Special Report: Alternative Fixed Income 2018

Stockholm (HedgeNordic) - In HedgeNordic's last Special Report for 2018, we therefore have all eyes on fixed income markets, and the various strategies and instruments portfolio managers utilize in this low interest environment attempting to generate returns for their investors.

Peter Hansson, recently retired CEO of Sparinstitutens Pensionskassa (SPK), looks back at 25 years investing in hedge funds, and shares his views with us on how the industry has changed during his career.

The Head of Alternative Investments at AFA Insurance, Mikael Huldt in a Q&A styled interview with HedgeNordic gives insights on his experience with direct lending. A cut out taken from an "in depth" series we ran on HedgeNordic.com in October.

The paper concludes various articles written by our own editorial staff, or by expert guest writers touching subjects such as how to position fixed income assets for a market shift ahead, the unique structure of the Danish mortgage bond market or how it is crucial to think beyond the benchmark, especially in emerging market debt.

Dynamically different in an unconstrained bond fund strategy, and the case is made why the credit cycle is maturing, but not rolling over yet. While ESG is an evergrowing topic within asset management, it is still, too often, viewed in an equity context, only. In an article, we learn why a much more tailored approach is needed when discussing ESG in a fixed income context.

The publication has a special focus on high yield, corporate debt with an emphasize on the Nordic markets. The paper looks at the segment from various angles, such as the benefits of being a big fish in a small pond, the dilemma of unrated debt and default rates.

In a letter from London, the impacts and fallouts from Brexit are discussed in a series of interviews, just as the negotiations between the EU and the British Prime Minister concluded.

The paper concludes with an interview series inviting Nordic hedge fund managers engaged in Nordic corporate debt the revisit some of the defaults in the space and ask if Nordic high yield has put its difficulties behind.

Hopefully, this publication can address, and answer the most pressing questions and make a good read in these cold and grey winter evenings.

The full paper can be accessed here: Alternative Fixed Income Strategies