

Press Release

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Unigestion's multi asset Navigator fund hits three year track record delivering double digit returns in 2017

Unigestion's flagship multi asset fund, Uni-Global - Cross Asset Navigator, celebrated its three year anniversary at the end of 2017, following a strong year of performance of 10.6% returns net of fees. Since inception, the fund has achieved its objective delivering performance of 5.3% net of fees per annum (as of 24.01.2018) at nearly a third of the volatility of the MSCI All Country (AC) World index.

Navigator, which is run by Unigestion's Cross Asset Solutions team, is a macro risk-based multi asset investment strategy aiming to deliver a smoother return profile than other multi asset strategies.

The \$183 million UCITS fund* delivered investors returns of 10.6% in 2017 and 5.3% net of fees since inception**. Navigator's risk managed approach allowed investors to benefit from these returns with 4.7% volatility, compared to the 13.0% volatility of the MSCI AC World on an annualised basis since inception**.

Most notably, the fund significantly outperformed the MSCI AC World during January 2016 when there were fears around a US recession, as well as when markets reacted to the UK's Brexit decision, remaining flat whilst markets fell.

Jerome Teiletche, Head of Cross Asset Solutions at Unigestion, said:

"Our overall performance has been achieved consistently with expected contributions from both traditional and alternative risk premia, and from the diversified range of systematic and discretionary strategies run by the team.

"As we move further into 2018, our positioning still favours growth assets over fixed income to benefit from the synchronised growth, but we are preparing the portfolio for higher inflation expectations as indicated by our nowcasters for more than one year now. From our standpoint, the major risk is a stronger normalisation of monetary policy than what the market is currently expecting. Furthermore, as valuations are becoming stretched on most traditional assets, we expect our alternative risk premia strategies to contribute further to our performance and focus on relative value positioning."



Lloyd Reynolds, Head of UK and Nordic Intermediaries, said:

“While a number of other similar popular funds in the multi asset space have struggled to perform over the last twelve months in particular, Navigator has thrived due to its robust and dynamic risk management delivering double digit returns. As investors re-examine their existing multi asset or diversified growth fund exposure, we believe that Navigator’s smoother return profile, delivered by an experienced and academically respected team, will resonate well with the UK market. Some might say, it is the best multi asset fund you haven’t heard of yet.”

NOTES TO EDITORS

*As of 24 January 2018.

** Figures since inception relate to the period from 15 December 2014 to 24 January 2018.

Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

For more information about Unigestion’s multi asset Navigator please visit: www.navigator.unigestion.com

ABOUT UNIGESTION

Unigestion is a boutique asset manager with the scale to deliver global tailor-made investment solutions for thoughtful investors. Our core values – integrity, independence, excellence and guidance – are at the heart of everything we do.

We are responsible for managing USD 26.5 bn in client assets across our four areas of expertise: equity, multi asset investing, private equity and alternatives. We believe that risk management is an enduring driver of long-term investment performance, and we therefore apply a risk lens to all our strategies.

Ideas drive our growth, and Unigestion strives to be always at the forefront of innovation in investment management. For us, innovation is about co-creating with our clients the investment solutions that meet their needs through a partnership approach.

Our tradition of research sets us apart. Unigestion’s ongoing research focus, as well as our collaboration with the world of academia, enables us to arrive at new ideas to the benefit of our clients.

With over half of our assets managed through segregated mandates, we have a proven ability to understand clients’ objectives and are trusted by them to design strategies tailored to their needs.

We are privately owned, with a majority of the equity controlled by our senior management, and we focus solely on asset management. This gives us the independence to take a long-term perspective and stay true to our convictions for the long-term benefit of clients.

This independence also means that our interests can truly be aligned with those of our clients. We demonstrate our commitment to our clients by investing our own capital in the strategies we manage for them.

With offices around the world, Unigestion has 230 employees globally comprising of 30 different nationalities. From centres in Geneva, Zurich and London, our presence extends across Europe, North America and Asia.

Source: Unigestion. All data as at end of December 2017.

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