Ridge Capital Northern Yield Portfolio Update March 2024

# RIDGE CAPITAL

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## Overview as of March 31st, 2024

+2.6% net of fees in March +18% net of fees Last 12 months\* Since start / 12 months Volatility 3.6% / 3.1% Sharpe ratio 3.1 / 4.4\*\* **37 issuers** 51 bonds

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Unlevered gross YTM} \\ 14.0\% \\ \textbf{Levered gross YTM} \\ 18.6\% \end{array}$ 

**Duration:** 0.5 years **Credit duration**: 2.8 years Floating rates: 72% Fixed rates: 28% AuM EUR 80m

#### **Main features**

Nordic High Yield "HY" bonds

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** and portfolio optimization. Our

investment style is not only primary market "buy & hold"

**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







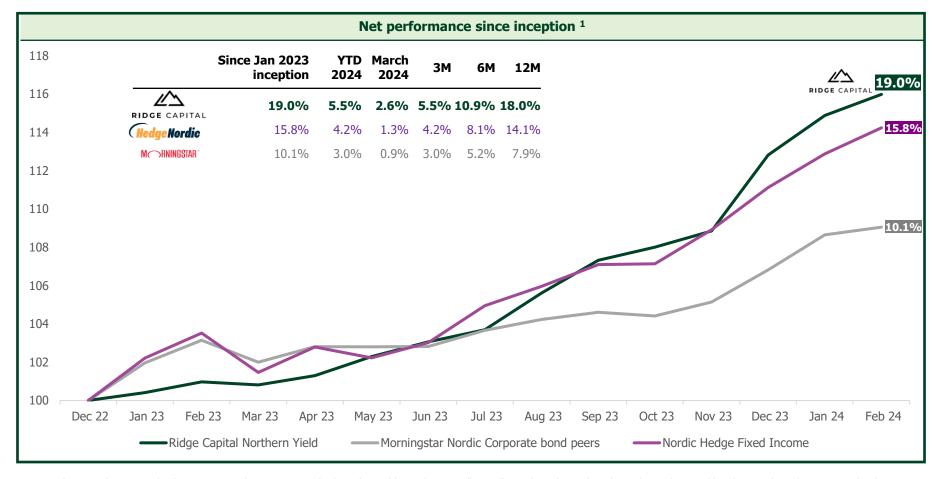




<sup>\*</sup> Ridge Capital Northern Yield P2 SEK acc (also available in EUR, USD, CHF and NOK). Fully invested since April 2023

<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 mandadte. 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

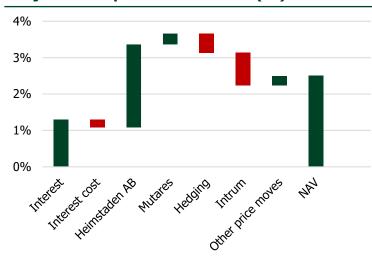
#### Risk appetite grows. Spreads narrow, ahead of more primaries

We're pleased to share a robust performance for the first quarter, with a gain of +5.5%, bringing our trailing twelve-month performance to +18%. This achievement underscores our consistent growth and our ability to outperform both our peers and other asset classes such as the equity markets, e.g. the Swedish OMXS30 index, which experienced a gain of +13% during the last 12 months.

The Nordic HY market continues to demonstrate its resilience, with spreads tightening further. Currently, Nordic HY spreads stand at ~500bps, presenting an attractive pick-up compared to the European Itraxx, which hovers around ~300bps. Despite the tightening spreads, the Nordic HY market remains favorable, offering compelling opportunities compared to the more liquid European HY market.

March witnessed renewed activity in Nordic HY primary markets as issuers seized favorable market conditions. Notably, primary deals debuted at lower pricing than anticipated, influenced by a 4.1 billion SEK inflow to Nordic high-yield funds year-to-date, indicating robust investor appetite for bonds.

## **Major NAV impact for the month (%)**



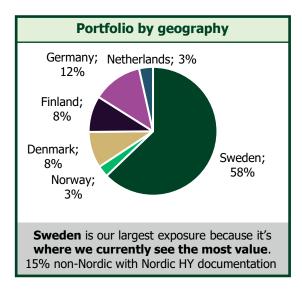
Intrum garnered significant attention in March following their decision to engage advisers Houlihan Lokey and Milbank, coupled with a credit rating downgrade by the S&P. While Intrum's bonds experienced a temporary decline of up to -20%, they have recovered to a milder  $\sim -13\%$  drop since the end of February. Should a full restructuring occur, bondholders may stand to benefit, especially considering current trading levels in relation to the value of the service business and outstanding loan portfolio. However, it's essential to acknowledge the potential timeline for recovery, as it will take many years to collect the loans if not sold immediately.

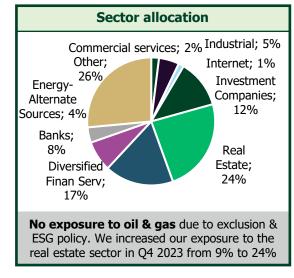
Heimstaden AB emerged as a top performer for the month, with senior unsecured bonds rallying by +17% and hybrids by +36%, showcasing confidence in their asset sales strategy. Our interaction with top management at a recent conference provided insights into their strategic approach, emphasizing efforts toward a significant privatization scheme. We will continue to monitor the company closely as any hick-ups to the privatization scheme leave no other option than a rights issue, if the company want to protect its credit rating.

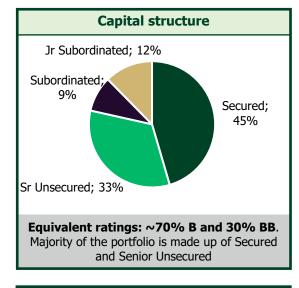
While maintaining a positive outlook for the investment climate ahead, we've prudently acquired put options on the iTraxx during Q1 2024 to hedge our portfolio against potential market downturns. These options provide valuable insurance at minimal cost relative to potential payouts in volatile market conditions, ensuring prudent risk management practices.

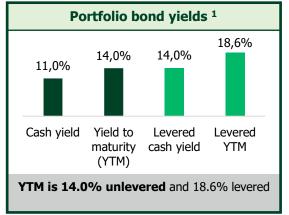


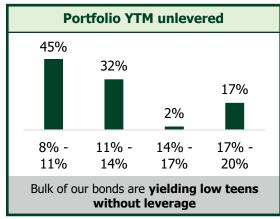
## Portfolio breakdown as of March 31st, 2024

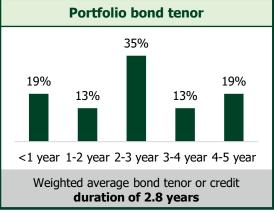














<sup>1.</sup> YTM=Yield to maturity. The levered YTM is after interest rate costs to Prime Broker

# Share classes performance overview

		Mar-24				
ISIN	Share class	(NAV/%)	YTD 2024	Last 3M	Last 6M	Last 12M
Founders / anch	ors					
LU2559357392	FO SEK Acc	119.2	5.48%	5.48%	10.92%	18.16%
		2.60%				
LU2559357046	FO EUR Acc	115.6	5.39%	5.39%	10.92%	N.A.
		2.57%				
Accumulating						
LU2559356824	P1 SEK Acc	117.94	5.35%	5.35%	10.64%	17.63%
		2.55%				
LU2559358101	P2 SEK Acc	118.97	5.45%	5.45%	10.85%	18.01%
		2.57%				
LU2559358010	P2 EUR Acc	111.23	5.10%	5.10%	9.37%	N.A.
		2.53%				
Distributing						
LU2559358523	P2 EUR Dis*	110.45	2.78%	2.78%	5.86%	N.A.
		2.57%				
LU2559357988	P2 SEK Dis*	111.90	2.90%	2.90%	6.03%	11.45%
		2.57%				



<sup>\*</sup> Share classes distribute half of the 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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