

Conquest STAR UCITS Fund launched on the MontLake UCITS Platform

DUBLIN, 17th May 2017 – Conquest Capital LLP (“Conquest”) and ML Capital are pleased to formally announce the launch of the Conquest STAR UCITS Fund, a systematic absolute return trading strategy hosted on the MontLake UCITS Platform. MontLake is a leading independent platform for UCITS funds that provides investors with access to a range of liquid, transparent and regulated investment products domiciled in Dublin.

Conquest STAR is an all-weather, pure alpha, short-term systematic trading strategy. The program has been designed to capture independent alpha from short-term trading opportunities regardless of the risk environment in both “risk-seeking” and “risk-averse” regimes. The fund uses 4 sub-strategies employing dozens of models to dynamically allocate risk based on the Conquest Risk Aversion Index.

This all-weather, absolute return short-term trading strategy has been carefully constructed and perfected by Conquest over the past 7 years, combining their best performing systems among 300+ proprietary models they have developed since 1999. Trading the world’s largest and most liquid markets including Equity Indices, Fixed Income & G10 Currencies, as well as, across a diversified set of geographies and timeframes. This has enabled the STAR strategy to generate highly attractive risk-adjusted returns with record low correlation to Hedge Funds, CTAs and traditional asset classes since inception.

Conquest’s forward thinking research forms the foundation for a disciplined philosophy based on well-researched relationships, rather than the result of data mining, thus avoiding many of the classic pitfalls of systematic investing.

Speaking with Marc Malek, Founder/Portfolio Manager of Conquest Capital said: *“Conquest STAR is a strategy that is the culmination of our best ideas. 17 years of research on identifying sources of alpha versus beta and understanding the risk environment have enabled us to design a strategy that is a pure alpha, all-weather offering.”*

Cyril Delamare, CEO of ML Capital commented: *“We are excited the team at Conquest have selected the MontLake Platform to launch their first systematic absolute return UCITS regulated fund. We believe that the fund’s low correlation to traditional, hedge fund and CTA portfolios will be of particular interest to investors in today’s market. This fund is a welcomed addition to the MontLake UCITS Universe and we are excited to see its future growth.”*

Eyal Perez, Founder of Genesis Advisors stated: *“I am very honoured about the opportunity to work with Conquest, given the firm’s tremendous reputation and thought leadership within the systematic macro space. Marc and his team have been at the forefront of CTA research since 1999 and Conquest STAR’s exceptional track record over the past 7 years is a testament to their deep talent and experience. The UCITS vehicle is now offering the Hedge Fund Community access to their unique expertise in an investor friendly format.”*

About Conquest Capital

The Conquest STAR UCITS Fund is advised by Conquest, a New York-based alternative asset management firm that has developed and managed systematic tactical trading strategies in the macro space for over 15 years. Founder and Portfolio Manager, Marc Malek has over 25 years of

trading experience, both quantitative and discretionary. The 4-member research team has worked together for more than 13 years.

About ML Capital

ML Capital is a forward looking and leading independent fund structuring and investment management firm specialising in European regulated fund structures. As an award-winning platform provider, we partner with the very best of investment managers to bring to market the latest most appropriate fund structures to comply with the raft of incoming regulatory requirements, whilst meeting the ever increasing expectations of investors. As at March 31st, 2017, group AUM stands at \$3.2 billion.

ML Capital handles all aspects of the fund structuring and launch on investment managers' behalf. Through our dedicated network, we also offer fund sales and distribution if required and have had comprehensive coverage of investors in all key European markets for the past 20 years.

Our goal is to provide the most appropriate fund structures to maximise distribution opportunities across all key markets. Our solutions bring together market leading service providers with some of the very best minds in the regulated fund space; providing well managed European investment products with the highest levels of service and governance. We ensure that all incoming investors and partners come in with the full knowledge that they are investing into structures that are designed to protect and preserve investor interest.

MLC Management Ltd acts as third party management company for UCITS and AIFMD funds. Offering better compliance, oversight and management facilities than self-managed structures, the management company is the future of fund structuring; as the industry responds to the desire of investors and regulators for greater substance, we believe management companies will become the structure of choice for new funds, as others move away from self-managed fund structures.

About Genesis Advisors

Genesis Advisors is a hedge fund advisory & seeding firm focusing on best-in-class alternative asset managers with a special expertise in providing them with UCITS structuring, seed capital and exclusive promotion.

Genesis was established in Geneva in 2016 by Eyal Perez and is FINMA Licensed & Regulated.

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