## **Fund Manager's comment**

## **Performance**

Adrigo Small & Midcap L/S rose by 2.65% in November, net of fees.

The biggest contributions came from our holdings in Wallenius Wilhelmsen (logistics), Modern Times Group (media), Grieg Seafood (fish farming) and Flex LNG (natural gas transport). Amongst smaller holdings in the Fund we noted good percentage gains in Capio (hospitals/care) and Loomis (cash handling). The Fund's short positions, ie negative exposure to stock markets, provided strong positive contributions to the month's total returns.

Adrigo Small & Midcap has returned 2.65% since inception, net of fees. In the same period, the benchmark STIBOR 1M rate has returned -0.04 % and the Carnegie Small Cap Return Index Nordic has fallen by 2.9%.

## **Market Comment**

Carnegie's Small Cap Return Index Nordic fell by 2.9 % in November.

During the month the trend continued with a high number of IPO's in the Nordic small and mid cap universe. Thus, the risk appetite and excess liquidity in the equity market has been at elevated levels which is further reflected in a high number of equity placings from both Private equity companies, and other large shareholders.

## **Outlook**

Performance, %

2017

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Global economic growth remains at a high level as evidenced by both feed-back from listed companies and from economic statistics. This should mean more pronounced risks for higher interest rates, but signals from both the ECB and the Swedish Riksbank are that such rate hikes are relatively distant still.

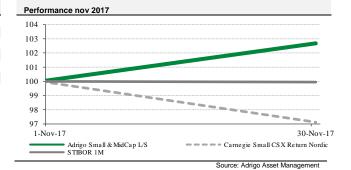
The Fund's strategy is to have a handful of core holdings where each position is allowed a relatively high portfolio weight, and where our time horizon is very long term. This is combined with a number of holdings in smaller companies where we see a considerable long term potential, plus a more dynamic part of the portfolio. We expect this combination will provide strong opportunities for excess returns, even in tougher times.

Amongst the Fund's bigger positions, we note **Momentum Group** (industral sales), **Bergman & Beving** (technical trade), **Wallenius Wilhelmsen** (logistics), **Recipharm** (pharmaceutical) and **Modern Times Group** (media). These are companies where we see a very large potential for strong profit improvements ahead.

**Momentum Group**, which was dividended out from **Bergman & Beving** in the summer should raise margins considerably in the forthcoming years. In addition, we see potential for improved capital efficiency which according to management will raise the ratio of operating profit to working capital from below 25% today, to its targeted level above 45%. Notably, the company is hardly covered by brokers and banks, which strengthens our case further.

Wallenius Wilhelmsen is the result of a full merger of Wallenius and Wilhelmsen recently, following a long cooperation between the companies, dating back to 1999. Synergies from the merger are expected to be around USD 100 million and we see the potential for the very strong cash flows to be invested into land based logistics. This should lead to a multiple expansion which adds to the potential since forecast earnings (by analysts) are probably on the low side currently. Poor liquidity in the shares have hampered interest in the past, but the merger has doubled the free float in the share, which should raise interest for the shares.

Key and Risk figures	30/11/17	1 M	Since Start
NAV, SEK	102,65		
Performance, %		2,65	2,65
STIBOR 1M, %		-0,04	-0,04
Std deviation*, %			
Sharpe ratio			
Net exp. to eq. %	43,5		
* Annualized			



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