

Avaron Emerging Europe Fund (UCITS)

November 2016

Investment Objectives & Approach

Asset play

Convertible bonds

High yield bonds

FX Derivatives

Cash

16.5%

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4.2%

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The Fund invests actively in listed equities of European Union new member states and accession countries (Emerging Europe, ex Russia). Benchmark agnostic, it emphasizes bottom-up, value oriented stock picking with a strong small and mid-cap bias. The Fund's investment objective is to maximise upside to internally set target prices, taking into account company quality, liquidity and FX outlook. By implementing our investment process we aim to outperform the market with lower volatility.

The Fund typically invests in 30-40 regional companies, who generally demonstrate a competitive advantage or attractive risk/return features. It adheres to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment.

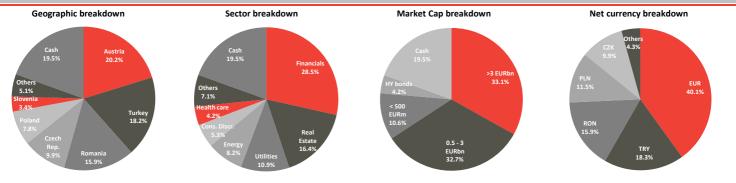
Suitable for investors seeking a stock picking portfolio in Emerging Europe, it acts as medium to long term diversifier in a global Emerging Markets, European or Global Equity portfolio.

Country	Sector	MEUR	assets	-	
C7			assets	1 mo	return
C2	Financials	5925	6.1%	-6.5%	-0.4%
RO	Utilities	1883	5.9%	-2.6%	-0.1%
AT	Financials	11278	5.6%	-8.3%	-0.5%
AT	Energy	9980	3.6%	7.1%	0.2%
AT	Real Estate	1917	3.5%	0.1%	0.0%
PL	Financials	7171	3.5%	-10.0%	-0.4%
SI	Health Care	1640	3.4%	-14.5%	-0.6%
AT	Real Estate	1458	3.4%	-0.7%	0.0%
TR	Financials	3722	3.1%	-21.4%	-0.8%
RO	Financials	1688	3.0%	-0.9%	0.0%
			41.1%		-2.6%
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Past performance is not a guarantee or indicative of future results. The Fund was launched in 2007 as a small cap

fund. From 2009 it operates as an all cap fund with small and mid-cap bias.										
Perf	Fund net	Index		Calendar	year return					
overview	return	return*	Year	Gross	Net	Index*				
1 month	-5.0%	-3.8%	2015	6.7%	5.0%	-9.6%				
YTD	-2.7%	0.7%	2014	9.4%	7.8%	-2.1%				
3 months	-3.0%	0.3%	2013	18.5%	16.7%	-2.4%				
6 months	-1.7%	3.0%	2012	21.1%	19.2%	26.5%				
1 year	-4.0%	-2.6%	2011	-16.3%	-17.6%	-24.3%				
2 years	-1.1%	-13.9%	2010	20.8%	18.9%	13.4%				
3 years	6.2%	-14.8%	2009	42.6%	40.4%	42.6%				
4 years	31.9%	-8.9%		CAGR of ca	lendar year	s				
5 years	55.2%	6.0%	Years		Fund	Index*				
7 years	49.5%	-3.7%	2014-	2015	6.4%	-5.9%				
	entral and Eas	tern Europe	2013-	2015	9.7%	-4.8%				
& CIS ex Russi	a		2011-	2015	5.4%	-3.7%				



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Country allocation			Cha	ange					Contributi	on analys	sis			
	Nov-16	1 mo	3 mo	12 mo	3 years	5 years	1 mo	3 mo	12 mo	YTD	3 years	5 years	Risk metrics	3Y risk*
Austria	20.2%	0.9%	1.9%	-1.2%	8.9%	12.4%	-0.3%	0.8%	0.7%	1.9%	2.3%	7.0%	Alpha	4%
Turkey	18.2%	-0.5%	-1.8%	6.7%	1.5%	12.3%	-2.5%	-2.7%	-2.5%	-2.2%	2.3%	8.6%	Volatility & stand. deviation	10.2%
Romania	15.9%	1.9%	3.9%	-2.3%	-4.3%	-0.4%	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.5%	-0.2%	1.5%	17.0%	Beta	0.46
Czech Rep.	9.9%	-0.1%	0.3%	0.9%	1.2%	-6.3%	-0.6%	0.2%	-0.7%	-0.4%	0.4%	5.3%	Sharpe ratio	0.21
Poland	7.8%	-0.3%	-1.1%	1.1%	7.8%	-3.1%	-0.7%	-0.5%	0.3%	-0.3%	0.7%	1.5%	Information ratio	0.64
Slovenia	3.4%	-0.3%	-0.5%	0.1%	-1.6%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.7%	-0.6%	-0.8%	-0.1%	1.0%	Tracking error	11.2%
Baltics	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.8%	-5.7%	-3.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.6%	3.0%	* MSCI EFM Central and Eastern Europe &	CIS ex Russia
Bulgaria	1.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	-2.8%	-11.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	1.6%	12.7%		
Hungary	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	-3.4%	-5.9%	-2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	1.1%	9.4%		
Others	1.3%	2.0%	2.0%	1.8%	3.0%	7.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	1.1%	1.3%		

Sector allocation			Cha	nge			Contribution analysis					
Financials	28.5%	-2.2%	-0.9%	-3.4%	-2.2%	-2.4%	-3.0%	-1.6%	-1.2%	-1.0%	3.4%	27.2%
Real Estate	16.4%	1.5%	0.0%	2.6%	4.8%	8.3%	-0.3%	-0.4%	-0.4%	0.1%	1.0%	12.3%
Utilities	10.9%	0.3%	1.3%	-1.8%	-4.4%	6.5%	-0.4%	-0.2%	-0.9%	-0.5%	1.1%	8.2%
Energy	8.2%	1.8%	2.9%	-1.6%	4.0%	-2.2%	0.3%	0.8%	0.4%	0.7%	0.2%	1.9%
Cons. Discr.	5.3%	-0.1%	-0.4%	0.9%	-4.4%	-8.3%	-0.3%	-0.4%	0.5%	0.5%	3.8%	10.5%
Health care	4.2%	-0.3%	-0.5%	-0.4%	0.7%	-0.1%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.7%	0.2%	2.2%
Industrial	2.6%	0.0%	-0.2%	0.7%	2.6%	-0.3%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	1.3%
Consumer Staples	2.5%	-0.1%	-0.4%	2.5%	1.0%	-2.3%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.4%	-0.4%	1.3%	2.8%
Others	2.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.6%	-0.8%	0.9%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%
Style allocation			Cha	nge				(Contributi	on analysi	s	
Cyclical	45.4%	1.4%	1.3%	6.3%	14.5%	3.8%	-3.0%	-1.1%	-0.3%	-0.1%	4.3%	20.1%
Non-cyclical	14.4%	-0.3%	-1.0%	-1.2%	-5.4%	-7.9%	-1.3%	-1.4%	-2.2%	-2.0%	3.2%	7.9%

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Number of positions	37
Top10	41.1%
Тор20	64.9%
Gross exposure	80.5%
Net exposure	80.5%
Concentration coefficient	39
Median market cap MEUR	1688
Average market cap MEUR	2722

Turnover		Adj*
FY 2015	22.2%	-10.5%
FY 2014	47.9%	28.0%
FY 2013	53.2%	16.8%
*Adjusted for fund flows		

Liquidity analysis*	20%	50%
3 days	72.9%	82.2%
2 weeks	85.8%	95.4%
4 weeks	93.0%	98.1%
*Proportion of portfolio that of		

on past 6 month average trading volume if Fund accounted for 20% & 50% of trading volume



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Investment Manager	AS Avaron Asset M	anagement	Unit class	D (Retail)	C (Institutional)	E (Institutional
Fund type	Open-ended, UCITS	-IV				
Launch date	April 23, 2007		Min. initial			
Domicile	Estonia		investment	-	125,000 EUR	1M EUR
Currency	EUR					
Dividends	reinvested		Front-end			
Fund size, MEUR	61.3		load	2%	-	-
Strategy size, MEUR	503.1					
Total AUM, MEUR	521.8		Management fee	2%	1.25%	0.85%
TER 2015	0.31% (excluding m	anagement and performance fees)				
	ISIN Code	NAV 30-Nov 2016			10% over 12-	15% over MSCI EFM CEEC ex-
A unit	EE3600090049	4.0863 EUR	Performance	-	month EURIBOR,	Russia Index,
B unit	EE3600090056	4.3081 EUR	fee (unit based)		HWM	annual reset
C unit	EE3600102901	14.7426 EUR				(June 30)
D unit	EE3600108866	12.3687 EUR				(00.000)
E unit	EE3600108874	12.1633 EUR	Back-end load	-	-	-
A & B units only for in	vestors who owned	units as of May 30, 2009				
C,D & E units for all in	vestors	<i>i</i> .	Bloomberg tickers		Contact Informa	ation
			A unit: AVAEESA		Avaron Asset M	anagement
Cut-off	10am CET		B unit: AVAEESB		Narva mnt 7D, 1	.0117 Tallinn
NAV frequency	Daily dealing, T+3		C unit: AVAEESC		ESTONIA	
Public offering		, Germany, Finland, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia	D unit: AVEMEUD		Phone: +372 66	44 205
Morningstar rating	Yes, five stars (3 ye		E unit: AVEMEUE		Fax: +372 66 44	201
Tax transparency	Germany					
Supervised by	Estonian FSA		See Lipper, TK Valo	ren tickers:	E-mail: info@ava	aron.com
Custodian	Swedbank AS		www.avaron.com/		www.avaron.com	
Transfer agent	Swedbank AS			_		
NAV calculation	Swedbank AS					
External auditor	Deloitte					
Internal auditor	PWC					
Fund documents &	www.avaron.com/	documents				
prospectus						

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We adhere to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) and are supervised by the Estonian Financial Supervision Authority.

Principles for Responsible Investment



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Partner, co-ClO, Investment Manager

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Short overview of the month

Global equities rebounded in November (MSCI World +1.3% in \$) as the US stock market and the dollar rallied post presidential elections. Investors treated the Trump victory less enthusiastically in Emerging Markets. MSCI EM lost 4.7% in \$ in November (-1.1% in €), while Emerging Europe (MSCI EFM CEEC ex-RU) plunged -3.8% in €. Amid rising expectations for faster tightening cycle by the Fed and more relaxed stance by the new Trump administration towards the Erdogan regime Turkish equities and currency became under renewed pressure. This prompted Turkish central bank to raise the policy rate by 50bp to 8% and also widen the interest rate corridor by hiking overnight lending rate to 8.5%. Alongside, the FX reserve requirement was reduced releasing \$1.5bn FX liquidity to the banking sector.

	1 month	1 month	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years
Country / Returns	in local FX	in euros	in euros	in euros	in euros	in euros
US	3.4%	7.2%	10.4%	5.5%	56.3%	123.9%
Europe	0.0%	0.0%	-3.9%	-10.4%	7.3%	51.8%
Emerging Markets	-4.7%	-1.1%	11.5%	5.7%	8.8%	18.0%
Emerging Europe*	-3.8%	-3.8%	0.7%	-2.6%	-14.8%	6.0%
Poland	-0.9%	-4.2%	-7.5%	-10.5%	-34.3%	-20.5%
Czech Republic	-4.4%	-4.5%	-7.9%	-9.6%	-13.6%	-6.1%
Hungary	0.7%	-0.7%	26.5%	25.5%	53.8%	65.2%
Baltics	1.0%	1.0%	11.2%	12.0%	18.6%	46.6%
Romania	0.3%	0.5%	-2.0%	-3.5%	6.3%	55.8%
Bulgaria	5.8%	5.8%	22.1%	29.2%	20.1%	82.2%
Croatia	2.0%	1.6%	20.0%	20.4%	14.3%	14.4%
Slovenia	-7.5%	-7.5%	-0.8%	-0.4%	7.3%	12.9%
Serbia	2.5%	2.2%	6.3%	10.5%	18.7%	19.1%
Macedonia	6.2%	6.1%	20.1%	24.9%	40.7%	10.0%
Bosnia & H	-1.8%	-1.8%	-0.7%	1.2%	-8.2%	-11.6%
Turkey	-5.8%	-12.1%	-10.1%	-16.8%	-26.3%	-8.3%
Austria	1.9%	1.9%	5.1%	1.2%	-4.8%	36.4%
Source: Thomson Reuter	s. * MSCLEEM	Central and Fa	stern Furone &	CIS (CEEC) ex	Russia	

Source: Thomson Reuters. * MSCI EFM Central and Eastern Europe & CIS (CEEC) ex Russia

Local currencies	Last						From 2008
to euro	month	YTD	1 year	2 years	3 years	5 years	peak
Poland	-3.4%	-4.4%	-4.1%	-5.9%	-5.6%	1.2%	-28.1%
Hungary	-1.4%	1.1%	-0.5%	-1.8%	-3.6%	-3.1%	-27.0%
Czech	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	2.2%	1.2%	-6.5%	-15.1%
Romania	-0.3%	0.0%	-1.3%	-1.9%	-1.9%	-3.5%	-23.0%
Croatia	-0.5%	1.4%	1.3%	1.9%	1.3%	-0.5%	-6.3%
Serbia	-0.2%	-1.5%	-1.7%	-2.2%	-7.3%	-15.8%	-38.6%
Turkey	-6.6%	-12.9%	-15.4%	-24.0%	-24.5%	-32.4%	-53.2%
Courses Theorem B							

Source: Thomson Reuters

Avaron Emerging Europe Fund lost 5.0% in November, underperforming the regional index due to extremely poor performance of off-benchmark exposure in Turkey. YTD the Fund is down 2.7% vs. +0.7% of the benchmark, while in 5 years the Fund has delivered a +55.2% return vs. +6.0% for the index with significantly lower volatility (9.5% vs. 16.5% for the index), resulting in 8.7% alpha.

Initial thoughts on the new US president

Given the ambivalent nature of Donald Trump it is difficult to assess the outcome of the Trump presidency on Eastern Europe, especially as there is limited visibility on his foreign policy priorities. Or foreign policy being a priority for him at all. Since becoming the president-elect his focus seems to be more on domestic matters and he has chosen not to be regularly briefed on intelligence matters, whilst Mike Pence has taken on the latter. It also seems common thinking that the choice for the Secretary of the State could indicate a bit on the possible foreign policy directions going forward. That position is yet to be decided.

One thing that the new president has been consistent on is the friendly attitude towards Russia. This has brought along negative market reaction in Emerging Europe on rising security and political concerns. During the campaign Trump's Vice Presidential nominee, Mike Pence, held and still holds a more hawkish stance towards Russia and its involvement in Syria, but on this matter Trump has held to his beliefs throughout. It has been reported that after the elections Trump has been in contact with Putin more than with any other head of state. On the other hand several key Republican players and intelligence people in Trump's transition team have voiced disagreement with Trump's approach to Russia. Just to point out that historically we have seen a few attempts to build relations between USSR/Russia and the US by the heads of the state being spoiled by the Congress.

For Emerging Europe the most negative scenario would be if Trump administration would go for full scale establishment of friendly relations with Russia and leave the region under the influence of Putin. This would imply much higher political risk premium in our region going forward. However, there is also the issue of the unity in Europe that, despite all of the recent, on security matters seems strong. Thus, we do not see the recreation of spheres of influence (Russia vs. the West) as a base scenario.

In regards to Turkey, the dovish tone of Trump towards Erdogan is definitely not welcome as it removes one of the most influential external factors that to some extent may have kept Erdogan on a bit shorter leash. There is an inherent conflict of interest related to the Trump-branded towers in Istanbul, a licencing deal dating back to 2014, owned by a strong proponent of Erdogan. Also, Trump named Mike Flynn, who has done consulting to the Turkish government, as a national security adviser. Thus, we would expect the more relaxed attitude from Trump administration towards Erdogan compared to the previous one.

To summarize, we see risks related to the Trump presidency but given his ambivalence it is really hard to estimate likelihood of different scenarios. From the equity market perspective we think that the decisions of the Fed on monetary policy and its effects on the exchange rate have significantly larger impact on Emerging Europe.

Q3 earnings review

Our portfolio companies delivered positive aggregate yoy earnings growth in Q3 in \in terms after three quarters of contraction. Excluding the revaluation driven net profit of real estate names and holding structures (16.5% of the portfolio) the aggregate earnings advanced 5.2%. The growth was driven by the banks that reported 32% adjusted EPS increase in \in terms, while non-financials posted earnings contraction.

Our banking sector holdings in Turkey (6.1% of the portfolio) delivered the strongest results as net profit in Q3 surged roughly 2.5x yoy in Ic. Earnings growth stems from the highest spreads in



the last three years, lower general provisioning, strong CPI linker income and improving operational efficiency. Our largest holding, Yapi Kredi (3.1% of the portfolio), saw its NII up 26% yoy in lc, while loan growth remained subdued at 6%. OPEX growth was contained at 8% yoy, while risk costs were flat pushing net earnings of the bank up 2.6x. Slightly negative was the deterioration in asset quality as NPL ratio increased 40bp over the quarter to 4.7%, while the coverage was maintained flat at 76.5%. Yapi Kredi trades below 5x 2017f P/E and 0.5x P/B with expected ROE of 11-12%. On index basis Turkish banks are trading at 5.1x 2017f earnings and the overall market at 7.3x, significantly below the 10 year average.

Romanian (15.9% of the portfolio) **companies posted poor figures in Q3.** Leaving aside our largest position, the closed-end restitution fund Fondul Proprietatea (5.9% of the portfolio) that posted an asset revaluation driven jump from a quarterly loss in 3Q15 to a profit this year, the other names delivered 24% yoy drop in aggregate adjusted EPS in Ic. Energy and utility names continued to suffer as net earnings contracted 25-53%, while our second largest position in Romania, the bank BRD-GSG (3.0% of the portfolio), posted 72% higher bottom line driven by improving top line trends, contained OPEX and more than 2x lower risk costs. We expect the positive developments in the banking sector to continue, while the results of upstream oil and gas names should start to recover. Distribution utilities will remain under pressure on lower tariffs that were implemented mid-2016 by the regulator.

Among the off-benchmark Vienna-listed names (20.3% of the portfolio) in both real estate companies, Immofinanz and Atrium, earnings momentum suffered due to lower rental income after disposals and asset revaluations. Rental income for both companies was down 7% yoy, while EBITDA dropped 5% and 18%, respectively for Immofinanz and Atrium. Atrium trades at 29% discount to NAV offering strong 7% DY, while Immofinanz is at 41% but also with weaker cash flow generation at the moment and DY of 3%+.

Our largest Vienna-listed holding, regional banking group Erste (5.6% of the portfolio) posted marginally weaker than expected top line, while **adjusted net profit came in line** with the consensus. Net interest and fee income of the bank dropped ca. 5% yoy, resulting in 10% lower operating profit as OPEX grew 3%. Risk costs on the other hand halved compared to 3Q15 pushing the bottom line up 22% yoy. We think that Erste is well positioned to take advantage of the solid regional macro environment and is reasonably valued at 10x 2017f P/E, 0.9x P/B and offers 3% DY.

Czech Komercni bank, the largest holding in the Fund (6.1% of the portfolio) delivered a rather neutral report with net profit up 22% yoy in lc on one-off income from the sale of a subsidiary. On adjusted basis the bottom line was basically flat, whereas preprovision operating profit was up 3% yoy on 3% lower OPEX, while banking revenues marginally increased yoy. After the recent DPS cut amid more stringent capital rules posed by the local central bank, we still view Komecni as one of the most solid

exposures in Emerging Europe. The bank trades at 13x 2017f P/E, 1.4x P/B and offers 4-5% DY. Czech macro environment has no excesses, while the koruna is seen as the Swiss franc equivalent in Emerging Europe.

A negative surprise in Q3 came from one of our long-time core holdings, Slovenian generics company Krka (3.4% of the portfolio) that reported almost 6% yoy lower top line but more importantly the weakest gross margin of 47% in history due to steep price drops in Western European markets. Gross margin was squeezed as sales in volume terms grew pushing up the COGS. The management also downgraded its earnings outlook for 2016 by 35% and guided for flat bottom line for 2017. Although, this has come as a negative surprise we do not think that the latest quarter would be representative of a new run rate of earnings. Given that the company has 15 new drug launches in the pipeline for next year we expect the profitability to somewhat bounce back. The stock took a -15% hit in November being one of largest negative contributors to the Fund performance and is now trading at 6.2x 2017f EV/EBITDA and 5%+ DY. At these levels we would rather look to increase our exposure in this name.

Key changes in the portfolio

In November we added Turkish software development company Logo into the portfolio and added to the upstream driven Romanian integrated oil and gas company Petrom. Logo is the 2nd largest enterprise application software (e.g. accounting, payroll, HR, CRM, business analytics etc.) provider in Turkey with ca. 25% market share. We see significant potential in Turkish IT sector as IT spending to GDP there is more than 2x lower than the global average. On top of that only 7% of the total IT spending in Turkey is software compared to 19% worldwide. We expect the company to show strong double-digit growth underpinned by the increasing penetration. Logo trades at 16.6x 2017f P/E and 11.5x EV/EBITDA.

Outlook

Eurozone leading indicators continued to improve in November. Composite flash PMI rose to a 11-month high on rising order books that forced firms to add staff at the fastest rate since 2008. One thing to note is that the prices charged by the firms also increased, indicating the strongest inflationary pressures over the past five years. European Commission economic sentiment data (ESI) for Eurozone also showed improvement in November.

In Emerging Europe November leading indicators were mixed. In Poland the manufacturing PMI rebounded from 25-month low of 50.2 in October to 51.9 driven by the rise in incoming orders. Inflationary pressures also picked up suggesting that the official CPI figure will turn positive over coming months. In the Czech Republic and Hungary we witnessed a slight deterioration in manufacturing PMI in November on lower output and new orders. However, the PMI remains close to or above the historical run rate in both countries suggesting the continuation of solid growth environment. Turkey's manufacturing PMI slid slightly in November and remained below the 50.0 no-change level as output and new orders declined, while new export business and



employment actually increased. Depreciation of the currency has put additional pressure on prices with input prices accelerating in November. In Romania the robust business conditions remain as November ESI rose.

Positioning

At the end of November the cash position in the Fund stood at 19%, slightly down vs. October on purchases. In terms of positioning the portfolio remains largely unchanged. We maintain our relatively constructive view on Turkey despite high uncertainty on the economic and currency outlook as the valuations of certain companies start to reflect significant economic slowdown. We think that the market has priced in already a significant part of the potential negatives, however, we do not expect the political headwinds to subside soon. Nevertheless, as we see decent value in Turkish banks and increasingly among non-financials, and we are likely to add to the existing exposure.

We maintain our conviction towards Romanian investments on solid valuations and optimistic macro outlook but remain constrained by the relative illiquidity. In Poland we are invested predominantly in financials, while overall the valuations are demanding. Among Austrian-listed companies we hold businesses focused on Emerging Europe real estate, banking and oil & gas sectors, which offer attractive valuations and high liquidity. In the Czech Republic and Hungary we find only a very select list of attractive names in banking, energy, pharma and manufacturing.

The selection of companies in the Fund portfolio trades at 10.1x 2017f P/E, below the 11.0x of the regional benchmark index, and 4.8x 2017f EV/EBITDA. Our value driven bottom-up approach favours companies with strong balance sheets and solid sustainable dividend pay-out capacity. The aggregate net gearing of our portfolio companies stands at 23% and sustainable dividend yield at 4%+.

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	% of the		P/E adj		growth		EV/EBITDA		yield	P/NAV	P/B
	Fund	12M	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2015	12M	12M
Cyclical	45.4%	9.0	10.4	9.6	-15.2%	9.0%	4.8	4.4	4.2%	-	0.97
Non-cyclical	14.4%	12.7	13.5	12.4	-24.1%	8.9%	5.7	5.4	5.6%	-	0.86
Asset play	16.5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3%	0.62	0.65
Total equity	76.3%	9.7	11.0	10.1	-17.1%	9.0%	5.2	4.8	4.7%	-	0.86
		CY*	YTM**								

Bonds4.2%5.9%4.5%* CY - Current yield, ** YTM - Yield to maturity

