# **LEON Global Hedge Fund**

RAIF V.C.I.C. PLC

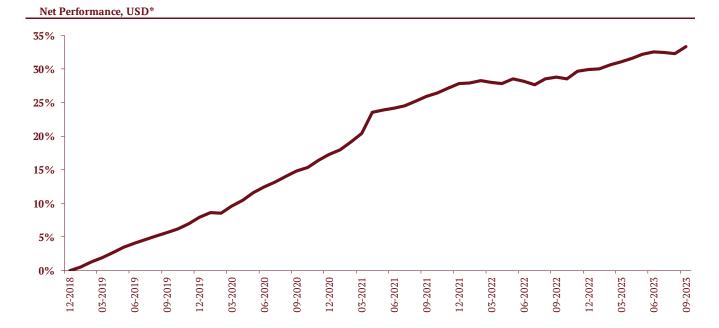


September 2023

### USD share class | NAV per share: 1034.24

The Fund's objective is to generate consistent uncorrelated returns from investments in a diversified portfolio of hedge funds. The Fund employs a flexible absolute return strategy, with about 65% of the portfolio invested in short-term liquid Private Credit strategies with strong collaterals, and the remainder in Arbitrage and other uncorrelated strategies. The Fund prioritizes niche opportunities with direct institutional-level access to managers, building on a vast network accumulated since 2009.

| Target Portfolio Attributes |                                       | Fund Terms        |   |  |  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|--|
| Number of positions:        | 15-25                                 | Legal form        | Cyprus-domiciled RAIF, V.C.I.C.             |  |  |
| Position Limit:             | <10% per position                     | Share classes     | B: USD (CYF000002362, LEGHRVB CY)           |  |  |
| Manager Limit:              | <12% per manager                      |                   | A: EUR (CYF000002354, LEGHRVA CY)           |  |  |
| Strategy Class Limit:       | <20% per strategy class               | Min Investment    | USD 300'000 / EUR 250'000                   |  |  |
|                             | >50% Liquid Private Credit strategies | Subscriptions/NAV | Monthly                                     |  |  |
| Leverage:                   | None                                  | Redemptions       | Quarterly, with 95 calendar days notice     |  |  |
|                             |                                       |                   | Max. 25% of investor's position per quarter |  |  |
|                             |                                       | Launch date       | May 2022                                    |  |  |
|                             |                                       | Fund manager      | LEON MFO Investments Limited                |  |  |
|                             |                                       |                   | (regulated by CySEC,                        |  |  |
|                             |                                       |                   | License No. AIFM 37/56/2013)                |  |  |
|                             |                                       | Depositary        | EFG Luxembourg                              |  |  |
|                             |                                       | Fund Admin        | PricewaterhouseCoopers                      |  |  |
|                             |                                       | Fees              | Management fee: 1,0% of AUM p.a.            |  |  |
|                             |                                       |                   | Perf. fee: 10% (3% hurdle, HWM)             |  |  |
|                             |                                       | Other expenses    | 0,3% of AUM p.a.                            |  |  |
|                             |                                       |                   | (depositary and fund administration)        |  |  |



| Net P | erforma | nce, USD* | :    |      |     |      |      |      |        |      |     |     |     |                  |
|-------|---------|-----------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|--------|------|-----|-----|-----|------------------|
| %     | Jan     | Feb       | Mar  | Apr  | May | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep    | Oct  | Nov | Dec | YTD | Since<br>incept. |
| 2023  | 0.0     | 0.5       | 0.4  | 0.4  | 0.5 | 0.3  | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.7 ** | :    |     |     | 2.6 | 33.3             |
| 2022  | 0.1     | 0.2       | -0.2 | -0.2 | 0.5 | -0.2 | -0.4 | 0.7  | 0.2    | -0.2 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 30.0             |
| 2021  | 0.6     | 0.9       | 1.1  | 2.7  | 0.3 | 0.2  | 0.2  | 0.6  | 0.6    | 0.4  | 0.5 | 0.5 | 9.0 | 27.8             |
| 2020  | 0.7     | -0.0      | 1.0  | 0.8  | 1.0 | 0.8  | 0.6  | 0.7  | 0.7    | 0.5  | 0.9 | 0.8 | 8.7 | 17.3             |
| 2019  | 0.5     | 0.8       | 0.6  | 0.8  | 0.8 | 0.6  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.5    | 0.5  | 0.7 | 0.9 | 7.9 | 7.9              |

\* Before May 2022: Net of fees USD performance of a discretionary strategy managed by the Fund's team on individual accounts since December 2018. Starting from June 2022: The actual track record of LEON Global Hedge Fund RAIF, class B (USD). Class B launch date: May 23rd, 2022; launch price: 1000.

\*\*Fund Administrator estimate based on position prices available as of last day of the month.

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#### **Monthly Commentary**

September was a poor month for risk assets. All major equity and bond indices declined 2-4%. Notably, bonds and equities remain positively correlated for now, which makes bonds a poor hedge for a diversified portfolio, unlike the previous 30 years. Moreover, the most widespread alternative asset class, Real estate, is also a questionable diversifier as of late, due to low transaction liquidity and in many regions lower prices. No wonder: real estate is ultimately a play on interest rates and credit availability, both of which have acted as headwinds recently. The emergence of work-from-home has boosted residential RE at the expense of commercial real estate since 2020, but this effect may be fading.

What asset class can be a true diversifier, if bonds or real estate are not doing the job? We firmly believe uncorrelated hedge funds should be a core part of the Alternatives allocation of any well-constructed portfolio now. Studies show that adding uncorrelated high-return high-risk components to a portfolio not only increases overall returns, but also risk-adjusted returns, i.e. returns can be improved with the same amount of risk taken. This is particularly true when there is no clear trend in equity markets.

The Fund's NAV increased by 0.7% in September as both private credit and arbitrage contributed positively. The write-down of the receivables strategy we warned about in our previous commentary has been delayed. Thus, we were able to show minimal gains for the quarter. The problematic consumer finance strategy continues to recover. Among the arbitrage strategies, our top performer in recent months is a unique one focused on Energy stocks. We have mentioned previously that we are not huge fans of Equity long-short managers, as most of this lot demonstrates a significant correlation to equity market moves, and also true skill ("alpha") is hard to find (and sustain). However, this particular sector is so "out of fashion" (not least due to poorly applied ESG considerations) that a dedicated specialist can really shine, while also running a genuine market-neutral portfolio. We did not trade in September as we continue to work on multiple portfolio rebalancing ideas. The goal is to improve both liquidity and performance at the cost of a slightly higher fund volatility.

#### **Key Characteristics**

| # of positions                    | 25   |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Liquid Private Credit             | 15   |
| Arbitrage                         | 10   |
| Net return since incept., % p.a.* | 6.2% |
| Sharpe Ratio since inception *    | 3.4  |

#### Strategy Class, % of portfolio

| Trade Finance               | 17.7  |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Real Estate Bridge Credit   | 13.6  |
| Receivables                 | 11.7  |
| Litigation Finance          | 11.5  |
| Short-term Consumer Finance | 10.1  |
| Credit Arbitrage            | 6.7   |
| Equity Arbitrage            | 6.9   |
| Market-neutral Algo         | 6.7   |
| Other                       | 14.7  |
| Cash                        | 0.4   |
| Total                       | 100.0 |

#### Strategy Type, % of portfolio Liquid Private Credit Arbitrage Cash

70.1

29.5

0.4

100.0

#### **Top-5 Positions**

Total

| US Healthcare Receivables      | 6.9 |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| UK Consumer Litigation Finance | 6.6 |
| US Trade Finance               | 6.2 |
| US Trade Finance               | 5.9 |
| Global Trade Finance           | 5.6 |

#### **Regional Breakdown, % of portfolio**

| USA    | 57.9  |
|--------|-------|
| UK     | 7.8   |
| Europe | 2.4   |
| Other  | 11.3  |
| Global | 20.3  |
| Cash   | 0.4   |
| Total  | 100.0 |

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#### **Risk Disclosure Statement**

This document is addressed to professional and well-informed investors only. Every type of financial instruments has its own characteristics and entails different risks, depending on the nature of each investments. A general description of the nature and the risks of financial instruments are summarized in the risk disclosure statement of the Company which could be accessed through the following link: https://leoninvestments.com.cy/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/leon-mfo-risk-disclosure-final-10.04.2020-v1.0.pdf. It should be noted the Company's risk disclosure statement does not disclose all the associated risks or other important aspects of the financial instruments and it should not be considered as investment advice or recommendation for the provision of any service or investment in any financial instrument. There are no guarantees of profit nor of avoiding losses, when trading in financial instruments. The clients of the Company or its prospective clients/investors should not carry out any transaction in any financial instruments, unless he/she is fully aware of their nature, the risks nvolved and the extent of his/her exposure to these risks. In case of uncertainty as to the meaning of any of the warnings described in the aforementioned risk disclosure statement, the client or the prospective client/investor must seek an independent financial, legal and/or tax advice before taking any investment decision. **Sustainability Risks:** The RAIF is not expected to qualify as sustainable. The External Manager is committed to integrating sustainability risks into its investment decision-making process and in its investment advice to the minimum extent, as required by Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 ("SFDR") and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. However, the External Manager does not consider the principal adverse impacts of its investment advice on sustainability factors. The External Manager may reassess its consideration in the future in regards to adverse impacts and sustainability objectives.

