CIGOGNE FUND

M&A Arbitrage

31/07/2026

CIGOGNE MANAGEMENT

Assets Under Management : 227 345 494.11 € **Net Asset Value (O Unit) : 54 934.01 €**

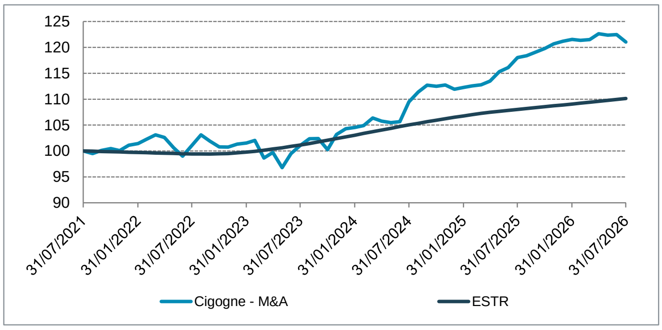
PERFORMANCES

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
2026	0.30%	-0.16%	0.12%	0.95%	-0.21%	0.07%	-1.16%						**-0.11%**
2025	0.31%	0.24%	0.20%	0.63%	1.61%	0.69%	1.65%	0.31%	0.57%	0.61%	0.76%	0.40%	**8.27%**
2024	0.24%	0.34%	1.38%	-0.58%	-0.24%	0.15%	3.63%	1.73%	1.20%	-0.18%	0.21%	-0.72%	**7.31%**
2023	0.19%	0.49%	-3.30%	1.06%	-2.92%	2.80%	1.59%	1.28%	0.04%	-2.11%	2.93%	1.08%	**2.93%**
2022	0.33%	0.80%	0.86%	-0.52%	-1.95%	-1.60%	2.13%	1.99%	-1.18%	-1.06%	-0.04%	0.57%	**0.22%**

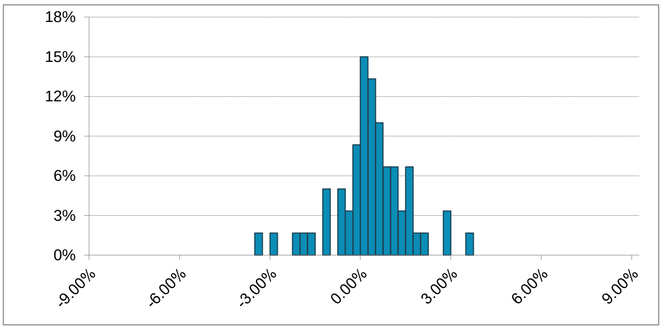
PORTFOLIO STATISTICS SINCE 31/12/2004 AND FOR 5 YEARS

	Cigogne M&A Arbitrage		ESTR		HFRX Global Hedge Fund EUR Index	
	5 years	From Start	5 years	From Start	5 years	From Start
Cumulative Return	21.04%	448.66%	10.13%	23.22%	5.40%	2.74%
Annualised Return	3.89%	8.20%	1.95%	0.97%	1.06%	0.13%
Annualised Volatility	4.35%	9.02%	0.45%	0.45%	3.48%	5.24%
Sharpe Ratio	0.45	0.80	-	-	-0.26	-0.16
Sortino Ratio	0.79	2.01	-	-	-0.41	-0.21
Max Drawdown	-6.15%	-14.71%	-0.59%	-3.38%	-8.35%	-25.96%
Time to Recovery (m)	6	46	6	16	23	> 76
Positive Months (%)	70.00%	73.36%	76.67%	57.92%	60.00%	59.07%

PERFORMANCE (Net Asset Value)



DISTRIBUTION OF RETURNS (Monthly Basis)

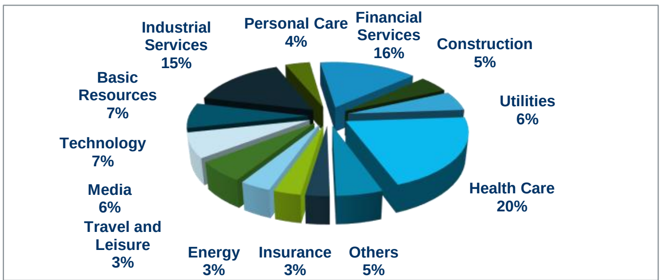


INVESTMENT MANAGERS' COMMENTARY

The level of activity across our investment universe remained robust in July, supported in particular by several transactions exceeding USD 10 billion. These included the merger between U.S. specialty chemicals companies Element Solutions and Solstice Advanced Materials, as well as Uber Technologies' acquisition of the European operations of German multinational food delivery company Delivery Hero. These figures, however, mask the complexity of the current environment, which continues to be characterized by a high volume of transactions offering relatively unattractive risk-return profiles.

The portfolio's underperformance in July was primarily attributable to the collapse of Zijin Mining's proposed acquisition of gold producer Allied Gold. Although the transaction could have been extended by two months pending approval from China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), the final outstanding regulatory clearance, the parties ultimately decided to terminate the agreement. Zijin nevertheless reaffirmed its strategic interest in Allied Gold by investing nearly USD 300 million to acquire a 9.2% stake in the Canadian company. The announcement triggered a 17% decline in Allied Gold's share price, further exacerbated by significant selling pressure. This outcome, driven by the Chinese authorities, appears to reflect broader macroeconomic considerations rather than company-specific issues. Against this backdrop, our position, which represented 2.20% of NAV at the end of July, was negatively affected and will be gradually reduced. The spread on Warner Bros. Discovery also widened during the month. A U.S. federal judge temporarily suspended the transaction following a lawsuit filed by twelve state attorneys general, who argued that the deal could reduce competition and adversely affect movie theater operators. Although the transaction had already received clearance from the U.S. Department of Justice as well as conditional approval from the European Commission, its completion is now expected to extend beyond the originally anticipated end-of-August timetable. The remaining discussions will primarily focus on the cinema exhibition, cable television, and streaming markets. Additional remedies by the acquirer, similar to those already accepted in Europe, could address the remaining concerns by year-end, or potentially before September 30, after which substantial delay penalties would become payable to Warner Bros. Discovery shareholders. Given the strategic rationale of the transaction and the acquirer's demonstrated commitment, we remain confident in the investment case. Portfolio diversification nevertheless proved effective during the period, as several transactions reached successful outcomes. This was notably the case for Distribution Solutions Group, whose acquirer, LKCM, increased its initial offer by more than 18% to secure the board's support for its take-private proposal by acquiring the remaining 21% of the company's outstanding shares that it did not already own. We also highlight the Electronic Arts transaction, which cleared its final major milestone after receiving all required antitrust approvals. The deal has now entered its final phase, with closing expected within the first few days of August.

ASSET BREAKDOWN



CORRELATION MATRIX

	Cigogne M&A Arbitrage	ESTR	HFRX Global Hedge Fund EUR Index
Cigogne M&A	100.00%	15.43%	50.02%
ESTR	15.43%	100.00%	25.93%
HFRX HF Index	50.02%	25.93%	100.00%

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INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The choice of the assets is guided by an arbitration of mergers and/or acquisitions, consisting in benefiting from the price differences, which can appear at the time of takeover bids or exchange. Based on a solid and detailed analysis of the economic, legal and competitive frameworks, initiated operations are mainly held until the finalization of the offer. The portfolio only focuses on declared M&A situations. Initiated strategies consist in acquiring shares of the target company (cash offer) and selling shares of the acquirer (stock, cash and stock offer) or conversely if we expect the bid to fail. The sub-fund may also develop strategies on corporate action arbitrage such as preferential subscription rights.

MAIN EXPOSURES (In percentage of gross asset base)

QUBE HOLDINGS	5.04%
NIPPON DRY CHEMICAL SQUEEZE OUT	4.31%
MEDIOBANCA / BANCA MONTE DI PASCI	3.91%
PENUMBRA / BOSTON SCIENTIFIC	3.17%
BORALEX	3.11%

FUND SPECIFICS

Net Asset Value :	€	**227 345 494.11**
Net Asset Value (O Unit) :	€	**38 894 885.07**
Liquidative Value (O Unit) :	€	**54 934.01**
ISIN Code :		**LU0648563830**
Legal Structure :		**FCP - SIF, AIF**
Inception Date of the fund :		**November 16th 2004**
Inception Date (O Unit) :		**November 16th 2004**
Currency :		**EUR**
NAV calculation date :		**Monthly, last calendar day of the month**
Subscription / redemption :		**Monthly**
Minimum Commitment:	€	**100 000.00**
Minimum Notice Period:		**1 month**
Management Fee:		**1,50% per annum**
Performance Fee :		**20% above €STR with a High Water Mark**
Country of Registration :		**FR, LU**
Management Company:		**Cigogne Management SA**
Investment Advisor:		**CIC CIB**
Depositary Bank:		**Banque de Luxembourg**
Administrative Agent:		**UI efa**
Auditor:		**KPMG Luxembourg**

RISK PROFILE

Lower Risk ← → **Higher Risk**

Potentially lower Return — Potentially higher Return

1	2	**3**	4	5	6	7

The risk category has been determined on the basis of historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile. The risk and reward category shown does not necessarily remain unchanged and the categorization of the fund may shift over time.

REASONS TO INVEST IN CIGOGNE M&A ARBITRAGE

In addition to traditional financial investment, alternative investments aim to provide investors with absolute performances independent from the return of traditional asset classes such as shares, bonds etc. With these objectives, alternative investments can be construed as the natural complement to assets allocation between classical portfolio investment and risks managed performance strategies that take advantages of market inefficiencies.
Cigogne Management S.A. is the alternative asset management branch of Crédit Mutuel Alliance Fédérale, a major actor in the industry. Cigogne Management S.A. benefits from CIC CIB's deep expertise. Cigogne Management S.A. currently manages the Cigogne Fund and Cigogne UCITS funds (single-strategy funds) as well as the Stork Fund (multi-strategy funds).
Cigogne Fund - M&A Arbitrage aims to achieve stable and positive performances over time, uncorrelated from traditional asset classes by setting up arbitrage strategies taking advantage of disrupted and modified interest rate curves.

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