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Clariden Leu (CH) Cat Bond Fund USD Class



Monthly return distribution table (5,Feb.1999 -31, Oct.2007) Index-Benchmark: Citigroup USD 3 months Eurodeposit Source: Clariden Leu

Risk Management

- Main risk at portfolio level: The invested capital is fully exposed to catastrophe risk, hence "capital at risk" investing
- Due diligence skills:
- · Identifying bonds:
- Ability to secure capacity:
- Portfolio structuring:
 - Adjusted for seasonality
 - · Portfolio is actively managed
- Portfolio management:

Performance Parameters

- No. of positions (as on 31.10.07): 51
- Diversification:
 - Geographic: US bias earthquakes, hurricanes; Japan earthquakes, typhoons; Europe windstorms, earthquakes, Australia multi risk
 - By issuer: Broad based
 - By credit rating/tranche exposure (as of 31.10.07): BBB: 11.9%, BB: 76.3%, B: 11.8%
 - By event: Cyclones, Earthquakes, Typhoons, Windstorms
 - By trigger: 4 main types: Parametric index: 45.9%, Industry loss: 27.3%, Indemnity: 12.6%, Modelled loss: 10.1%, Mixture: 4.0%
 - Avg. duration of portfolio: 2.1 years

Outlook

- Barriers to entry: High, know how and experience
- Threat posed by competition: Exists, but has no bearing on fund's ability to perform
- Scope for Cat bond funds: Upside
- Scope for a fund such as Clariden Leu's: Upside

Investment

- Current AuM (31.10.07) across all classes USD324.2mn (Cat Bond 1) +USD191mn (Cat Bond 2)
- Targeted AuM: USD 1bn (Cat Bond 1+2)
- Target audience: Sophisticated
- Base currency: USD, other currencies fund is available in: CHF, EUR
- Geographic constraints: Might apply

Focus: • Currently the fund invests in insurance linked securities in the form of bonds (Investing in notes and preferred shares, is also permissible).

Strengths: • Expertise, track record (since 1, May 2001)

- Source of uncorrelated returns (independent of financial markets).
- Strategic inclusion in a portfolio could lower its volatility, dampen risk profile.

Weaknesses: • Capacity constrained

- Seasonality
- Inherent model led risk

Opportunities: • Insurance capacity for peak perils such as US windstorm is limited • Growing market (further solvency changes anticipated)

• Issuance of Cat bonds in the first half of 2007 exceeded the total issuance of 2006

Threats: • The simultaneous occurrence of several major natural catastrophes

Below Average Average Above Average Far Above Average

• Liquidity: 100% of portfolio that can be traded on the secondary market-OTC

- Time to unwind the portfolio under normal market conditions: 2 weeks • Counterparty risk (in the context of OTC contracts): • Fund is valued by: 5 different market makers • Risk of each transaction: Cat models used: AIR's "Catrader", and EQE's "Worldcat Enterprise" • Leverage at portfolio level: None Currency risk: Hedged • Key man risk: Insured · Efficiency achieved in allocating investor capital: Maintain a cash buffer of 5% at all times
 - Ability to match liabilities with assets (monthly dealing): Ability to exercise a redemption gate
 - Fund's total expense ratio (annual):1.75%
 - Fund tends to outperform: When no invested-in Cat bonds are triggered
 - Sustainable opportunity set: Opportunistic
 Strategy scalability: Opportunistic
 - Ability to deliver targeted returns over:
 Next 3 years: Sustainable
 - Conceptually: Simple; Strategy execution level: complex
 - To optimise returns recommended holding period: min. 25 months
 - Transparency provided: very high
 - Fund is registered in Switzerland & is regulated by: the EBK (Swiss Banking Commission)
 - Rated: Morningstar: 5 stars

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