

MONTHLY BRIEFING APRIL 2019

	Perf YTD	Perf 1yr	Perf 3 yrs	Yield Level
Athénée Capital Model	5.21%			1017.23
Universe of comparison	5.60%			
Monetary 3 months Euribor				-0.31%
Monetary 3 months Suisse				-0.67%
Monetary 3 months USA				2.55%
Bonds 10 year Europe				0.01%
Bonds 10 year Suisse				-0.30%
Bonds 10 year USA				2.50%
EUR USD	-2.21%	-7.47%	-2.44%	1.1215
EUR CHF	1.57%	-4.54%	3.97%	1.1435
GOLD (USD)	-0.26%	-1.89%	-1.07%	1279.10
OIL (WTI) (USD)	36.58%	-2.85%	17.37%	63.29

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MSCI Monde (USD)	16.47%	6.62%	38.22%	6303.40
Eurostoxx 50	17.10%	-0.61%	16.06%	3514.62
SMI (CHF)	15.90%	9.94%	22.72%	9769.74
CAC	18.09%	1.19%	26.13%	5586.41
DAX	16.91%	-2.13%	22.96%	12344.08
Footsee (GBP)	10.26%	-1.36%	18.85%	7418.22
Dow Jones (USD)	14.00%	10.35%	49.62%	26592.91
SP500 (USD)	17.51%	10.96%	42.63%	2945.83
Nasdaq (USD)	22.01%	13.53%	69.52%	8095.39
MSCI Emerging (USD)	11.75%	-7.16%	28.45%	1079.24
Nikkei (JPY)	11.21%	-0.93%	33.56%	22258.73
Shanghai Comp. (CRY)	23.43%	-0.13%	4.77%	3078.34

(Sources Bloomberg - Indices Absolute Return au 30 avril 2019)

Portfolio Arbitrage

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Comments and Outlook for the coming month (Portfolios and Athénée Capital Model)

April saw a further rise in equities, fueled by abundant global liquidity, the absence of a short-term recessionary outlook and the publication of US corporate results, which were more or less in line with expectations. It should be noted that European indexes have caught up with their American peers, particularly the CAC and DAX, driven by automotive and financial stocks, which have been lagging far behind since 1 January.

However, this is a low volume rally, with main buyers being companies themselves, thanks to their "share buyback" programs, banned during the earnings season. The upward trend has more to do with cash influx and flows than with an allocation of convictions. This is why Athénée Capital's monthly trades were mainly opportunistic, and not equity driven, as the level of EPs and sector disparities do not encourage us to be risk-on.

The flattening of the yield curve in Europe was an opportunity to take profits on the Bunds short position. For now, we monitor the corporate debt levels, but also those of governments: any change in the Fed's or ECB's discourse could generate a volatility comeback on the credit market, which would significantly impact valuations of bonds and shares. In this context, the implementation of a "bull steepener" strategy is on the agenda. We are strengthening our positions in gold, currencies (USD versus EUR sales) and alternative asset management.