

Bernheim, Dreyfus & Co.'s Carmel Global Opportunities up 11.2% one year since launch

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Paris-based asset manager Bernheim, Dreyfus & Co. said that its Carmel Global Opportunities managed account generated +11.2% net return with a volatility of 2.3% thus achieving an exceptional Sharpe Ratio of 5 one year after its launch.

In the 12 months since launch in June 2013, the CGO UCITS Fund is in the top-tier of risk/adjusted performance rankings for the sector. The fund has delivered 11 positive months out of 12 with a worst performance of -0.16%.

Amit Shabi, co-founder of Bernheim, Dreyfus & Co. declared: "We are extremely proud of having delivered robust risk/adjusted returns for Carmel Global Opportunities. We are seeing a lot of investment situations across the capital structure and are ready to capture all available opportunities. We therefore remain optimistic and we believe that our strategy will keep performing as well in the futures as it did over the past"

The CGO UCITS Fund is an extension of an audited managed account (KPMG), which generated +18% net in 2012 and +11% in 2013, recording only four negative months (87% positive). This record demonstrates the resilience of the portfolio managers' trading and risk management expertise.

Shabi disclosed the fund was launched with \$60m in capital and is now approaching assets under management of \$100m. It is subject to a series of due diligence processes from potential investors creating the likelihood of further significant growth in assets over the next few months.

"The CGO UCITS fund is designed to deliver steady long-term capital appreciation through diversification of investment style, alpha source and time horizon. The fund deploys capital in an actively managed core fixed income allocation and a more dynamic pocket increasing market exposure during risk-on environments. The tactical trading strategy is targeted to capture all available opportunities depending on market conditions, combining strong portfolio construction and risk management skills," he said.

Bernheim, Dreyfus believes prospects for the European credit markets remain very favorable, with improving credit fundamentals in high yield and financials, low default rates and efficient access to capital markets. This market continues to offer very attractive catalyst-driven investment opportunities.

Shabi added the fund is positioned to benefit in the coming months from the accelerating growth of the U.S. economy, the current wave of M&A, and the growing gap between companies that are in a position to generate sustainable growth by capitalizing on their past investments and firms that remain vulnerable to pricing dynamics.

He went on to say, "The fund has consistently generated significant and positive alpha during good and difficult environments. Bernheim, Dreyfus & Co.'s unique structure assures investors of the robustness of the investment process, risk management and high degree of transparency. The company is comprised of professionals with distinctive and highly complementary expertise, placing investor relations and sophisticated risk management on the same level as investment idea generation and transaction analysis."