

Aquila Capital and Algert Global launch global equity market neutral UCITS Fund with daily liquidity

Hamburg, 17 April 2018. Aquila Capital has partnered with US-based investment manager Algert Global LLC to launch a global equity market neutral strategy with daily liquidity in a UCITS format designed to deliver returns uncorrelated with equity markets.

The AQC - Algert Global Equity Market Neutral UCITS Fund (the Fund) aims to deliver returns with an annualised volatility of 6% to 8% by taking long and short exposures in equity and equity-related securities. The Fund seeks to draw on Algert Global's insights into inefficiencies caused by behavioural and cognitive biases which have been developed and refined by Algert Global's experienced investment team since 2003. It blends fundamental analysis with what it believes to be a disciplined, systematic investment approach and employs a diverse set of proprietary models to create a stock-specific forecast while attempting to control systematic risks. The strategy focuses on longer-term signals where there appears to be less crowding, lower decay rates and more stable opportunities.

Algert Global has joined Aquila Capital's AQC platform, which offers a range of alternative UCITS strategies via its Luxembourg-based fund platform. The AQC platform provides IT infrastructure, risk management, compliance and distribution services to fund managers, enabling them to concentrate on their core business of managing liquid alternative strategies.

The partnership underlines Aquila Capital's strategy to work with outstanding alternative asset managers and enables Algert Global to strengthen its presence in Europe.

Manfred Schraepler, Managing Director and Head of Financial Assets at Aquila

Capital, comments: "With our dedicated UCITS platform, we aim to bring to the market carefully selected managers in a cost-efficient and liquid format. We are delighted to partner with Algert Global to bring their equity market neutral strategy to Europe."

Jan Bratteberg, Partner and Head of Investment Strategy at Algert Global, comments:

"The UCITS fund structure has become the fund structure of choice for many European investors and this partnership provides us with an opportunity to engage with some of these investors. Aquila Capital offered us a platform with related services that we found to be an attractive proposition as we start to expand our business into Europe."

Institutional investors can currently access the Fund via a range of institutional share classes.

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About Aquila Capital

Established in 2001, Aquila Capital is committed to provide institutional investors worldwide with alternative investment solutions in real assets, financial and private markets. Applying a multi-disciplinary investment approach, Aquila Capital's range of alternative investments is managed by dedicated specialists in their respective asset classes and underpinned by an infrastructure that combines strong operations and stringent corporate governance.

Over 200 professionals across nine offices globally implement efficient investment strategies via fund structures and individual mandates. The Aquila Group comprises Aquila Capital Investmentgesellschaft mbH, which is licensed by the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin) to act as an alternative investment fund manager in Germany, and Alceda Fund Management S.A., which is licensed as an alternative investment fund manager and UCITS management company in Luxembourg by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF).

Further information can be found at www.aquila-capital.com.

About Algert Global

Algert Global focuses on managing global absolute return and active long-only strategies for both institutional and private investors. It was founded in 2002 by CEO Peter Algert with the goal of becoming recognized as "best-in-class" in systematic active equity investing.

Algert believes there are inefficiencies in global equity markets, leading to inefficient forecasts of the sustainability of firms' earnings. These are a result of the behavioral biases of human market participants and the firm believes they are best exploited by a quantitative and repeatable investment process. Its process uses three manifestations of market inefficiencies in conjunction with one another to develop a single conviction on every stock in its investment universe.

The first strategy launched by Algert Global in April 2003 was a US equity market neutral strategy. In the ensuing two years several regionally focused market neutral strategies were developed and ultimately led to the formation of its flagship global equity market neutral strategy in June 2005.

The core investment team has worked together since 2004 and each member can demonstrate an academic background in quantitative investing.

Algert Global is based at One Maritime Plaza, Suite 1525, San Francisco, CA 94111, USA. The firm currently manages in excess of USD \$2 billion across absolute return and benchmark-relative active strategies.