# ABR 75/25 Volatility UCITS Fund

## Fund Description and Objectives

The ABR 75/25 Volatility UCITS Fund (the "Fund") is a sub-fund of Montlake ICAV, an Irish collective asset management vehicle constituted as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between subfunds with registration number C440876. The Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing in securities and derivative instruments that provide long exposure to CBOE Volatility Index ("VIX Index") futures, S&P 500 Index futures and long-dated U.S. Treasury securities, along with short exposure to VIX Index futures. The Fund is managed by ABR Dynamic Funds (the "Investment Manager"), a New York City-based advisory firm specializing in volatility strategies. In managing the Fund, the Investment Manager creates a 75/25 blend of its proprietary long volatility and short volatility strategies. Depending on the level of volatility in the market, the Fund will gain exposure to different portfolio constituents in differing amounts or levels in order to generate capital appreciation from price changes involving these instruments.

### Manager Commentary

August began with the S&P 500 Index just off all-time highs and the VIX Index at a comfortable 16.4. Then, on 5 August, the Japanese stock market dropped 12% accompanied by headlines of Black Monday in 1987. The ensuing panic saw the VIX Index increase 65% on that day alone, from 23.4 to 38.6. It was the second largest one-day increase in the history of the VIX, going back to 1990. VIX futures also experienced their second largest one-day increase of 42.4% ... (continued on next page)

Share Class	E Class	K Class
Currency	USD	USD, GBP, EUR, CHF
Management Fee	1.50%	2.00%
Performance Fee	20.00%	20.00%
Min Initial Sub	25,000,000	1,000,000
		USD: IE00BLH1T491
ISIN Codes	USD: IE00BLH1SR55	GBP: IE000UB43QK1
		EUR: IE0000FMFWU4
		CHF: IE00088TFNZ4

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### **Investment Manager**



### **Fund Facts**

Domicile	Ireland
Structure	UCITS - sub-fund of Montlake ICAV
Investment Manager	ABR Dynamic Funds, LLC, USA
Management Company	Waystone Management Company (IE) Ltd.
Transfer Agent, Depositary	Northern Trust
Auditor	KPMG, Ireland
Law firm	Maples & Calder, Ireland
NAV & Liquidity	Daily
Lock-up, Entry/Exit Fees	None
Firm AUM (mm)	530
Strategy AUM (mm)	335
Fund AUM (mm)	45

### ABR 75/25 Volatility UCITS Fund

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	0.2%	2.3%	1.7%	-3.7%	3.6%	2.3%	0.8%	2.9%					10.3%
2023	10.0%	-2.9%	0.7%	5.0%	0.9%	6.0%	2.0%	-3.4%	-5.1%	-2.1%	9.4%	5.3%	27.4%
2022	-6.3%	-7.5%	0.9%	-8.5%	-6.6%	-8.4%	11.0%	-2.6%	-9.6%	7.2%	6.1%	-5.1%	-27.8%
2021											-2.9%	5.7%	3.7%

### **Performance and Risk Statistics**

Share Class	YTD	Annualized Return	Annualized Volatility	Max Drawdown	Sharpe Ratio	Sortino Ratio
Institutional - USD Pooled	10.3%	1.5%	19.4%	33.1%	N/A	N/A

<sup>\*</sup>Trading commenced on 22 October 2021. Past performance may not be a reliable guide to future performance. Performance and Risk Statistics calculated utilizing monthly data.

### ABR 75/25 Volatility Strategy (non-UCITS, 2006-Oct 2021)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	-5.4%	3.1%	6.5%	5.1%	0.3%	2.9%	1.6%	3.5%	-3.9%	6.3%	-	-	21.0%
2020	0.6%	-3.6%	18.1%	3.7%	3.9%	-5.8%	5.4%	5.1%	-5.7%	-3.6%	8.5%	2.0%	29.6%
2019	5.6%	3.0%	2.8%	2.6%	-3.2%	5.7%	0.9%	-0.3%	1.5%	1.1%	2.6%	1.1%	25.7%
2018	2.6%	-6.1%	-2.6%	0.0%	2.1%	-0.2%	2.0%	2.7%	-0.3%	-4.6%	1.4%	-9.2%	-12.3%
2017	1.9%	2.6%	0.2%	0.0%	0.7%	0.3%	1.2%	-1.0%	1.3%	1.6%	1.8%	1.2%	12.3%
2016	-6.8%	-1.1%	10.0%	0.1%	1.7%	-3.5%	3.4%	0.0%	-0.5%	-1.7%	3.3%	1.2%	5.1%
2015	-2.4%	4.7%	-0.9%	0.1%	0.3%	-2.2%	1.4%	-5.0%	-2.6%	11.1%	-0.9%	-0.9%	1.8%
2014	-1.7%	2.3%	0.4%	0.6%	2.2%	1.4%	-0.6%	2.5%	-1.1%	7.7%	2.3%	0.4%	17.4%
2013	4.4%	0.7%	1.8%	1.4%	0.3%	-0.3%	3.2%	-1.9%	1.1%	2.3%	1.5%	0.9%	16.3%
2012	8.5%	3.8%	3.3%	0.0%	-7.2%	3.7%	2.7%	2.8%	2.5%	-1.5%	2.9%	0.8%	23.7%
2011	1.9%	2.2%	0.8%	3.3%	0.4%	-0.6%	-0.6%	3.9%	-6.7%	5.9%	0.7%	2.7%	14.3%
2010	0.2%	4.8%	6.7%	0.8%	0.0%	-3.6%	10.0%	-3.0%	7.3%	7.0%	1.5%	6.1%	43.5%
2009	-7.7%	-3.4%	8.3%	4.2%	5.0%	1.4%	5.2%	2.7%	4.1%	-1.7%	4.3%	4.2%	28.7%
2008	-5.0%	-2.7%	0.3%	6.9%	3.1%	-7.3%	0.4%	2.9%	-1.3%	20.9%	4.3%	3.2%	25.7%
2007	0.8%	-1.1%	1.8%	2.6%	1.4%	-1.2%	-1.0%	1.5%	3.9%	0.8%	-3.4%	0.1%	6.1%
2006	1.3%	0.4%	-0.1%	0.2%	-0.7%	0.4%	0.5%	2.1%	1.6%	2.6%	1.4%	0.3%	10.4%

The ABR 75/25 Volatility Strategy went live on 31 Jan 2017. Includes pre-inception performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

### Performance and Risk Statistics (non-UCITS, 2006-Oct 2021)

Share Class	Annualized	Annualized	Max	Sharpe	Sortino
	Return	Volatility	Drawdown	Ratio	Ratio
ABR75/25 Volatility Strategy	16.3%	13.5%	14.5%	1.12	1.83

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### ABR 75/25 Volatility Strategy (Non-UCITS) vs. S&P 500 vs. MSCI World

(Jan 2006 - Aug 2024)



### **Taylor Lukof**

#### Founder, CEO, & Fund Manager

Mr. Lukof is the Founder/CEO and Fund Manager. He has over 20 years of investment experience. He was formerly a partner at Toro Trading LLC, where he co-managed equity derivative trading strategies. Mr. Lukof, as a market maker, was responsible for trading single name and index-related exchanged traded products. He began his career at TANSTAAFL Research & Trading, LLC, as the youngest member of the American Stock Exchange at that time.

Mr. Lukof graduated from Bucknell University, Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

#### **David Skordal**

#### Co-Founder & Fund Manager

Mr. Skordal is a co-Founder and Fund Manager at ABR Dynamic Funds. He has over 20 years of investment experience. He was formerly a Trader at Toro Trading LLC, where he worked alongside Mr. Lukof. At Toro Trading, he developed and managed the international Exchange Traded Funds desk. Before joining Toro Trading in 2009, Mr. Skordal was a specialist on the American Stock Exchange for Susquehanna International Group. He has a 14-year working relationship with Mr. Lukof.

Mr. Skordal graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with a Bachelor of Science (SB) degree in Physics.

### Performance and Risk Statistics: Full History

Strategy	YTD	Annualized Return	Annualized Volatility	Max Drawdown	Sharpe Ratio	Sortino Ratio
ABR 75/25 Volatility Strategy	11.7%	13.8%	14.4%	33.1%	0.84	1.36
S&P 500 Index	19.5%	10.6%	15.4%	50.9%	0.58	0.79
MSCI World Index	16.7%	7.9%	15.9%	54.0%	0.40	0.52

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### **Manager Commentary:**

(Continued from previous page) Almost as quickly as the panic developed, it passed, and the S&P 500 ended August up 2.4% for the month. By the end of August, the VIX was 15.0, down on the month, and VIX futures were also down 3.9% for the month. Interestingly, a static exposure to short VIX futures was also down in August (-26.8%), as the "volatility drag" of a 60% drop followed by an 84% recovery was too much to overcome.

Simply put, with the drop in both long and short exposures to volatility, it was a difficult month to be a static volatility investor. However, it was a different story for the ABR 75/25 Volatility Fund's dynamic, trend-following model. The model was able to follow the trend changes rather quickly. As a result, the Fund gained 2.9% for the month.

### **Disclaimer:**

The ABR 75/25 Volatility Strategy returns, for the periods ending 30 June 2024, have been +14.80% for one year, +10.87% for five years, and +8.74% for ten years.

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