sector

Consumer Staples	30.55%
Consumer Discretionary	23.10%
Industrials	12.63%
Technology	11.52%
Communication Services	11.15%
Energy	8.64%
Materials	1.86%
Utilities	0.55%

## Distributor Information

Distributor	Variety Capital Limited
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## Performance Statistics

Last Month	0.15%
Year To Date	2.59%
3 Month ROR	0.72%
12 Months ROR	3.35%
Total Return since Inception	2.73%
Total Return Annualized	1.42%
Winning Months (%)	69.57%
Average Winning Month	0.28%
Average Losing Month	-0.26%
Standard Deviation Monthly	0.29%

## Monthly Investment Update

The Variety CKC Credit Opportunity Fund S GBP finished up +0.15% net for September and is up +2.59% YTD through September 30, 2023. Our monthly performance surpassed that of the LQD, the iShares investment grade ETF: -3.55%, the HYG, the iShares High Yield ETF: -1.61% and the S&P 500: -4.87%.

Credit markets were relatively soft in September due mainly to pressure from the rates markets. Interest rate volatility increased and rates went up across the yield curve. The rate move was particularly pronounced in the intermediate and longer maturity treasuries where we saw rates reach levels they had not reached for 16 years. Considering the weakness in rates, the high yield market was surprisingly firm. Spreads were roughly unchanged in most names with continued buying on weakness, especially in stronger credits. Seasonal weakness in the August/September period may have been a factor in the August/September market performance but, as we have seen in the first week of October, the impact of the move in rates on credit may be more than just a seasonal weakness phenomenon.

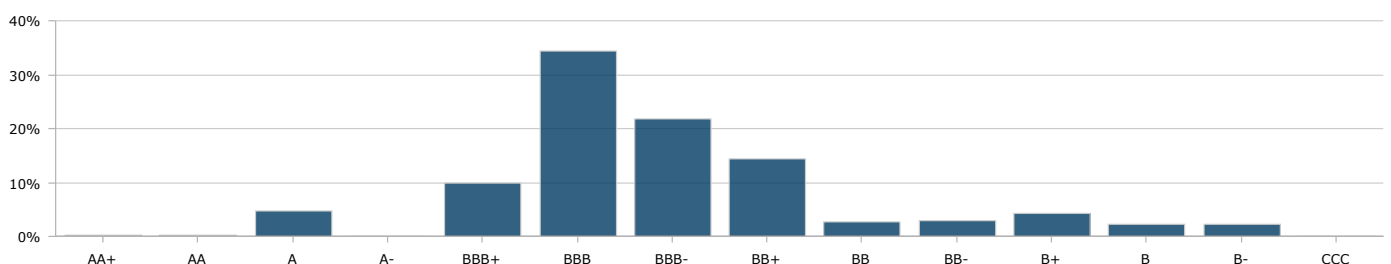
With rates substantially higher, equity markets were weak in September. Equity markets finished lower across all major indices and the S&P was down just under 5%. The Russell 2000 was down nearly 6% and the weakness in the broad market was evident in the performance of a host of stocks that are now down 20-40% from their highs. Even the S&P and NASDAQ leaders struggled, with the big cap names finally showing weakness.

Our performance was driven mainly by the short duration positioning in our core portfolio. Our short duration investment grade and high yield bonds continued to move higher amid flat interest rate moves in the front end while our higher beta high yield bonds were lower on the month. Trading continued to add positive alpha as primary market activity picked up in September.

### Looking Ahead

Going forward, we believe that a new era of higher rates will benefit CKC. The opportunity set in short duration investment grade and high yield bonds is the most fertile it has been in a long time. In addition, the opportunity to find value in longer duration securities may be close at hand. At a minimum, the risk/reward in longer duration bonds has improved significantly. While we see an excellent opportunity set, we are not as convinced as much of the investing world is of the broad strength in the economy. We believe that the rapid ascent of interest rates will likely have a significant impact on economic growth and is likely to cause a significant slowdown. In a weaker economic scenario, we think that credit selection will be of paramount importance and that dispersion in the performance of different sectors is likely to become more pronounced.

## Portfolio Breakdown by Credit Rating



## Important Information

All past Performance data has been taken from the historic NAV's of the Fund, which were published and produced by CACEIS Investor Services Ireland Limited. Past performance of this Share Class is calculated in GBP. Performance is calculated after the deduction of ongoing charges and is inclusive of gross income reinvested. Duration, Credit Rating, Sector Exposure and other Data on the underlying holdings has been sourced from Bloomberg by the Fund Manager, CKC Capital LLC.

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