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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The objective of the THEAM Quant Multi Asset Diversified Defensive is to increase the value of its assets over the medium term, by being exposed to a diversified portfolio, the components of which are chosen using a systematic selection method based on different asset classes (equities, fixed income, commodities and real estate). The exposure to the portfolio will however be adapted in order to keep the fund's annual volatility at a target level of 5%\*.

#### STRATEGY

- Diversified investment universe covering several asset classes to multiply investment opportunities;
- Dynamic allocation using a trend following approach, entirely reviewed each day, to ensure reactivity to changing market conditions;
- A flexible fund suitable for defensive clients looking for returns while limiting downside risk

These internal guidelines are for indicative purposes only; Prospectus and KID are prevailing. \*There is no guarantee that the performance objective will be achieved.

| PERFORMANCE                              | As of March 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024            |
|--|--|
| Dec 16 - Mar 24                          | THEAM QUANT- MULTI ASSET DIVERSIFIED DEFENSIVE |
| Performance 1 month                      | 1.51%  |
| Cumulative Performance Year To Date      | 4.87%  |
| Annualised Performance Since Start Date  | 1.75%  |
| Annualised Sharpe Ratio Since Start Date | 0.37   |
| Annualised Volatility Since Start Date   | 4.72%  |
| Max Drawdown Since Start Date            | -10.22%  |

Refers to LU1352987872, THEAM Quant – Multi Asset Diversified Defensive – I EUR ACC <TQMDIAE LX Equity>. Source: Bloomberg. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

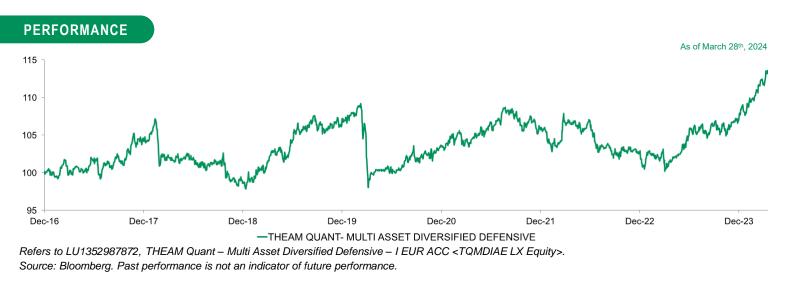
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#### MONTHLY COMMENTARY

THEAM Quant - Multi Asset Diversified Defensive had a positive performance in March (+1.51%).

## MACRO BACKGROUND

Most developed market central banks appeared to confirm that 2024 would see policy rate cuts begin. While higher-thanexpected inflation data raised question-marks over the timing, investors were reassured by central bankers' rhetoric. First to cut was the Swiss National Bank in March. The US Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank seem ready to act in June.

The outlook on global economic growth improved, especially in the US. In the Eurozone, some tentative green shoots of growth appeared. In China, the authorities set their 2024 GDP growth target at 5% and hinted that they would use their fiscal and monetary policy margins to support the economy.

Oil prices responded well to the announcements that major producing countries would prolong their voluntary production cuts into the second quarter. OPEC confirmed expectations of a rise in global demand in 2024. Crude prices ended March up by 4.6% and 6.3%, respectively, for a barrel of Brent (at USD 87.5) and WTI (at USD 83.2). Gold set a new record high of more than USD 2 200 an ounce, up by 9.1%.

In the US, with the forecast for GDP growth in the fourth quarter of 2024 revised up from 1.4% to 2.1% year-on-year (YoY), the Fed seemed to validate the scenario of a soft landing for the economy. Inflation forecasts for beyond 2024 were left unchanged, implying the Fed is not too concerned about the unexpectedly high figures posted in January and February. That said, consumer and producer price indices showed how tough the 'last mile' of the anti-inflation marathon will likely be. The inflation slowdown is continuing, although very laboriously – from 4.2% to 3.8% over the last six months. Labour market normalisation, too, appears to be underway, but still only gradually.

In the Eurozone, most ECB governors reinforced the notion of a first rate cut in June. At the end of March, the market-based probability of a cut on 6 June was almost 100%. More than three cuts are expected in 2024. Flash purchasing managers' indices (PMIs) in March showed improving services activity but a still worsening situation in the manufacturing sector. Even so, the German economy started to show encouraging signs. Initial inflation estimates for March in the major Eurozone economies suggested the slowdown in price increases would continue, but not rapidly. The ECB forecast a modest normalisation of the labour market.





#### MONTHLY COMMENTARY

#### PERFORMANCE

- Equity markets are still enjoying a bullish market, confident with rate cuts getting closer.
- The strategy mainly benefited from this strong trend on equities. It also benefited from Credit components and was barely impacted by rates thanks to a limited duration and the out-performance of European bonds.
- Allocation remains stable, mainly long US and Japan equities, limited on bonds and more significantly invested on Credit.

#### PERFORMANCE CONTRIBUTION

|                | Contribution | Current Weight  | Weight Variation | Underlying<br>Performance |  |  |  |  |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                |              | PER ASSET CLASS |                  |                           |  |  |  |  |
| Equities       | 1.23%        | 40.26%          | 1.86%            |                           |  |  |  |  |
| Rates          | -0.03%       | 35.64%          | -1.55%           |                           |  |  |  |  |
| Credit         | 0.21%        | 40.00%          | 0.01%            |                           |  |  |  |  |
| Commodities    | 0.00%        | 0.00%           | 0.00%            |                           |  |  |  |  |
|                |              | PER ASSET       |                  |                           |  |  |  |  |
| SX5E           | 0.27%        | 6.86%           | -2.24%           | 3.91%                     |  |  |  |  |
| SPX            | 0.38%        | 14.52%          | -0.02%           | 2.72%                     |  |  |  |  |
| NKY            | 0.67%        | 18.82%          | -1.26%           | 3.91%                     |  |  |  |  |
| HSCEI          | -0.07%       | -3.00%          | -0.05%           | 2.09%                     |  |  |  |  |
| EEM            | -0.02%       | 2.37%           | 5.42%            | 2.13%                     |  |  |  |  |
| EU 5Y Bonds    | 0.10%        | 29.97%          | 0.03%            | 0.34%                     |  |  |  |  |
| US 5Y Bonds    | -0.04%       | 5.08%           | -1.60%           | 0.73%                     |  |  |  |  |
| EU 10Y Bonds   | 0.00%        | 10.00%          | -0.02%           | -0.02%                    |  |  |  |  |
| US 10Y Bonds   | -0.07%       | -24.97%         | 0.06%            | 0.22%                     |  |  |  |  |
| JP 10Y Bonds   | -0.02%       | 14.97%          | -0.03%           | -0.15%                    |  |  |  |  |
| IG EU 5Y Bonds | 0.08%        | 29.97%          | 0.03%            | 0.26%                     |  |  |  |  |
| HY EUR         | 0.13%        | 10.00%          | -0.02%           | 1.30%                     |  |  |  |  |
| HY US          | 0.00%        | 0.00%           | 0.00%            | 0.00%                     |  |  |  |  |
| Commodities    | -0.01%       | -14.60%         | -0.32%           | 0.00%                     |  |  |  |  |

Source: Bloomberg, BNP Paribas. Refers to the index to which the fund is exposed. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.





## **MONTHLY COMMENTARY** MONTHLY PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTIONS ■ Commodities ■ Credit ■ Rates ■ Equities 0.00% 0.21% -0.03% 1.23% -0.2% 0.0% 0.2% 0.4% 0.6% 0.8% 1.0% 1.2% 1.4%

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#### FUND CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS

The strategy is based on three main principles, benefits from high flexibility on underlying assets (leverage, shorts), while remaining net long in each asset class and controlling volatility at 5% per annum.

DETECTION OF TRENDS



PORTFOLIO RISK DIVERSIFICATION



#### INCREASED REACTIVITY THROUGH DAILY REBALANCING

As of March 28th, 2024



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# FUND CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS

| Fund                     | THEAM QUANT- MULTI ASSET DIVERSIFIED DEFENSIVE  |   | Capital protection No   |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| Management Company       | BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Europe   |   | Minimum Investment horizon 3  |  |  |  |
| Comparative Index        | No benchmark  |   |   | Legal form SICAV                           |  |  |
| Assets under Management  | t EUR 70.15 million as of 28 March 2024   |   |   | SRI Ranking (scale from 1 to 7)* 2         |  |  |
| SFDR article             | 6 – Sustainability Risks :  |   |   |  |  |  |
| SI DIV alticle           | This products integrates the analys   | is of sustainability risks in its investn   | nent process pursuant to article 6 of                                   | the EU regulation 2019/2088.               |  |  |
| Share                    | I ACC EUR   | C ACC EUR   | C DIS EUR   | I ACC GBP H                                | Privilege ACC EUR  |  |
| Launch date              | 13 December 2016  | 13 December 2016  | 01 February 2017  | 02 March 2017                              | 29 October 2019  |  |
| ISIN code                | LU1353187872  | LU1353186122  | LU1353186395  | LU1353188334                               | LU1353186809   |  |
| Bloomberg code           | TQMDIAE LX  | TQMDCAE LX  | TQMDCDE LX  | TQMDIGH LX                                 | TQDDPEA LX   |  |
| Ongoing charges          | 0.66%   | 1.55%   | 1.55%   | 0.66%                                      | 0.91%  |  |
| Subscription / Exit fees | None / None   | 3.00% / None  | 3.00% / None  | None / None                                | 3.00% / None   |  |
| Minimum subscription     | 100K € equiv  | No minimum  | No minimum  | 100K € equiv                               | 1 M € / Ptf Mgr None                                       |  |
| Passporting              | Austria, Belgium, Switzerland,<br>Germany, Spain, France, United<br>Kingdom, Ireland rep., Italy,<br>Luxembourg | Austria, Belgium, Switzerland,<br>Germany, Spain, France, United<br>Kingdom, Ireland rep., Italy,<br>Luxembourg | Austria, Belgium, Switzerland,<br>Germany, France, Italy,<br>Luxembourg | Switzerland, United Kingdom,<br>Luxembourg | Belgium, Switzerland, Germany<br>France, Italy, Luxembourg |  |

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Counterparty Risk: linked to the default of a counterparty on over-the-counter markets.

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