Ridge Capital Northern Yield Portfolio Update April 2024

# RIDGE CAPITAL

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# Overview as of April 30th, 2024

+1.7% net of fees in April +19.4% net of fees Last 12 months\* **Volatility 3.7%** / 3.2% **Sharpe ratio 3.2** / 4.9\*\*

Since start / 12 months

37 issuers

52 bonds

Unlevered gross YTM 13.3% Levered gross YTM 17.4%

**Duration:** 0.6 years **Credit duration:** 2.9 years Floating rates: 72% Fixed rates: 28% **AuM** EUR 90m

#### **Main features**

Nordic High Yield "HY" bonds focus

Our lead manager has top track record 2018-2023

**Yearly return target** 3-month base rate + >7% over a cycle

**Low volatility target** <5% over a cycle

**Performing credit** Solid cashflows and security packages

**Focus on credit selection** instead of over-diversification

True active management & portfolio optimization. We don't only

"buy & hold" bonds issued in the primary market

**Focused portfolio** ~30-50 issuers

Portfolio rating equivalent ~70% B ~30% BB

Low interest rate risk Floating rate notes majority of portfolio

**Inception** December 2022

### **Risk management and structure**

Monthly liquidity via Luxembourg SCA SICAV-RAIF

**Hedging** capabilities (market downside protection and FX)

**Structural leverage** ~1.5x (+/- 0.25). Suitable level to handle phase of intense market stress. Allows us to reach our target return without excessive credit risk

**Portfolio restrictions** Issuer <10%, Sector <25%

**Hard close** EUR ~300m unlevered (EUR ~450m levered, <1% of market)

**Skin in the game** Team invested EUR >2m and committed to reinvest management fees

**SRI/risk-class** 3 of 7, +3 years investment horizon

#### **Prime broker & Audit**



Deloitte.

**SFDR article 8** environmental, social or governance characteristics and exclusion of oil & gas, coal, tobacco, gambling







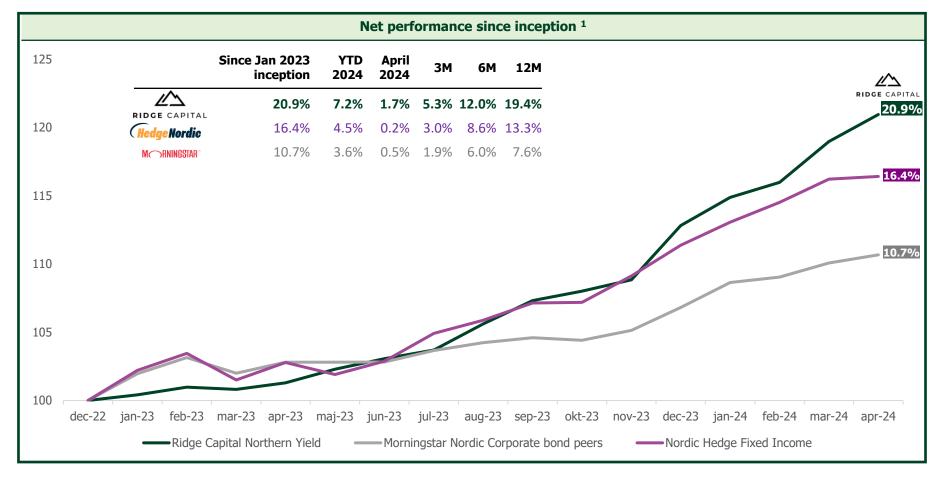




<sup>\*</sup> Ridge Capital Northern Yield P2 SEK acc (also available in EUR, USD, CHF and NOK). Fully invested since April 2023

<sup>\*\*</sup> Risk-free rate assumed at average rate of 3-month Stibor for the period

# #I Performance since inception in January 2023



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#### Source:

1. Ridge Capital Northern Yield P2 SEK acc (ISIN LU2559358101). Includes all Nordic Corporate Bond funds in the Morningstar category (SEK, Flex, HY), but excluding funds with global and / or pan-European mandate. The Hedge Nordic NHX Fixed Income is an equally-weighted sub-index of the NHX Composite that tracks the performance of Nordic fixed income hedge fund managers. Please reach out directly to Ridge Capital to get hold of data and performance for all available share classes.



# Portfolio Managers commentary

#### **Navigating April's unexpected inflation and market shifts**

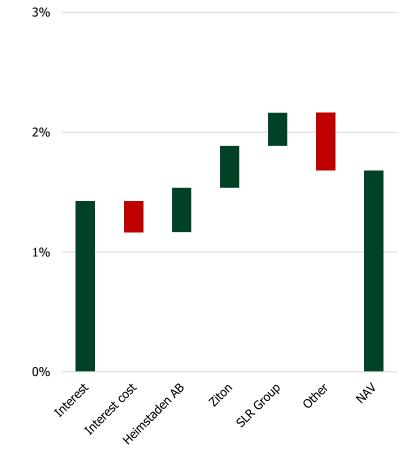
April saw diminishing optimism among investors for an early Federal Reserve rate cut, following a series of inflationary surprises. Key indicators such as the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE), hourly wages, and employment costs all trended upwards unexpectedly in recent weeks. As a result, US equities experienced a downturn, closing the month down by 4.2%, while the Euro Stoxx 600 fell by 1.5%. Conversely, Sweden's markets showed resilience, with the Stoxx index climbing 2.5% in anticipation of a 25 basis point "bps" rate cut that was realized in early May.

Credit spreads remained robust amidst these conditions. EUR spreads widened slightly by 16 bps to 363 bps, while Nordic High Yield (HY) spreads tightened 37bps to 469 bps.

The primary market remained lively throughout April, though the variation in credit quality posed challenges in identifying attractive risk/reward opportunities. A sluggish secondary market and concerns over impending supply shortages as we approach the slower summer months, have resulted in primary yields being priced lower than what might be considered equitable, especially relative to trading comparables. This environment has provided a window for more opportunistic issuers, often backed by private equity firms, to advance deals before the market fully adjusts.

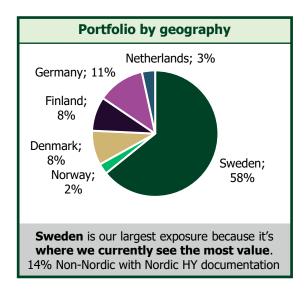
While the bulk of corporate earnings reports are expected in May, the initial releases have generally not been eventful. However, Heimstaden, one of our top picks at the start of the year, has reported noteworthy developments. The company announced a 0.8% increase in property valuations for the quarter, a change in trend following a 14% decline from their peak values. Additionally, Heimstaden highlighted the successful implementation of their privatization strategy, achieving divestments at more than 30% above book value. Arctic Securities' real estate analysts captured the essence of these achievements in their recent note on Heimstaden AB, aptly titled "Recognize a homerun when you see it".

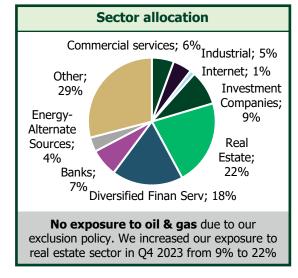
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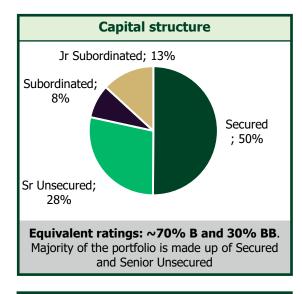


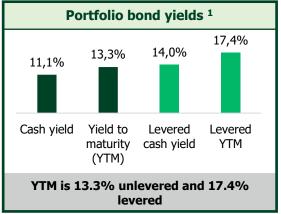


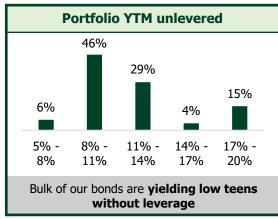
# Portfolio breakdown as of April 30th, 2024

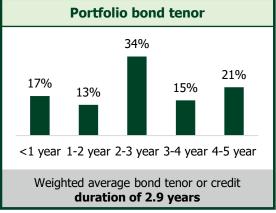














<sup>1.</sup> YTM=Yield to maturity. The levered YTM is after interest rate costs to Prime Broker

# Share classes performance overview

|                     |             | Apr-24  |          |         |         |          |
|---------------------|-------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|----------|
| ISIN                | Share class | (NAV/%) | YTD 2024 | Last 3M | Last 6M | Last 12M |
| Founders / anch     | <u>ors</u>  |         |          |         |         |          |
| LU2559357392        | FO SEK Acc  | 121.2   | 7.25%    | 5.32%   | 12.05%  | 19.57%   |
|                     |             | 1.68%   |          |         |         |          |
| LU2559357046        | FO EUR Acc  | 117.5   | 7.11%    | 5.20%   | 12.09%  | N.A.     |
|                     |             | 1.63%   |          |         |         |          |
| Accumulating        |             |         |          |         |         |          |
| LU2559356824        | P1 SEK Acc  | 119.9   | 7.07%    | 5.18%   | 11.76%  | 18.96%   |
|                     |             | 1.63%   |          |         |         |          |
| LU2559358101        | P2 SEK Acc  | 120.9   | 7.21%    | 5.29%   | 11.98%  | 19.40%   |
|                     |             | 1.67%   |          |         |         |          |
| LU2559358010        | P2 EUR Acc  | 113.0   | 6.81%    | 5.18%   | 10.50%  | N.A.     |
|                     |             | 1.62%   |          |         |         |          |
| <u>Distributing</u> |             |         |          |         |         |          |
| LU2559358523        | P2 EUR Dis* | 108.9   | 1.32%    | 2.04%   | 5.95%   | N.A.     |
|                     |             | -1.43%* |          |         |         |          |
| LU2559357988        | P2 SEK Dis* | 110.3   | 1.42%    | 2.07%   | 5.94%   | 9.31%    |
|                     |             | -1.44%* |          |         |         |          |



<sup>\*</sup> Share classes distribute half of the total quarterly performance as a distribution Share classes also available in USD, NOK, CHF, GBP in both accumulating "Acc" and distributing "Dis" NAV was 100.00 for each share class at inception/launch

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