

# GA-COURTENAY SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND

## MARCH 2026 MONTHLY FACTSHEET

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

### PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS ONLY

GA-Courtenay Special Situations Fund has been built to deliver rewarding absolute returns through leveraged investment in dominant future-facing businesses concurrent with market de-correlation by deploying a positive-carry hedging structure

### KEY INFORMATION

Fund Manager	Adrian Courtenay
Fund Type	Irish UCITS
Liquidity	Daily
Fund Size	\$34m
Share Classes	USD, GBP, EUR, CHF

### MONTHLY SUMMARY

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### GA-COURTENAY SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND PERFORMANCE (USD I SHARE CLASS)

Fund Performance by Year	Inception to date	Annualised since inception
GA-Courtenay Special Situations Fund (USD I)	+98.9%	+11.3%

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Full Yr
2026 Fund Performance by Month	+4.0%	+8.0%	-12.1%										-1.2%
2025 Fund Performance by Month	+0.5%	-1.6%	-0.2%	+0.9%	+6.5%	+2.4%	-3.5%	-1.7%	-0.2%	+0.1%	-2.6%	+6.3%	+6.5%
2024 Fund Performance by Month	+1.5%	+1.5%	+0.7%	-2.6%	+1.6%	+2.2%	+0.6%	-0.7%	+0.1%	+0.6%	-0.6%	+0.2%	+5.0%
2023 Fund Performance by Month	+7.6%	-3.2%	-5.4%	+0.6%	-6.6%	-4.1%	1.0%	-2.5%	-2.4%	-2.0%	+23.2%	+3.0%	+6.4%
2022 Fund Performance by Month	-1.2%	+2.0%	+2.3%	-3.1%	-6.7%	-6.1%	+1.5%	+7.7%	1.0%	-9.0%	-0.2%	-0.5%	-12.8%
2021 Fund Performance by Month	+7.7%	+4.2%	-3.2%	-0.3%	+0.5%	-4.7%	-1.9%	+2.5%	+3.0%	+17.6%	-2.1%	+1.6%	+24.4%
2020 Fund Performance by Month	+8.4%	-2.5%	-13.2%	+6.1%	+8.7%	+20.5%	+5.6%	-5.1%	+5.7%	-4.0%	-2.7%	+13.2%	+42.8%
2019 Fund Performance by Month										+0.6%	+4.0%	+4.4%	+9.1%

Performance is based on the USD I share class, net of 0.75% management fee and 20% performance fee. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

### GA-COURTENAY SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND – MAJOR HOLDINGS AND SUMMARY STATISTICS

Equity holdings	Value \$m	% of NAV	Fund statistics	% of NAV	Hedge economics   annualised carry	% of NAV	
Echostar (core asset: SpaceX equity)	3.31	9.9%	Equity special situations, long gross exposure	123.0%	Annualised net hedge yield estimate % (A + B)	5.6%	
Filtronic plc	3.26	9.9%	S&P500 put option protection (delta)	-43.1%	1. Crash protection hedge component (S&P500 put options)		
ImmunityBio, Inc.	2.52	7.7%	Fund net long at current option deltas	79.8%	Value \$m	% of NAV	
Kraken Robotics Inc.	2.23	6.8%	S&P500 put option strike, % below current index level (%)	-14.4%	S&P500 put option protection (delta)	-14.23	-43.1%
Safran SA	1.65	5.0%	At strike, nominal value of S&P500 puts as % of fund NAV	216.5%	Annualised cost of put option decay (to expiry) (A)		-9.3%
Ferrowil SE	1.61	4.9%			2. Hedge funding component (merger arbitrage)		
Aena S.M.E., S.A.	1.60	4.8%			Annualised yield all merger arbitrages, disclosed terms		25.4%
ASML Holding N.V.	1.54	4.7%			Budgeted impact of deal breaks		-3.8%
Formula One Group	1.50	4.6%			Cost of fund leverage		-6.6%
Energy Transfer LP	1.49	4.5%			Annualised yield of all merger arbitrages, break adj (B)		15.0%
Tesla, Inc.	1.47	4.5%			Total gross exposure of merger arbitrage book		73.9%
Enterprise Products Partners L.P.	1.45	4.4%			Largest merger arbitrage holdings	Value \$m	% of NAV
NovaGold Resources Inc.	1.40	4.3%			Space Asset Acquisition Corp.	1.47	4.4%
The St. Joe Company	1.40	4.2%			Beazley plc	1.32	4.0%
Bloom Energy Corporation	1.38	4.2%			Electronic Arts Inc.	1.31	4.0%
General Electric Company	1.35	4.1%			Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc.	1.21	3.7%
Haivision Systems Inc.	1.32	4.0%			DigitalBridge Group, Inc.	1.17	3.6%
Clean Harbors, Inc.	1.29	3.9%			Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	1.13	3.4%
Jungfraubahn Holding AG	1.24	3.8%			Just Group plc	1.12	3.4%
Rocket Lab Corporation	1.22	3.7%			Norfolk Southern Corporation	1.12	3.4%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company	1.17	3.6%			Allied Gold Corporation	1.11	3.4%
Flughafen Zürich AG	1.16	3.5%			Kenvue Inc.	1.09	3.3%
Fanuc Corporation	1.06	3.2%			JDE Peet's N.V.	1.03	3.1%
Airbus SE	1.00	3.0%			JTC PLC	1.01	3.0%
Fraport AG	0.97	2.9%					
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited	0.93	2.8%					
			Special Opportunities	% of NAV			
			Pershing Square SPARC Holdings, warrants	0.00%			
			(SSF owns 387,285 SPARC warrants; each warrant contains				
			a call on two stock units upon merger announcement)				
			Gold	8.32%			

Source: GreenAsh Partners internal systems

## FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY

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As noted in the February factsheet, a significant advantage of the fund's approach is the ability to leverage our investments safely through their combination with our positive-carry hedge. For this leverage to remain prudent, however, the hedge must be effective — and that requires not only that it be low cost, achieved by combining S&P 500 put options with merger arbitrage yield, but also that our long equity book avoids becoming overly concentrated in any single factor risk.

It is something of an irony, then, that while in February the fund further diversified its factor exposures in the long book — expanding the number of themes from five to eight — it was precisely this dimension of the portfolio, albeit in inverted form, that proved most consequential in March. The oil-driven rotation punished our thematic exposures collectively, rather than through any single concentration weakness.

Our long book prioritises future-facing industries characterised by high barriers to entry and monopoly or duopoly business models. These themes comprise: SpaceX and proxies; military, security and aerospace; the AI-to-robotics transition; growth-oriented infrastructure; breakthrough pharmaceuticals; computing picks and shovels; royalty collectors through an inflationary age; and land and gold. Taken together, this is a diversified exposure designed, in combination with S&P 500 put option protection, to prove robust across a wide range of market dislocation scenarios.

Notably absent from our themes is a long energy sector exposure. This is deliberate, and the reasoning goes to the heart of how we select factor risks for long-term inclusion. We seek growth industries whose commodities or companies cannot be "printed" — to borrow a central banking analogy for the mechanism that enduringly depreciates fiat currencies. Within each industry, we favour monopoly or duopoly business models with barriers to entry sufficient to make the creation of a viable new market entrant extremely challenging. Where our holdings are commodity-linked — land and gold — their underlying assets are severely supply-constrained. In the case of land, through our equity selection we hold large-scale permitted development land in Florida; in the case of gold, it is the sole commodity whose reserves relative to extraction volumes have fewer than twenty years of duration remaining, and whose rate of new discovery is trending well below reserve replenishment level.

Energy presents the opposite dynamic. New supply — or "printing" — is relentless: solar capacity and capture expands daily, and its continued cheapening progressively lowers the cost of conversion to electricity and synthetic fuels. Even for oil, the long-



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term scarcity thesis once popularised by geologist M. King Hubbert has been steadily falsified by advances in fracking and seismic technology. When supply is not structurally constrained and extraction costs continue to fall, long-term pricing power erodes — making energy a poor fit for the kind of durable value compounding exposure we seek.

This does not mean we cannot, in due course once energy prices have normalised, assess the addition of selected energy names to improve our protection against energy shock scenarios. However, such additions will need to be very carefully identified; in my judgement they would need to rely almost entirely on esoteric circumstances — idiosyncratic supply constraints, irreplaceable infrastructure, or regulatory moats — rather than on a generalised thesis of long-term energy price appreciation.

I would therefore put forward a balanced conclusion on the March drawdown. There is a useful distinction between "good volatility" and "bad volatility." If a fund has correctly identified that a sector lacks attractive long-term dynamics, deliberately limits its exposure accordingly, and then experiences a short-term drawdown when that sector spikes in price over a limited period, then the fund's medium-term positioning remains extremely sound — and the volatility can reasonably be characterised as "good."

Nevertheless, to the extent that we can further moderate volatility scenarios, by, over time, identifying carefully selected, idiosyncratic energy holdings less reliant on long-term sectoral trends, we can still aspire to better capture the best of both worlds.

**Adrian Courtenay**

**MONTHLY PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION – MARCH 2026**

**Long Equity (1,286) basis points**  
*Absolute return component*

**Merger arbitrage (22) basis points**  
*Hedge funding component*

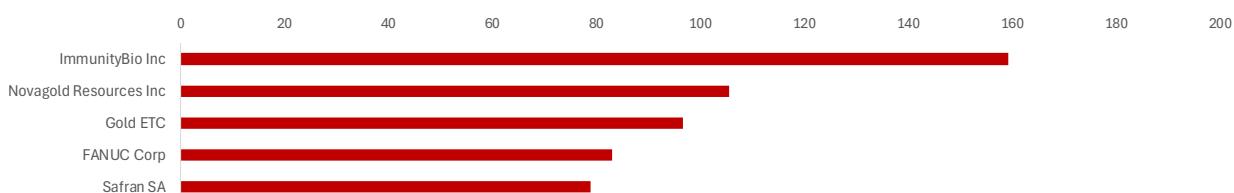
**S&P500 put options +98 basis points**  
*Crash protection hedge component*

**Long Equity (1,286) basis points**

**Top 5 contributors**



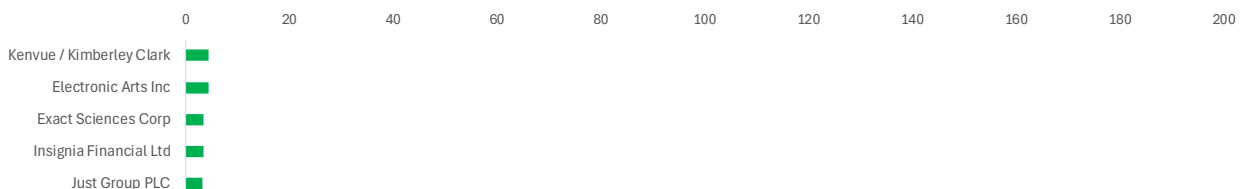
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*Contribution in basis points, GA-Courtenay USD I Class*

**Merger arbitrage (22) basis points**

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**S&P500 put options +98 basis points**

**S&P500 put option protection profit**



*Contribution in basis points, GA-Courtenay USD I Class*

*All performance figures provided by this monthly factsheet are for GA-Courtenay USD I Class. In all cases performance is presented net of 0.75% management fee and 20% performance fee.*

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