## **Paragon Capital Appreciation Fund USD**

NAV	269.21		Month Return	0.71%		Year To Date Return	17.08%
Fund Details			Monthly	Commentary			
Inception Date		August 1995	December	more or less unch	anged. Follo	nt over the course of the n wing disappointment at the Fe ose and money market rates of	d's 25 basis point rate
Minimum Subscript	tion	US \$10,000	world's ma	ajor central banks a	announced a	co-ordinated liquidity plan, wh criteria for acceptable collatera	ereby they will auction
Initial Nav		100	5				
Structure	Open End Investm	ent Company	than 2%,	, which still left the i	ndex up by o	with the MSCI Asia ex-Japan I over 28% for the year. The Ja ther negative month as the Top	panese market enjoyed
Domicile		Guernsey		,	5	e month, with the VIX ending The price of oil surged by 8	
Listing	Irish St	ock Exchange	5	5	, ,	tionary concerns grew, ending	
Management Fee		1.7%					
Performance Fee		N/A	Overall, D variety of		sitive month	for the Fund with good perfo	rmance coming from a
Subscription	Monthly, 5	ousiness days		-		portfolios to the more volatile tr mon thematic trade has bee	-
Redemption	Monthly, 65	calendar days		-		cretionary stocks, as they are ions. Our most successful Mac	-

strategy contribution was 0.28%.

Monthly

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Further Information **Fauchier Partners LLP** Tel. +44(0)20 7009 9100 clientservices@fauchierpartners.com Equity markets continue to be volatile. Emerging Markets, Energy and Growth-style stocks performed well, while Financials fell again after more adverse news. Despite this demanding backdrop, our Equity Hedged managers added 0.34% to performance. Managers were generally rewarded for strong fundamental stock picking skills on both the long and the short side.

strong numbers from this trade, as well as from long positions in crude oil and gold. The overall

December was a mixed month for our Short Bias managers, who in aggregate contributed 0.10%. One manager continued to profit handsomely from short positions in stocks that are highly exposed to the deteriorating credit and housing markets, while the other, with more of a small cap focus, was slightly down.

Specialist Credit managers had a good month. Shorts in residential mortgage-backed securities contributed only marginally and were relatively unaffected by initiatives announced during the month to support certain sub-prime borrowers. Gains generally came from the short side in troubled sectors such as Finance, Retail and Utilities, adding 0.21% to overall performance. On the long side, positions in resources companies helped certain managers.

Event Driven managers had a positive month adding 0.14% to performance. M&A volume for December totaled \$270 billion in announced deal value, an increase of 15% on the preceding month. The largest transaction for the month was French cement maker Lafarge's acquisition of Egyptian rival Orascom Construction Industries for \$14.9 billion. Manufacturing conglomerate Ingersoll-Rand also sought to buy Trane, which makes air conditioning systems, for \$11.2 billion in cash and stock. Another major deal was Vivendi's purchase of Activision for \$9.8 billion, creating the largest global videogame firm.

Despite falling equity markets, implied volatility closed the month nearly unchanged while realized volatility declined three 'vol' points. The term structure of volatility steepened briefly mid-month but flattened once again as investors bid up short-term options at year end. Our Volatility Trading managers lost money detracting -0.05% from performance as gamma trading opportunities were insufficient to cover the time decay.

The performance of our Fixed Income manager was modestly positive contributing 0.02% as he correctly predicted the smaller than expected Fed rate cut and the increased yield volatility that followed.

December was a mixed month for Multiple Strategy managers, which detracted -0.18% from performance. Many managers are decreasing leverage or increasing cash holdings to create future buying power, which will allow them to participate meaningfully if a major market correction creates large-scale buying opportunities.

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16%

12%

Performance (%)													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2007	1.34%	1.92%	0.90%	1.35%	1.79%	1.18%	2.28%	-0.78%	2.01%	3.52%	-0.27%	0.71%	17.08%
2006	2.58%	0.16%	1.10%	1.85%	-0.94%	-0.13%	0.43%	0.22%	-0.09%	0.92%	1.23%	1.51%	9.13%
2005	0.06%	1.54%	-0.64%	-1.31%	-0.13%	1.35%	1.59%	1.33%	2.27%	-1.61%	0.89%	2.10%	7.61%
2004	1.15%	1.11%	0.56%	-0.59%	-0.85%	0.34%	0.05%	0.27%	0.48%	0.25%	1.93%	0.90%	5.71%
2003	0.73%	-0.09%	-0.01%	0.94%	1.96%	0.77%	0.32%	0.75%	1.38%	0.95%	0.65%	2.07%	10.89%
2002	0.62%	0.32%	0.49%	0.67%	0.66%	-1.41%	-1.22%	-0.47%	-0.33%	-1.23%	0.58%	0.60%	-0.76%
2001	0.42%	1.31%	-0.15%	-0.78%	0.34%	-0.29%	-0.15%	1.46%	0.43%	-0.24%	-0.49%	0.44%	2.29%
2000	0.13%	5.00%	-0.86%	-0.95%	-0.33%	1.13%	0.23%	0.95%	0.43%	-0.02%	0.13%	2.05%	8.02%
1999	1.08%	-0.76%	1.88%	1.93%	0.59%	1.89%	-0.04%	-0.46%	0.89%	0.61%	5.10%	6.22%	20.38%
1998	-1.35%	1.42%	3.42%	-0.11%	-1.70%	0.16%	0.32%	-5.52%	-1.52%	-2.39%	2.33%	2.19%	-3.02%
1997	2.63%	1.43%	-0.55%	0.39%	2.20%	2.26%	4.72%	-0.43%	3.44%	-1.91%	-1.37%	1.48%	15.03%
1996	3.08%	-0.25%	0.23%	3.15%	1.14%	0.13%	-1.37%	1.24%	1.09%	1.65%	1.96%	1.03%	13.79%
1995									-0.38%	-1.74%	0.65%	1.17%	-0.32%

Return

## Cumulative Performance (%)



#### Strategy Allocation

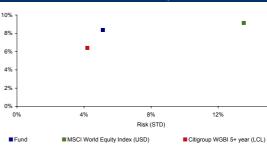


Note: The pie chart excludes cash Source: Fauchier Partners

Strategy Contribution

Strategy	Month	YTD
Macro (M)	0.28%	2.80%
Equity Long Bias (ELB)	0.09%	1.42%
Equity Hedged High Volatility (EHH)	0.18%	2.25%
Equity Hedged Low Volatility (EHL)	0.07%	1.16%
Short Bias (SB)	0.10%	0.86%
Specialist Credit (SC)	0.21%	2.05%
Event Driven (ED)	0.14%	2.59%
Volatility Trading (VT)	-0.05%	2.69%
Fixed Income (FI)	0.02%	0.68%
Multiple Strategy (MS)	-0.18%	0.34%
Other (OTH)	-0.03%	0.38%
Incubator (FRI)	0.01%	-0.01%

## Risk / Return vs Indices Since Inception



Key Statistics	
AUM (Millions)	\$351.0
Annualised return	8.36%
Annualised standard deviation	5.13%
Annualised downside deviation	2.89%
Last 12 months	17.08%
Best month	6.22%
Worst month	-5.52%
% Up months	69.59%
Largest drawdown	-10.38%
Sharpe ratio	0.79
Beta - MSCI World Equity Index (USD)	0.17
Beta - Citigroup WGBI 5+ year (LCL)	-0.03

Top 5 Performing Funds Year To Date			
Fund Name	Strategy	Contribution	Performance
Paulson Advantage Plus Ltd	ED	4.59%	158.15%
Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Fund I Ltd	SC	3.05%	117.48%
Lansdowne UK Equity Fund Limited	ELB	1.00%	31.19%
Daedalus Offshore	EHL	0.98%	32.59%
Brevan Howard Fund Limited	FI	0.80%	25.08%

Bottom 5 Performing Funds Year To Date							
Fund Name	Strategy	Contribution	Performance				
Criterion Capital Partners Ltd	EHH	-0.15%	-4.24%				
Graham Discretionary Fund	М	-0.16%	-10.72%				
The Raptor Global Fund Ltd	EHL	-0.24%	-8.17%				
Henderson Japan Absolute Return Fund Limited	EHH	-0.39%	-10.54%				
Graham Discretionary 2XL	Μ	-0.44%	-18.42%				

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