



Fund	Dominicé Funds plc
Sub-fund	Cassiopeia UCITS
Domicile	Ireland
Inception	June 2015
ISIN	IE00BWXT8582
Bloomberg	CASSIBU ID
Currencies	Class A – CHF
	Class B – USD
	Class C – EUR
Minimum Initial	USD 10,000
Subscription	
Minimum Holding	USD 5,000
&Transaction Size	
Liquidity	Weekly
Management Fee	2%
Performance Fee	20%
High Water Mark	Yes
Manager	KBA Consulting Management
Custodian	UBS (Luxembourg) SA
Investment	Dominicé & Co –
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## **MONTHLY REPORT - CLASS B (USD)**

**JANUARY 2016** 

### **Fund Investment Objective**

Cassiopeia UCITS employs volatility arbitrage strategy to deliver absolute return. The aim is to remain market neutral, i.e. close to zero correlation with equity markets, and to maintain average volatility between 5% and 10%. In order to achieve its objective the Fund relies on Myopia Arbitrage<sup>TM</sup>.

#### **Investment Manager**

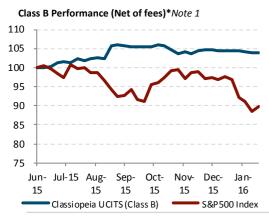
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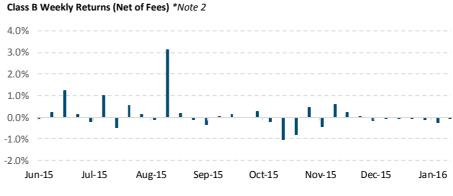
#### **Performance Analysis**

2016 started with a sharp correction of global indices driven by the low price of oil and the macroeconomic situation in China. During the sell-off, volatility levels and premiums did not pick up as much as expected, with key indicators like the VIX reaching 32 intraday, compared to 53 during August 2015. The lack of panic in volatility markets is driven by two factors: 1. Many traditional money managers, having reduced their exposure to equities at the end of last year, don't need to buy protection. 2. Volatility sellers have a lot of "dry powder" at the beginning of the year and are willing to go short at an attractive level, knowing they have several months ahead for their bets to work out. As a result, volatility premiums were modest and trading conditions unstable. The Fund could not hold the positions it took in the US long enough and was forced to close them at a loss, as volatility levels and premiums collapsed, sometimes in a matter of minutes, whenever equity markets found a bottom. In Europe, the Fund recorded profit as the selling pressure of volatility was weaker and trading conditions persisted a bit longer. The net result is a frustrating -0.5%, with an average leverage of 20%.

### **Outlook and Strategy**

February is setting up to be a month of consolidation, with equities attempting to find a firm support on which to rebound and volatility premiums likely to remain modest. We do not believe the current bear market will accelerate further down and become a full scale correction just yet. As January has shown, it is simply too soon in the year, there is just too much money sitting on the sidelines waiting to be invested. However, it is surprising that equity markets have not rebounded in a more decisive manner, especially considering that yields are close to zero and there are not many credible alternatives to equities. With more money managers and strategies selling volatility as the year progresses, we expect the impact of these market corrections to become larger.





### Performance\*\*

	Class B	S&P500	HFRG
MTD	-0.49%	-5.07%	-2.76%
YTD	-0.49%	-5.07%	-2.76%

## **Statistical Analysis** Based on Official Weekly NAV (From May 2015 to 28 January 2016)

	Class B	SP500	HFRG
Cum. Return	3.9%	-10.2%	-9.0%
Ann. Volatility	5.0%	14.0%	4.1%

<sup>\*</sup> See over for \*Note 1 and \*Note 2

## Historical Performance\*\* \*Note 2

As at 29 January 2016

2015		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2016 -0.5	2015						1.7	-0.2	3.9	-0.3	-0.9	-0.3	-0.1	4.3
	2016	-0.5												-0.5

AUM (estimated)

\$ 43 M

NAV (estimated)

\$103.83

Strategy AUM (estimated)

\$ 316 M

<sup>\*\*</sup> Performance figures are based on the official or estimated Monthly NAV, whichever falls on the last business day of the month.





#### \*Note 1

The returns for the S&P 500 Index and HFR Global Index are provided for comparison purposes only to show how the Fund's returns compare to a broad-based index of securities. The indices are not subject to any of the fees or expenses to which the Fund is subject. It is not possible to invest in these indices. The indices are used for comparison purposes only. It should not be assumed that the Fund will invest in any specific securities that comprise the indices.

#### \*Note 2

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