



## CVC Credit Partners triumphs at Creditflux Manager Awards 2018

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**A** packed house at London's Landmark Hotel on 9 May saw multiple nominee, CVC Credit Partners, triumph at the Creditflux Manager Awards, picking up the coveted Best European high yield fund award for CVC European Credit Opportunities.

The Creditflux Manager Awards have become a highlight of the year for many in the credit industry thanks to a robust methodology based solely on quantitative performance metrics (more details of the methodology are below), and a gala dinner full of drama as the winners were announced. This year was no different with some surprise winners as well as old favourites triumphing.

The market has seen many changes since the first Creditflux Awards were held in 2007, but investors are still looking for managers to not only deliver excellent returns, but to do so with appropriate levels of risk and liquidity, and Creditflux is still handing out Awards on the same basis.

Other winners included CSAM, named as Creditflux manager of the year for a second time, as well as Best European CLO manager and Best US CLO redeemed in 2017. London's Spire Partners and New Jersey-based Zais Group were also big winners, taking home multiple awards.



*Pictured: Sam Oher (Barclays), Andrew Davies (CVC)*

Best European high yield fund

### CVC European Credit Opportunities CVC Credit Partners

#### Finalists

*M&G European High Yield Bond Fund;  
Robus German Credit Opps Fund;  
Schelcher Prince Haut Rendemen*

#### Methodology

*Volatility-adjusted weighted performance*

#### Eligibility

*Funds that invest primarily in loans or bonds issued by European high yield borrowers on a primarily long basis, and that are present in Creditflux's monthly performance listing.*

### Awards methodology

#### Blended outperformance

Our ranking of each CLO relative to its peers by six performance metrics rewards the managers which have achieved the greatest performance for all classes of investors. Metrics are: change in junior OC; Warf; average collateral value;

weighted average spread; cash-on-cash return to equity; and equity volatility.

#### Final IRR

Equity IRR is based on the notional size of the CLO equity (including all payments received by 28 February 2018).

#### Volatility-adjusted weighted performance

This measure combines absolute change in mark-to-market net asset value during 2017 and volatility relevant to each fund's redemption profile. For example, funds that promise liquidity need to deliver stable returns.

#### Leverage-adjusted IRR

This measure looks at IRR net of fees to 31 December 2017, assuming that there has been no fund-level leverage. It is adjusted for the average debt-to-ebitda leverage at investment inception of borrowers in the portfolio.

Best US CLO manager

## Zais Group

*Finalists*

CSAM; Golub; Sound Point

*Methodology*

Mean blended outperformance across all managers' deals

*Eligibility*

Firms with at least four current actively-managed CLOs based on predominantly US collateral.

*Cindy Williams (Dechert),  
Iris Arrington*

Best new US CLO



## Zais CLO 7

Zais Group

*Finalists*

Vibrant CLO V (DFG);  
Venture XXIV (MJX);  
Sound Point CLO XIV

*Methodology*

Blended outperformance

*Eligibility*

CLOs with mainly US collateral that went effective in 2017 and are listed in CLO-i.

*Pictured: Iris Arrington; Adnan Zuberi (BNP Paribas)*

Best new European CLO



## Aurium CLO III

Spire Partners

*Finalists*

BlackRock European CLO III;  
Halcyon Loan Advisors European Funding 2016;  
Dryden XXVII-R Euro CLO 2017 (PGIM)

*Methodology*

Blended outperformance

*Eligibility*

CLOs with mainly European collateral that went effective in 2017 and are listed in CLO-i.

*Pictured: Oliver Drummond Smith, Phil Bennett-Britton, Florent Chagnard (Credit Suisse)*

Best US CLO



## Octagon Investment Partners XXIII

Octagon

*Finalists*

Madison Park Funding XIX (CSAM);  
Sound Point CLO VI;  
THL Credit Wind River 2015-1

*Methodology*

Blended outperformance

*Eligibility*

CLOs with mainly US collateral that are within reinvestment and listed in CLO-i.

*Pictured: Francis McCullough (Deutsche Bank), Gretchen Lam*

Best European CLO



## Aurium CLO II

Spire Partners

*Finalists*

Cadogan Square V (CSAM);  
CVC Cordatus Loan Fund III;  
Dryden 29 Euro (PGIM)

*Methodology*

Blended outperformance

*Eligibility*

CLOs with mainly European collateral that are within reinvestment and listed in CLO-i.

*Pictured: Phil Bennett-Britton, Oliver Drummond Smith and Chris Porter (S&P)*

Best middle-market CLO



## Golub Capital Partners 18 (M)-R

Golub Capital

*Finalists*

Carlyle GMS Finance MM CLO 2015-1;  
Fortress Credit Opportunities V;  
Monroe Capital MML CLO 2016-1

*Methodology*

Blended outperformance

*Eligibility*

CLOs that invested in mid-market collateral that are within reinvestment and listed on CLO-i.

*Pictured: Rachel Russell (Morgan Stanley), Landis Wood*

Best Euro boutique CLO manager



## Spire Partners

*Finalists*

Accunia;  
CQS;  
Man GLG

*Methodology*

Mean blended outperformance across all manager's deals

*Eligibility*

European managers with three or fewer CLOs currently outstanding, within reinvestment and listed in CLO-i.

*Pictured: Daniel Tobias (Cadwalader), Oliver Drummond Smith and Phil Bennett-Britton*

Best US CLO redeemed 2017



## Madison Park Funding V

Credit Suisse Asset Management

*Finalists*

Carlyle McLaren (Carlyle);  
Bridgeport CLO II (CIFC);  
Gale Force 3 (GSO)

*Methodology*

Final IRR

*Eligibility*

CLOs that owned primarily US collateral and that repaid all their debt in 2017.

*Pictured: Aidan Canny (BNY Mellon), John Popp*

Best European CLO redeemed 2017



## Laurelin II

GoldenTree Asset Management

*Finalists*

Carlyle Euro GMS 2013-2 (Carlyle);  
Cadogan Square CLO I (CSAM);  
Green Park 3 (GSO)

*Methodology*

Final IRR

*Eligibility*

CLOs that owned primarily European collateral and that repaid all their debt in 2017.

*Pictured: Amit Roy (Goldman Sachs), Hadi El Mir, Alexander Dupont (Goldman Sachs)*

Best European CLO manager



## Credit Suisse Asset Mgt

*Finalists*

Barings;  
CVC Credit;  
PGIM

*Methodology*

Mean blended outperformance across all managers' deals

*Eligibility*

Firms with at least four current actively-managed CLOs based on predominantly European collateral.

*Pictured: Charles Hand (BAML), Andy Marshak*

Creditflux manager of the year

# Credit Suisse Asset Management

**Finalists**

CVC Credit; Spire; Zais

**Methodology**

Highest average ranking across all Creditflux award categories where the manager is present.



Jakob Von Kalckreuth, Andy Marshak, John Popp

Best European direct lending fund



## Kartesia Credit Opportunities III

Kartesia

**Finalists**

CVC CP European Mid-Market Solutions; Patrimonium Middle Market Debt Fund; Tikehau Direct Lending III

**Methodology**

Leverage-adjusted IRR

**Eligibility**

Private equity-format funds launched between January 2012 and March 2017 that invest predominantly in non-syndicated debt from European companies with ebitda below €50 million.

*Pictured: DIALA Minott (Paul Hastings), Jaime Prieto*

Best CLO fund



## Lupus Alpha CLO Opportunity Notes I

Lupus Alpha

**Finalists**

Clareant Structured Credit Opportunity Fund II (Alcentra); Alegria ABS 2; BK Opportunities Fund III (Crystal)

**Methodology**

Volatility-adjusted weighted performance

**Eligibility**

Funds that invest predominantly in CLOs and that are present in Creditflux's monthly performance listing.

*Pictured: Michael Hombach, Dimitris Papadopoulos (Natixis)*

Best closed-end CLO fund



## Oxford Bridge

Oxford Funds

**Finalists**

Eagle Point Credit Company; Fair Oaks Income Fund; Carador Income Fund (GSO); Priority Income Fund (Prospect)

**Methodology**

IRR

**Eligibility**

Funds that invest predominantly in CLOs and that have no periodic redemption requirements.

*Pictured: Debdeep Maji, Jonathan Cohen, Vitaliy Kozak (Citi)*

Best structured finance fund



## Athena Fund

Prytania Investment Advisors

**Finalists**

Altum Credit Master Fund; AG Mortgage Value Partners (Angelo Gordon); Octra II (Zencap)

**Methodology**

Volatility-adjusted weighted performance

**Eligibility**

Funds that invest primarily in bonds issued as part of a securitisation but do not invest mainly in CLOs, and that are present in Creditflux's monthly performance listing.

*Pictured: Miles Hunt (NatWest), Mark Hale*

Best credit multi-strategy fund



## Owl Creek Credit Opportunities

Owl Creek Asset Management

**Finalists**

Brandywine Global Credit Opps Master Fund; CreditValue-Partners Credit Opps; LFIS Vision Credit Opps (La Française)

**Methodology**

Volatility-adjusted weighted performance

**Eligibility**

Funds that have the ability to invest opportunistically in credit across a variety of strategies and asset types and that are present in Creditflux's monthly performance listing.

*Pictured: Dan Krueger*

Best European high yield fund



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*Pictured: Sam Oher (Barclays), ?*

Best US high yield fund



## Wasserstein Debt Opps Fund

Wasserstein Debt Opportunities Management

**Finalists**

Arena Short Duration High Yield Strategy; BlackRock Global High Yield Fund; NZCG Fund (Guggenheim)

**Methodology**

Volatility-adjusted weighted performance

**Eligibility**

Funds that invest primarily in loans or bonds issued by US high yield borrowers on a primarily long basis, and that are present in Creditflux's monthly performance listing.

*Pictured: Rajay Bagaria*

Best corporate long-short credit fund



## Millstreet Credit Fund

Millstreet Capital Management

**Finalists**

Cheyne Total Return Credit Fund June 2022; Latigo Ultra Fund; Selwood Liquid Credit Strategies

**Methodology**

Volatility-adjusted weighted performance

**Eligibility**

Funds that invest in corporate credit on a fundamental/name-specific basis taking either long or short positions, and that are present in Creditflux's monthly performance listing.

*Pictured: Craig Kelleher*

Best Ucits credit fund



## Algebris Macro Credit Fund

Algebris Investments

**Finalists**

Lyxor Newcits IRL II (Chenavari); Angsana Fund (Diamond); Loomis Sayles Global Credit Fund

**Methodology**

Volatility-adjusted weighted performance

**Eligibility**

Funds that comply with Ucits III and later directives that invest predominantly in corporate credit and are present in Creditflux's monthly performance listing.

*Pictured: Alberto Gallo*