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Monthly returns

8%

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-8%

# castle ALTERNATIVE INVEST

Monthly	report –	December	2017
	TOPOIL		

Global financial markets ended a very strong year with good performance in December, fueled by the passage of the tax reforms in the US. Within US equities, large caps outperformed small caps and the gains in energy and commodity stocks were offset by negative returns in the healthcare and semiconductor sectors. International equities were positive both in Asia and Europe. Global rates remained fairly stable with slight increases in the US and Europe. Commodity prices surged further with prices of oil,

The portfolio ended the month in positive territory with positive results across most hedge funds strategies. The largest contribution came from the Long/Short Equity allocation, where the vast majority of managers posted positive performance, with Asian strategies among the top performers. Event Driven strategies also posted gains in both Europe and the US. Relative Value managers also had a positive month and supported overall portfolio performance. CTAs had mixed results with trend-following strategies in positive territory, while short-term traders were unprofitable. Global Macro managers had a difficult month with trading in commodities deducting from

NAV performance in USD (from Jan 1997 to Dec 2017)<sup>3</sup>

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Jun Sep Dec Mar 09 10 11 13

Jun Sep Dec 14 15 16

aluminum, copper and live hogs trading higher.

performance the most.

Net asset value

20 18

16

14 12

10 8

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Dec Mar Jun 96 98 99

NAV update as of 31 December 2017*	
Monthly net return (estimate)	0.60%
Latest NAV in USD (estimate)	20.11
Year to date performance (estimate)	1.00%
Cumulative net return (estimate)	212.18%
Annualised net return (estimate)	5.57%
Annualised standard deviation	5.13%
Sharpe ratio <sup>1)</sup>	0.40
Correlation to MSCI World index	0.50
Correlation to JPM Global Bond index	-0.07
Share price as of 31 December 2017	
Price in CHF (SIX)	15.65
Year to date price return in CHF (SIX)	-7.67%
Other information	
Net asset value (USD million)	162.75

 Degree of investment
 100%

 USD/CHF exchange rate
 0.9736

All annualised and cumulative statistics are for the period commencing Jan 1997.

<sup>1)</sup> A risk free rate of 3.5% is used for calculation purposes.



The allocations above take into account that a single underlying investment can have exposure to multiple styles and have reposed to reflect underlying fund investments only.

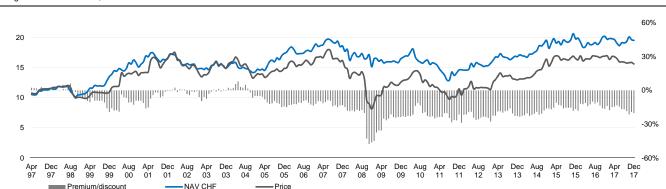
## Monthly net returns (%), NAV in USD (from January 1997 to December 2017)\*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	MSCI	JPN
														World	GB
2017	0.15	-0.50	0.00	-0.15	-0.25	-1.32	1.79	0.30	0.35	1.30	-1.24	0.60	1.00	19.79	2.24
2016	-1.51	-1.02	-0.57	0.47	0.00	-0.10	1.04	0.36	-0.66	0.31	1.23	0.91	0.40	10.04	3.69
2015	0.81	1.31	1.49	-0.20	1.03	-2.14	0.99	-1.52	-1.30	0.76	1.05	-1.54	0.66	2.57	1.35
2014	0.05	1.84	-0.88	-0.63	1.37	1.04	-0.77	0.62	0.51	-1.07	2.07	-0.35	3.85	10.31	8.48
2013	3.15	0.23	1.78	1.92	0.33	-1.44	1.12	-1.00	1.23	1.55	1.63	1.61	12.72	29.39	-0.35
2012	2.18	1.63	0.00	0.25	-0.25	-1.30	1.69	0.80	0.73	-0.85	1.04	1.75	7.88	16.48	4.20
2011	0.96	0.59	-0.47	1.25	-1.76	-2.21	0.61	-2.37	-1.68	-0.51	-1.21	0.32	-6.36	-4.93	6.17
2010	-0.94	0.00	2.41	0.99	-3.92	-0.70	0.26	0.51	2.42	1.86	-0.73	2.40	4.45	11.03	4.24
2009	0.29	-0.08	-0.77	1.35	3.57	-0.34	1.70	0.87	2.91	0.26	1.15	1.08	12.56	27.09	0.72
2008	-0.93	1.83	-1.79	-0.02	1.43	-0.43	-2.70	-2.07	-6.12	-3.70	-1.24	0.32	-14.61	-38.06	9.42
2007	1.07	-0.01	0.82	1.98	2.03	1.34	0.87	-1.89	2.25	2.43	-1.63	0.73	10.34	6.13	5.99
2006	4.01	0.92	2.20	2.30	-1.19	-1.10	-0.35	0.42	0.25	1.44	2.67	1.66	13.91	17.47	3.09
2005	-1.62	1.42	-1.43	-1.45	0.50	1.71	1.20	0.43	1.46	-1.68	2.25	1.73	4.49	16.65	4.97
2004	0.96	2.13	0.51	-1.41	-2.05	-0.88	-0.97	-0.42	1.00	1.49	3.78	1.06	5.17	11.52	4.88
2003	2.06	0.95	-0.97	1.19	2.60	0.27	-0.38	1.71	0.83	1.47	0.41	1.82	12.57	25.04	2.09
2002	0.85	-0.10	0.65	0.48	0.91	0.46	0.29	0.96	0.43	-0.31	0.59	1.06	6.44	-24.38	8.40
2001	1.38	0.54	1.70	-0.35	0.20	0.16	0.25	1.04	0.05	1.62	-0.76	0.71	6.71	-13.69	6.15
2000	0.19	2.75	-0.42	-0.23	0.82	1.47	0.49	2.07	-0.26	0.04	1.16	2.45	10.98	-8.17	10.80
1999	0.53	0.31	1.20	4.27	0.66	3.13	0.51	0.30	0.72	-0.45	1.84	4.59	18.93	30.96	0.68
1998	-0.96	0.87	3.63	-0.08	0.15	-1.80	0.22	-3.22	-2.69	-3.06	1.88	3.21	-2.11	22.68	11.45
1997	1.72	0.51	-0.37	0.61	0.77	0.10	4.30	0.41	2.79	-0.12	0.28	1.34	12.95	24.78	10.84
Before September 199	9, CAI (Overseas) Lto	l. pro-forma perfo	rmance numbers a	are used (real num	bers adjusted for c	urrency hedging, n	et of management	fee and performa	nce fee but gross of	cost on CAI AG leve	=[)				

Source: LGT CP / Bloomberg

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## Key facts

Investment manager LGT Capital Partners (Ireland) Limited Investment adviser LGT Capital Partners Limited Administrators I GT Bank AG in Liechtenstein BNP Paribas Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd. Auditor and reporting accountants PricewaterhouseCoopers Swiss legal counsel Niederer Kraft & Frey Fees 1.5% management fee and 10% performance fee Market quote Quoted and traded daily in CHF on SIX Listing dates SIX: CHF: 10 April 1997 ISIN/Valor CH0005092751/509275 Bloomberg CHF: CASN SW (SIX)

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## Company structure

Castle Alternative Invest AG ("the Company") is a joint stock corporation established for an indefinite period in the Canton of Schwyz, Switzerland, by deed dated 24 July 1996. The Company was registered in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Schwyz on 30 July 1996. The Company's shares have been listed in Swiss Francs on the SIX Swiss Exchange since 10 April 1997 and in US Dollars from 21 January 2002 until 15 September 2017. On 5 June 2009, they were also listed in US Dollars on the London Stock Exchange. This listing was subsequently cancelled effective 3 March 2014. Since 31 August 2017, the issued share capital of the Company has consisted of 8,721,297 registered shares with a par value of CHF 5.

The total number of shares in issue (excluding all of the above holdings) amount to 8,092,615 shares.

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