



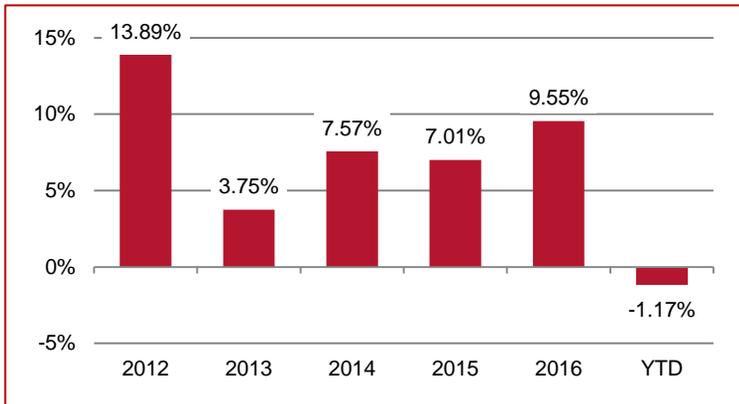
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EXPAT MUTUAL FUNDS MONTHLY REPORT

May 2017

Past performance, %

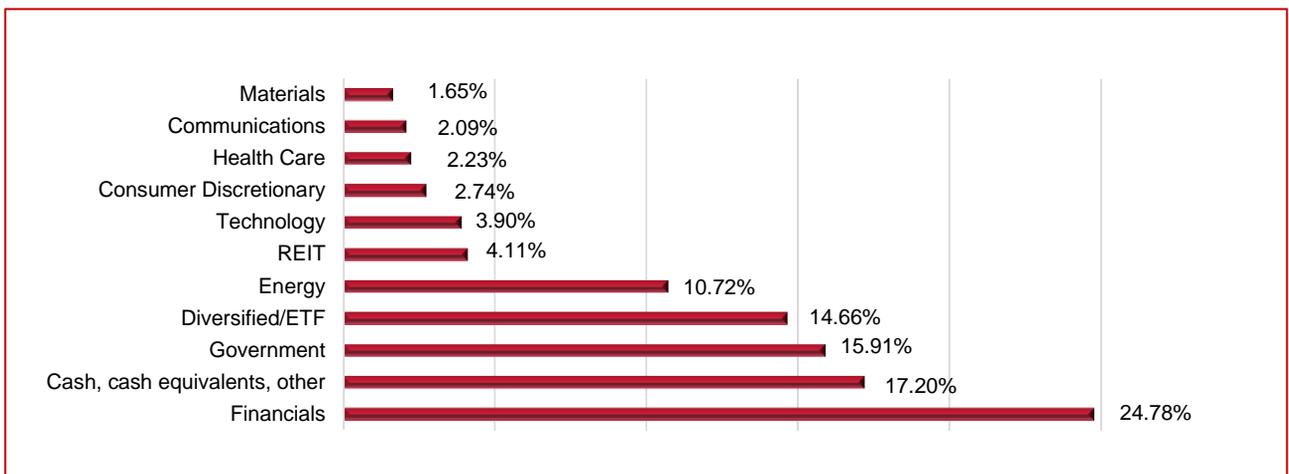


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Historical NAV per share, BGN



Industry breakdown, %



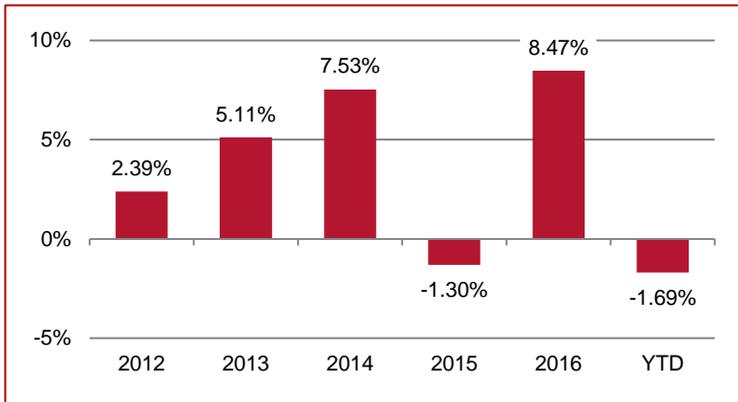
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The Fed is expected to increase interest rates in June. U.S. investment-grade corporate bonds outperformed higher yielding bonds as we were witnessing flattening of the U.S. yield curve since mid-March. However, investors' risk appetite increased as the spread between high-yield and U.S. Treasury bonds has resumed its trend of narrowing down. Awaiting the Fed meeting in June investors were more cautious towards bonds in the emerging markets which posted a modest gains - of only +0.4% for the month.

The elections in France and the positive macro data from the Euro area calmed down the markets leading to some spread narrowing of euro-denominated bonds. Investors are betting on a smooth rate hike schedule by the ECB starting late 2018. Our view is that the end of the QE in the Eurozone is imminent, which is generally good news for European banks, but yet worrisome for European bonds. Thus we remain cautious and underweight on euro-denominated bonds.

The depreciation of the U.S. dollar vs. euro with -3.0% is the main reason for the Fund's underperformance during May. Our team remains positive towards bonds from the financial and energy sectors and prefer the higher carry from dollar-denominated bonds. We kept our overweight position in Emerging Markets but lowered the Fund's duration as we see steeper path of rate hikes than the market.

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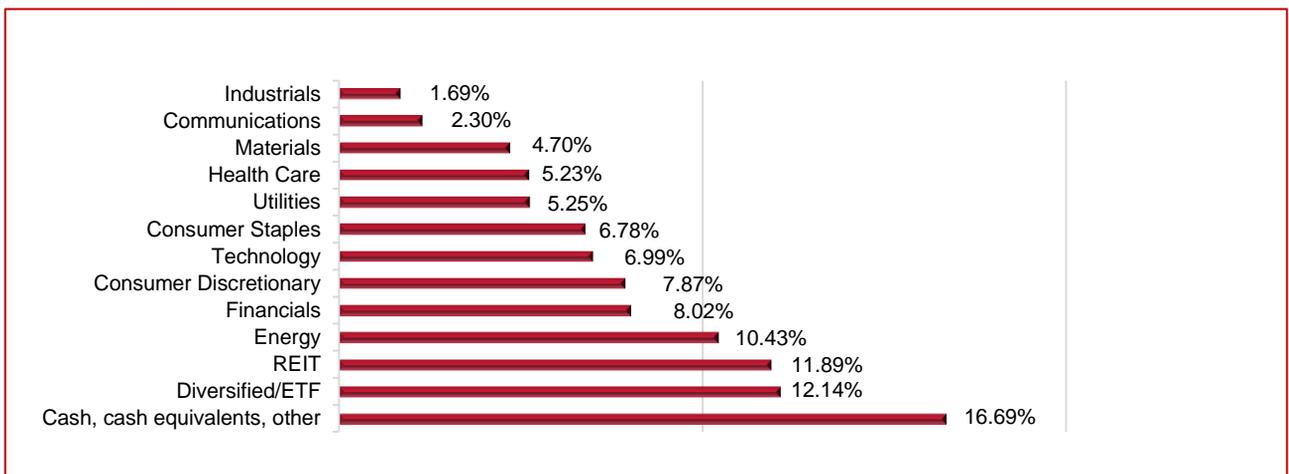


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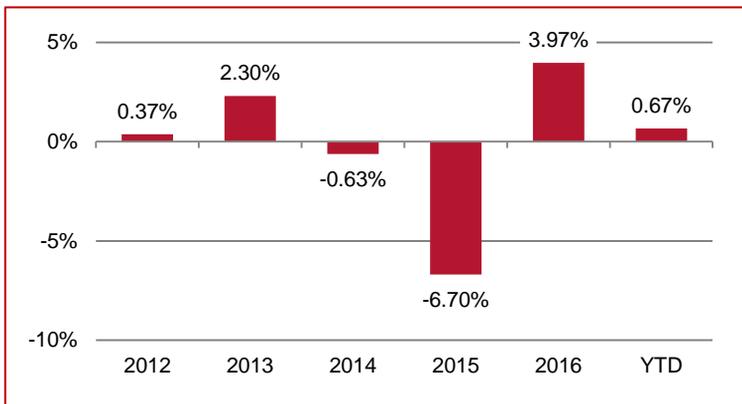
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In May, economic data in Europe was generally positive suggesting a possible end of the QE at the end of 2018. The elections in France ended fears of FREXIT and gave additional boost to markets as political risk receded. EU purchasing managers' index (PMI) registered 56.8 points in May, an all-time high. Those factors contributed to the appreciation of the euro vs. U.S. dollar and boosted equity prices of European stocks. The French CAC and the German DAX closed the month with gains of respectively +0.3% and +1.4%.

The best performing sectors in the U.S. were once Utilities and Technology. The US equity indices ended the month with gains: The broad S&P 500 Index closed +1.2%, whereas the blue-chip NASDAQ Index appreciated by +2.5%. Manufacturing data showed some signs of softening but, Services PMI were robust and price indices increased modestly. Data for the labor market was weaker than expected, suggesting consumption could run out of steam in the coming months. Nevertheless our team is expecting U.S. economy to reaccelerate in H2 and to witness the Trump's tax reforms until the end of the year.

The depreciation of the U.S. dollar vs. euro with -3.0% affected negatively our Fund's performance. We decreased our exposure to companies in the utilities sector with expectation for U.S. rate hike in June. We prefer stocks with exposure to steepening of the U.S. yield curve and some reflationary trades like Energy, Materials and REITs.

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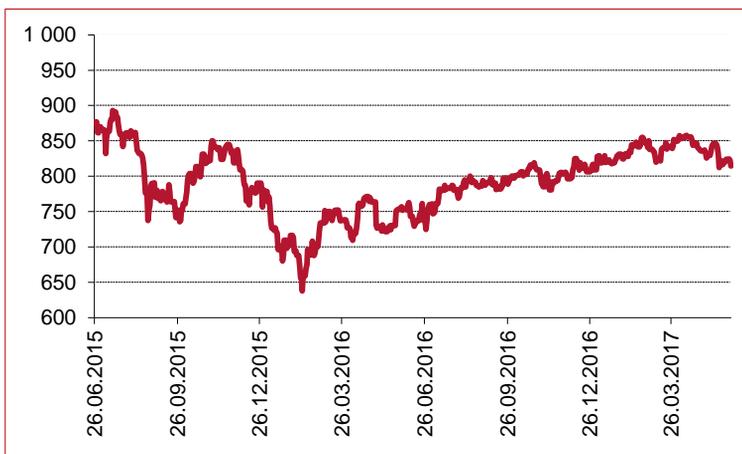
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In May, the emerging markets index MSCI Emerging Markets gained +2.8% in US dollars, helped by the stable global macroeconomic conditions. The best performing stock markets for a third month in a row were the Asian stocks (Hang Seng +4.3%), as well as India (SENSEX +4.1%). However, Latin America underperformed due to political turmoil. Brazilian stocks ended the month in red (-4.1%) after a corruption scandal with meat producers led to impeachment calls against the president Temer, whereas Russian stocks continued to fall down (-5.5% in USD) partly due to the lower oil price.

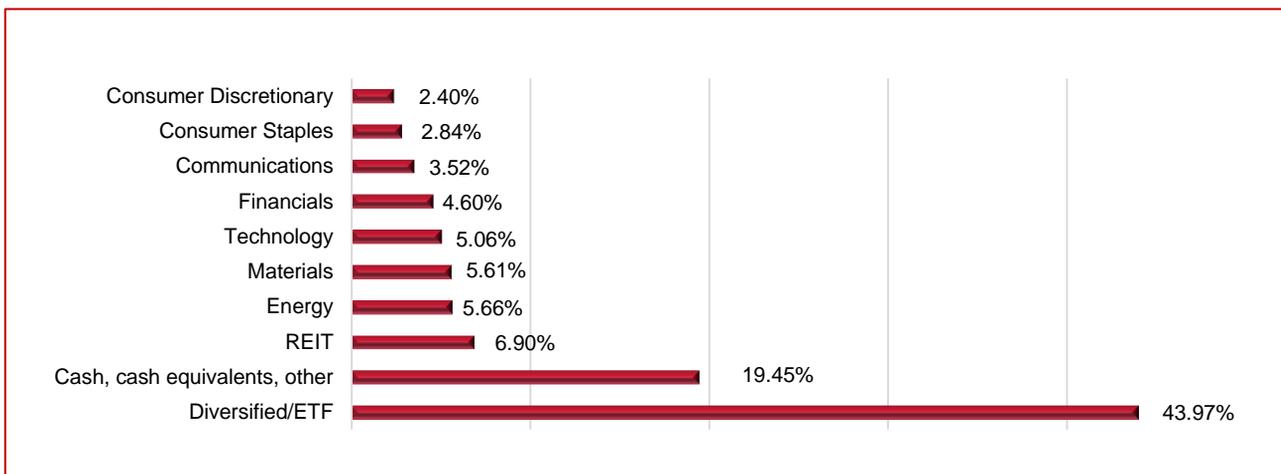
The price of the WTI crude oil fell averaged below \$50 per barrel on persisting concerns for higher US, Nigeria and Lybia output despite the extension of the OPEC's output cut deal. By quitting the Paris climate accord, Trump added to the doubts on the oil price going up.

The depreciation of the Brazilian real and the Russian ruble against euro affected the performance of our Fund. In May we increased the Fund's position in Southeast Asia - countries such as Indonesia and Malaysia, and India as well. In spite of the negative crude oil price movement, the economies of Brazil and Russia are in a much better condition, as compared to those a year ago. We reckon that these investments will turn out to be profitable.

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