

August 2023

# Variety CKC Credit Opportunity Fund I USD

## 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

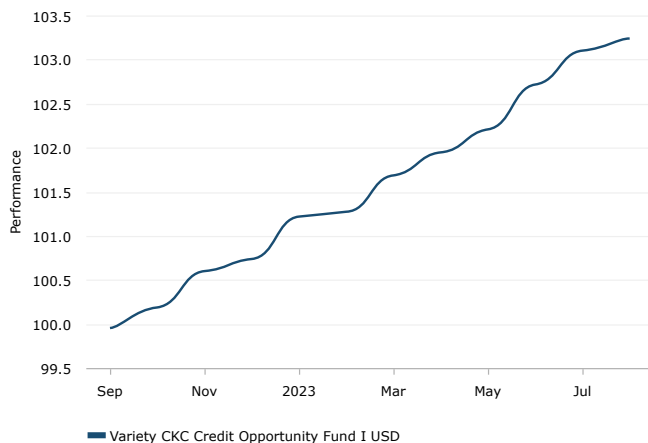
The Investment objective of the Fund is to seek to achieve consistent risk-adjusted total returns while seeking to limit the downside and volatility of investments. The Fund is actively managed and the Investment Manager has the discretion to select the Fund's investments. The Fund is not managed in 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
2023	0.48	0.05	0.41	0.26	0.25	0.50	0.37	0.14					2.48
2022									-0.04	0.23	0.41	0.14	0.74

## Performance



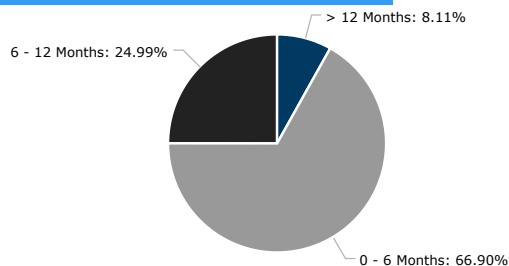
## Top 5 Holdings

HCA Healthcare Inc 5 03/15/24	6.70%
T-Mobile US Inc 7 7/8 09/15/23	6.70%
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc 0 3/4 03/15/24	6.56%
Oracle Corp 2.4 09/15/23	6.33%
Broadcom Inc 3 5/8 01/15/24	6.11%

## 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	USD
Fund AUM	\$154 million
Minimum Investment	\$1 million
Subscription Settlement Cycle	T+3
Redemption Settlement Cycle	T+3
Inception Date	Sep 2022
Management Fee	1.20%
Performance Fee	15.00%
Subscription / Redemption Fee	0.00%
Bloomberg Ticker	VCKCIUU ID
ISIN	IE000V7NVNP7

## Portfolio Breakdown By Duration



## Portfolio Breakdown by Sector

Consumer Staples	33.68%
Consumer Discretionary	19.46%
Technology	17.48%
Communication Services	15.80%
Industrials	7.28%
Energy	4.82%
Materials	1.41%
Utilities	0.07%

## Distributor Information

Distributor	Variety Capital Limited
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## Performance Statistics

Last Month	0.14%
Year To Date	2.48%
3 Month ROR	1.01%
12 Months ROR	3.24%
Total Return since Inception	3.24%
Total Return Annualized	3.24%
Winning Months (%)	91.67%
Average Winning Month	0.29%
Average Losing Month	-0.04%
Standard Deviation Monthly	0.16%

## Monthly Investment Update

The Variety CKC Credit Opportunity Fund I USD was up 0.14% for the month of August and is up 2.48% YTD through August 31, 2023. Our monthly performance surpassed that of the LQD (the iShares investment grade ETF: -1.23%), and was in line with that of the HYG (the iShares High Yield ETF:+0.18%).

Credit markets performed fairly well on a spread basis for most of the month with spreads roughly flat. Counteracting the spread strength was continued mediocrity in rate sensitive instruments. Anything with a final maturity of 10 years or longer performed poorly on an absolute basis as the long end of the treasury curve underperformed shorter maturities. Considering the weakness in rates, the high yield market was surprisingly firm. While the overall mood in markets tilted towards "risk-off", high yield credits traded roughly flat. Seasonal weakness in the August/September period may explain what felt like a general malaise across most markets.

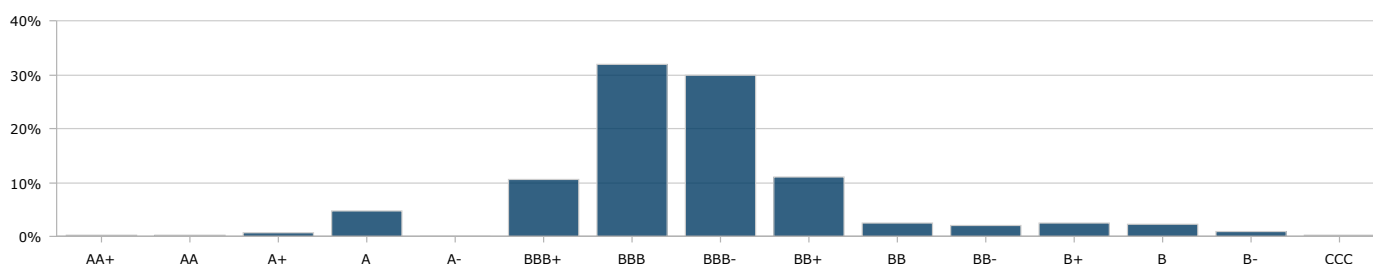
While credit markets were flat, equity markets were weak until the last 3 days of the month. Equity markets finished lower across all major indices but the monthly performance improved significantly after Powell's well received Jackson Hole speech. For the first ¾ of the month, equity markets were sloppy with the IWM Russell 2000 ETF down as much as 8% at one point. Even the NASDAQ and the S&P were weak for most of the month although the strength in the biggest market cap names helped buoy those indices.

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 grind higher amid flat interest rate moves in the front end while our higher beta high yield bonds were slightly lower on the month. The travel space, our biggest overweight, was weaker than it has been during most of the year but it was still well bid at lower levels. Trading continued to add positive alpha but was relatively quiet as is often the case in August.

### Looking Ahead

Going forward, we believe that continued higher rates will allow us to capture ever increasing yields for the high quality short duration part of our portfolio. At the same time, we are not as convinced as much of the investing world is of the broad strength in the economy. At this point, it seems that a soft landing is the expected scenario and we believe that any other scenario will cause spread widening and an uptick in the default rate. In a weaker economic scenario, we think that we will be extremely well positioned to capitalize on a broad opportunity set. Even if the economy churns along and we get a relatively soft landing, we think that there will be enough disruption across some sectors that we will be able to find solid high yielding opportunities.

## Portfolio Breakdown by Credit Rating



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