



**ADVANTAGE SICAV**

**Unaudited semi-annual report  
as at 30th June 2018**

# **ADVANTAGE**

Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable  
with multiple sub-funds

R.C.S. Luxembourg B53801

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## Organisation

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<b>Registered office</b>	2, Rue d'Alsace L-1122 LUXEMBOURG
<b>Board of Directors</b>	
<i>Chairman</i>	Francesco CONFUORTI President ADVANTAGE GFC, LLC 2 Wall Street NEW YORK, NY 10005, U.S.A.
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## **ADVANTAGE**

### **Organisation (continued)**

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## ADVANTAGE

### General information

ADVANTAGE (the "Company") is a company established in Luxembourg with a variable capital, "*société d'investissement à capital variable*" ("SICAV"), created on 14th February 1996 for an unlimited period, and is governed under Part I of the amended law of 17th December 2010 relating to Undertakings for Collective Investment ("the Law") and under the Council Directive 2009/65/EC as amended.

The Directive 2014/91/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23rd July 2014 amending the Directive 2009/65/EC had been transposed by the law of 10th May 2016 coming into force on 1st June 2016 and amending the amended Law.

The Company is a self-managed SICAV pursuant to article 27 of the Law offering investors the choice among a range of Sub-Funds and the opportunity to switch their investments among Sub-Funds at reduced cost.

At the date of the financial statements, the following Sub-Fund is open:

- ADVANTAGE - TOTAL RETURN in EUR

Upon decision of the Board of Directors, Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class I Shares may be issued in each Sub-Fund.

- **Class A Shares:** they are open to retail investors and shall be entitled to payment of a dividend in case payment of a dividend is decided.
- **Class B Shares:** they are open to retail investors and institutional investors. Class B Shares of any Sub-Fund shall not be entitled to any dividend payments.
- **Class I Shares:** they are restricted to institutional investors, as defined by Luxembourg regulation. Class I Shares of any Sub-Fund shall not be entitled to any dividend payments.

At the date of the financial statements, Class B Shares and Class I Shares are open to subscription.

The prospectus, the KIID, the articles of incorporation, the financial reports may be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the Company. The net asset value of each Sub-Fund and the subscription, redemption and conversion prices thereof are available at all times at the Company's registered office.

## ADVANTAGE

### Combined statement of net assets (in EUR)

as at 30th June 2018

#### Assets

Securities portfolio at market value	2,309,125.74
Cash at banks	378,247.45
Receivable on treasury transactions	2,461.02
Interest receivable on bank accounts	28.11
Prepaid expenses	30,073.16
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Total assets	2,719,935.48
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#### Liabilities

Interest payable on bank overdrafts	27.17
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## ADVANTAGE - TOTAL RETURN

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#### Breakdown of net assets per share class

Share class	Number of shares	Currency of share class	NAV per share in currency of share class	Net assets per share class (in EUR)
B	28,750.000	EUR	87.87	2,526,218.86
I	10.242	EUR	9,453.87	96,826.53
				2,623,045.39

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## ADVANTAGE - TOTAL RETURN

### Statement of investments and other net assets (in EUR)

as at 30th June 2018

Currency	Number / nominal value	Description	Cost	Market value	% of total net assets
<b><u>Investments in securities</u></b>					
<b><u>Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing</u></b>					
<b>Shares</b>					
EUR	5,000	Mediobanca SpA	44,257.00	39,810.00	1.52
USD	500	Apple Inc	64,520.98	79,541.94	3.03
USD	3,000	AT&T Inc	103,827.00	82,786.18	3.15
USD	5,000	Bank of America Corp	110,275.92	121,132.69	4.62
USD	3,000	BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc	263,011.34	242,866.96	9.26
USD	1,000	Celgene Corp	115,293.47	68,253.70	2.60
USD	1,700	Exxon Mobil Corp	120,474.27	120,867.14	4.61
USD	3,000	Gilead Sciences Inc	179,269.14	182,640.08	6.96
USD	2,000	Jacobs Engineering Group Inc	104,367.98	109,126.85	4.16
USD	2,000	Morgan Stanley	82,032.34	81,471.30	3.10
USD	5,000	Oracle Corp	208,461.21	189,326.23	7.22
USD	2,000	Pfizer Inc	58,916.14	62,358.20	2.38
USD	400	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc	148,942.54	118,594.02	4.52
USD	2,000	Starbucks Corp	111,349.47	83,963.56	3.20
			<u>1,670,741.80</u>	<u>1,542,928.85</u>	<u>58.81</u>
<b>Total shares</b>			<u>1,714,998.80</u>	<u>1,582,738.85</u>	<u>60.33</u>
<b><u>Money market instruments</u></b>					
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USD	200,000	US 0% T-Bills 17/08.11.18	167,393.91	170,665.50	6.51
USD	200,000	US 0% T-Bills 18/01.11.18	165,269.83	170,727.05	6.51
USD	250,000	US 0% T-Bills 18/20.09.18	200,546.32	213,958.83	8.16
USD	200,000	US 0% T-Bills Sen 18/04.10.18	161,641.20	171,035.51	6.52
			<u>694,851.26</u>	<u>726,386.89</u>	<u>27.70</u>
<b>Total money market instruments</b>			<u>694,851.26</u>	<u>726,386.89</u>	<u>27.70</u>
Total investments in securities			<u>2,409,850.06</u>	<u>2,309,125.74</u>	<u>88.03</u>
Cash at banks				378,247.45	14.42
Other net assets/(liabilities)				-64,327.80	-2.45
<b>Total</b>				<u>2,623,045.39</u>	<u>100.00</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## ADVANTAGE - TOTAL RETURN

### Industrial and geographical classification of investments

as at 30th June 2018

#### Industrial classification

(in percentage of net assets)

Countries and governments	27.70 %
Healthcare	25.72 %
Technologies	10.25 %
Financials	9.24 %
Energy	4.61 %
Industrials	4.16 %
Non-cyclical consumer goods	3.20 %
Telecommunications services	3.15 %
Total	<u>88.03 %</u>

#### Geographical classification

(by domicile of the issuer)

(in percentage of net assets)

United States of America	86.51 %
Italy	1.52 %
Total	<u>88.03 %</u>

## ADVANTAGE

### Notes to the financial statements

as at 30th June 2018

#### Note 1 - Significant accounting policies

##### a) Presentation of the financial statements

The financial statements of the Company are prepared in accordance with the Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements concerning undertakings for collective investment and generally accepted accounting principles in Luxembourg.

##### b) Valuation of assets

- 1) Securities and money market instruments admitted to official listing on a stock exchange or which are traded on another regulated market which operates regularly and is recognized and open to the public in Europe (including E.U. countries), North or South America, Asia, Australia, New Zealand or Africa are valued on the basis of the last known price. If the same security or instrument is quoted on different markets, the quotation of the main market for this security or instrument will be used. If there is no relevant quotation or if the quotations are not representative of the fair value, the evaluation will be done in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Company or its delegate with a view to establishing the probable sales price for such securities or instruments;
- 2) Liquid assets are valued at their nominal value plus accrued interest;

##### c) Acquisition cost of securities in the portfolio

The acquisition cost of the securities held by the Sub-Fund that are denominated in currencies other than the reference currency of the Sub-Fund is converted into this currency at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of purchase.

##### d) Net realised gain/(loss) on securities portfolio

The net realised gains and losses on securities portfolio are calculated on the basis of the average acquisition cost.

##### e) Investment portfolio income

Dividend income is recorded at the ex-date, net of any withholding tax.

Interest income accrued and payable is recorded, net of any withholding tax.

##### f) Valuation of forward foreign exchange contracts

Forward foreign exchange contracts are valued at forward market rates for the remaining period from valuation date to the maturity of the contracts. Net unrealised gains or losses are disclosed in the statement of net assets.

##### g) Formation expenses

Formation expenses were amortised on a straight-line basis over a period of five years.

If the launch of a Sub-Fund occurs after the launch date of the Company, the formation expenses relation to the launch of the new Sub-Fund is charged to such Sub-Fund alone and may be amortised over a maximum of five years with effect from the Sub-Fund's launch date.

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### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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#### h) Conversion of foreign currencies

Cash at banks, other net assets and liabilities and the market value of the securities in portfolio expressed in currencies other than the reference currency of the Sub-Fund are converted into this currency at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the financial statements. Income and expenses expressed in currencies other than the reference currency of the Sub-Fund are converted into this currency at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the transaction.

#### i) Combined financial statements

The combined financial statements of the Company are expressed in EUR and are equal to the sum of the corresponding items in the financial statements of each Sub-Fund.

#### j) Receivable / Payable on treasury transactions

At the level of the Sub-Fund, "Receivable on treasury transactions" are disclosed net in the statement of net assets.

### Note 2 - Management fee

The Company pays a monthly management fee to the Investment Manager GFC ADVISERS LLC. This fee is calculated on the basis of the average net asset values of each Sub-Fund with the following maximum annual rates:

	Class B Shares	Class I Shares
ADVANTAGE - TOTAL RETURN	1.50%	1.50%

### Note 3 - Performance fee

The Investment Manager is entitled to a performance fee, to be paid at the end of the year and equal to 20% of the positive excess, since the beginning of the year, between the performance of the Sub-Fund and that of a reference index, respectively:

Sub-Funds	Reference index
ADVANTAGE - TOTAL RETURN	3-month EURIBOR

At the date of the financial statements, a performance fee was recorded for the following Sub-Fund and amounted to:

ADVANTAGE - TOTAL RETURN EUR 1,131.10

### Note 4 - Subscription duty ("*taxe d'abonnement*")

The Company is governed by Luxembourg law.

Pursuant to the legislation and regulations in force, the Company is subject to an annual subscription duty ("*taxe d'abonnement*") of 0.05% which is payable quarterly and calculated on the basis of the net assets of each Sub-Fund on the last day of each quarter.

The subscription duty is reduced to 0.01% per annum for Class I Shares restricted to institutional investors.

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### **Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

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Pursuant to Article 175 (a) of the Law the net assets invested in undertakings for collective investment already subject to the "*taxe d'abonnement*" are exempt from this tax.

#### **Note 5 - Changes in investments**

The statement of changes in investments for the reporting period is available free of charge at the registered office of the Company

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### **Additional information**

as at 30th June 2018

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#### **Information concerning the transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse of cash collateral (regulation EU 2015/2365, hereafter "SFTR")**

During the reporting period, the Company did not engage in transactions which are subject to the publication requirements of SFTR. Accordingly, no Information concerning the transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse of cash collateral should be reported.