

July 2023

# Variety CKC Credit Opportunity Fund S 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

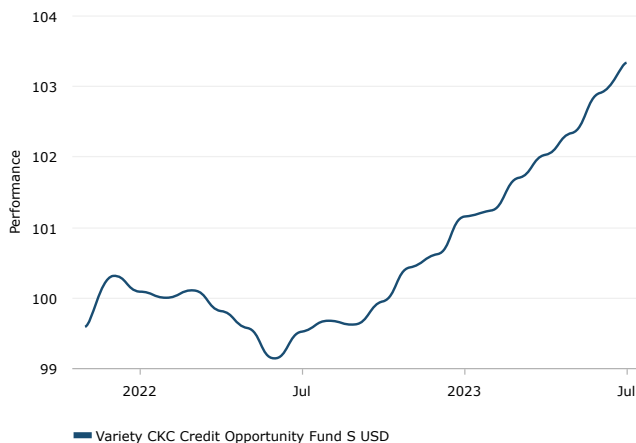
The Investment objective of the Fund is to seek to achieve consistent risk-adjusted total returns while seeking to limit the downside and volatility of investments. The Fund is actively managed and the Investment Manager has the discretion to select the Fund's investments. The Fund is not managed in 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	0.53	0.09	0.46	0.32	0.30	0.55	0.42						2.70
2022	-0.21	-0.09	0.10	-0.29	-0.24	-0.44	0.39	0.15	-0.05	0.33	0.47	0.19	0.31
2021											-0.41	0.71	0.30

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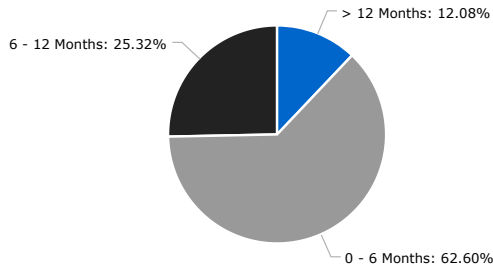
## Top 5 Holdings

T-Mobile US Inc 7 % 09/15/23	6.72%
HCA Healthcare Inc 5 03/15/24	6.72%
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc 0 % 03/15/24	6.56%
Oracle Corp 2.4 09/15/23	6.33%
Broadcom Inc 3 % 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	\$154.6 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	IE000L7H9JCO

## Portfolio Breakdown By Duration



## Portfolio Breakdown by Sector

Consumer Staples	29.65%
Consumer Discretionary	19.25%
Technology	17.89%
Communication Services	16.85%
Industrials	7.84%
Energy	4.46%
Utilities	2.05%
Materials	1.66%
Financials	0.35%

## Distributor Information

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## Performance Statistics

Last Month	0.42%
Year To Date*	2.70%
3 Month ROR	1.27%
12 Months ROR*	3.83%
Total Return since Inception	3.33%
Total Return Annualized*	1.89%
Winning Months (%)*	66.67%
Average Winning Month*	0.36%
Average Losing Month*	-0.25%
Standard Deviation Monthly*	0.33%

## Monthly Investment Update

The Variety CKC Credit Opportunity Fund S USD finished up +0.42% net for July and is up +2.70% YTD through July 31, 2023. Our monthly performance was solid considering the continued lackluster performance of interest rate sensitive instruments.

Credit markets performed well in July with spreads moving tighter across every rating class. Counteracting the spread strength was continued mediocrity of rate sensitive instruments. In high yield, the best performers were those that lacked sensitivity to interest rate moves. In fact, significant spread compression occurred in the lowest rated and weakest credits. At the same time, higher rated credits tightened somewhat but underperformed their weaker counterparts as a result of having little room to tighten and slightly higher interest rates.

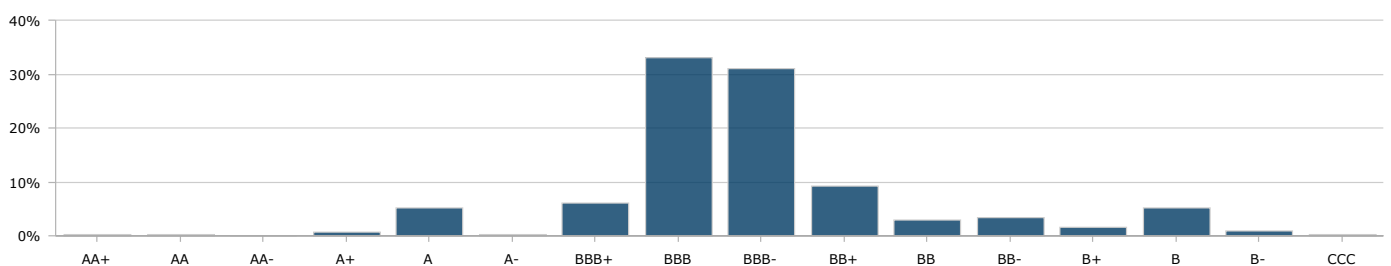
While credit markets were firm and somewhat higher, equity markets were outright euphoric. For the second straight month, equity markets rocketed higher with tech leading improved market breadth. By month's end, most technical indicators were indicating greed overwhelmed fear with investors far more concerned with missing a powerful equity rally than they were with suffering losses. In fact, most investors welcomed the much anticipated 25 basis point hike from the Federal Reserve and the general theme was that this hike was likely the last or second to last hike of this cycle.

Our performance was driven mainly by the strength in our core portfolio. Our higher beta high yield bonds performed very well while our short duration investment grade and high yield bonds continued to grind higher. The travel space, our biggest overweight, stayed strong and allowed us to generate solid yields with a low duration, defensive portfolio. Trading continued to add positive alpha but was slower than we had hoped. We did see a slight pickup in the new issue calendar but we expected it would be more significant with a typically slow August ahead. Fortunately, August is off to a more robust start than we expected on the new issue front.

### Looking Ahead

Going forward, we believe that continued higher rates will allow us to capture ever increasing yields for the portfolio. In addition, we believe that we will see the inverted yield curve continue to "uninvert" and create a broader opportunity set outside of the short duration bonds on which we have so heavily relied over the last 2+ years. While we think rates are going higher in the short run, we think the rate peak may finally be in sight within the next 6 months. As a result, we are beginning to look more broadly at the opportunity set across all maturities in corporate credit and we expect that we will be able to complement the short duration portfolio with an interesting group of longer duration opportunities before the end of the year.

## 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 USD. 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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