



**Investment Fund**  
**CBL OPPORTUNITIES FUNDS**

**Sub-fund**  
**CBL Optimal Opportunities Fund - USD**

**Semiannual report 2021**  
**(non-audited)**  
(for the six – month period ended 30 June 2021)

Riga, 2021

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## INVESTMENT FUND INFORMATION

Name of the Fund:	CBL Opportunities Funds
Registration date of the Fund:	24 August 2007
Type of the Fund:	Investment fund with sub-funds
Name of the Sub-fund:	CBL Optimal Opportunities Fund – USD
Number of the Sub-fund: Sub-fund ISIN:	FFL204 LV0000400984
Investment management company name: Investment management company's registered office: Investment management company's registration number: Number of the license for investment management company operations:	CBL Asset Management IPAS Republikas laukums 2a, Riga LV-1010, Latvia 40003577500 06.03.07.098/367
Name of the Fund's Custodian:	Citadele banka AS
Registered office of the Fund's Custodian: Registration number of the Fund's Custodian:	Republikas laukums 2a, Riga LV-1010, Latvia 40103303559
Investment management company's Council and Board Members and their positions:	<i>Council of the investment management company :</i> Chairperson of the Council – Vladimirs Ivanovs, appointed on 10.08.2020 Deputy Chairperson of the Council – Vaidas Žagūnis, appointed on 10.08.2020 Member of the Council - Peter Meier, appointed on 30.09.2015  <i>Board of the investment management company:</i> Chairperson of the Board – Kārlis Purgailis, appointed on 08.09.2017 Board Member - Zigurds Vaikulis, appointed on 19.04.2007 Board Member - Andris Kotāns, appointed on 11.05.2015 Board Member - Lolita Sičeva, appointed on 11.05.2015
Rights and responsibilities related to Fund management:	The Council and the Board Members perform all duties prescribed in laws and regulations of the Republic and in the Articles of Association of the investment management company
Fund Managers (members of the Investment Committee):	Zigurds Vaikulis – appointed on 26.01.2011 Andris Kotāns – appointed on 29.06.2011
Rights and responsibilities related to the Fund management :	The Fund Manager perform all duties prescribed in laws and regulations of the Republic of Latvia, in the Articles of Association of the investment management company and in the prospectus of the Fund
Auditor:	KPMG Baltics AS Vesetas iela 7 Riga, LV-1013 License No 55 Latvia

## **INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY REPORT**

Ieguldītāju fonda “CBL Opportunities Funds apakšfonda “CBL Optimal Opportunities Fund – USD” (turpmāk The manager of the sub-fund CBL Optimal Opportunities Fund – USD of the investment fund CBL Opportunities Funds (hereinafter the Fund) is the investment management company CBL Asset Management, registered office Republikas laukums 2a, Rīga, LV-1010 (hereinafter the Company). The Company was established on 11 January 2002 under registration number 40003577500 with license number 06.03.07.098/367 for investment management services.

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in Share Certificates (Units) of investment funds registered in Latvia or other European Union Member States or into securities equivalent to them. Investments can be made into money market, bond, balanced and equity funds as well as into ETFs and equity securities traded on regulated markets of Member States and OECD Member States without any industry limitations. The share of equity funds in the portfolio may amount to up to 70% of the Fund's assets.

In the reporting period, the Fund's net assets increased by EUR 244,042 or 56.66% and totaled EUR 430,716 at the end of the reporting period. Gross asset value as at 30 June 2021 amounted to EUR 431,421. At the same time, the value of the unit of the Fund increased by EUR 0.65, reaching EUR 10.14. The Fund overall return in 2021 was 6.85% in terms of the euros, while in its base currency (USD) 3.52%.

In the first half of 2021 the global economy continued to recover from the recession caused by the pandemic, but the recovery processes were uneven. The U.S. government's stimulus overcompensated the population for lost income during the pandemic, which, combined with faster removal of restrictions and a smoother vaccination process, helped U.S. GDP exceed pre-virus levels already in the first half of this year. The Eurozone economy, which spent the first half of 2021 mostly under various levels of restrictions, showed much weaker performance and, according to analysts' forecasts, will be able to return to pre-virus levels only next year. However, in Q2, with the progress in vaccination and re-opening, economic recovery has also started in Europe. Given the rapid and simultaneous recovery of demand for goods around the world, since the end of last year Western producers have been forced to balance between a strong increase in demand, a rise in production and transport costs, and a lack of components. The rise in resource prices, which has continued steadily since last spring, not only made the production process more expensive, but also significantly increased inflation rates for consumers. As the US economy returned to its normal pace of life, the effect was also reinforced by the delayed demand for certain categories of goods. That lifted core inflation in the U.S. to its highest level since the early 90s. A number of indicators show that high inflation is likely to be a temporary phenomenon. The lack of employees and increased inflation expectations could slightly delay the process of inflation normalisation in the US; also, the increase in the prices of raw materials is largely behind us, and the impact of opening up the economy on consumer prices will also be temporary. Meanwhile, inflation pressures remain moderate in the eurozone. Rising inflation makes life complicated for central banks, which have become accustomed to living in relatively low inflation conditions over the past decade. The ECB and the FRS continued to pursue a strongly accommodative monetary policy. They have also adjusted their formal inflation targets to cope with higher inflation for longer. At the same time, the acceleration of the economy and inflation hasn't gone completely unnoticed in the FRS. The FRS has started to forecast two rate hikes already in 2023, though its initial commitment was to keep rates unchanged at least until 2024. The economic rationale for printing money in the FRS should end even before raising rates.

With the favorable view regarding the economic development, riskier asset classes showed better performance during the first half of the year. Growing confidence in corporate financial results and improvements in profitability forecasts were reflected positively in equity prices. Global stock markets closed the first half of 2021 with a 13.5% rise in euro-hedged terms. There were significant differences among regions. While the value of U.S. and European stock indexes have grown at the same pace year-to-date, emerging markets have lagged significantly. The dollar strengthened against the euro by 3% during the first half of the year. Speculative-grade bonds of developed countries showed a dynamic similar to equities and continued to deliver gains thanks to a drop in risk premiums. During the first half of the year, the performance of the segment exceeded 3% (EUR hedged). Meanwhile, in the first months of 2021, a sharp rise in USD benchmark rates left a significant negative impact on low-risk bonds. This move was reversed in Q2, resulting in higher quality bond segments being able to recover some of their losses and closing the first half with very little losses.

Despite the wide-spread positivity in the global economy, there is no shortage of potential challenges that could affect the performance of financial assets. First, the fight against the virus on a global scale has not yet been finished. The delta variant against which vaccines are less efficient already dominates Asia and Europe and is also beginning to spread in the US. Vaccination rates in developing countries also remain low. Second, given the decreasing need for government support, fiscal policy could become restrictive everywhere next year, especially in the United States. Third, in the second half of the year, increasing focus will be on the FRS and ECB communication on their monetary course over a longer term. Central banks are currently looking “through” the inflation acceleration, however, given the strong performance of the U.S. economy, the FRS will have to start lower its monetary support soon. Risk asset valuations remain relatively expensive in historical terms, hence the factors mentioned previously could increase the volatility of the financial market when entering investors' direct views.

The changes that took place in the Fund during the reporting period are described below. The share of funds invested in bond funds at the end of the year was 63.31% of the Fund's net asset value, which is 2.23 percentage points (pp) less than at the beginning of the year. The share of equity funds has decreased by 3.22 pp to 33.94% of the Fund's net asset value. Cash available for investment constitutes 4.91% of net assets. All existing funds are registered in an EU Member state. The majority (54.30%) is invested in Luxembourg-registered funds alongside with some investment funds registered in Latvia and Ireland.

In the reporting period, the total management costs amounted to EUR 2,198, which did not exceed the maximum amount of 1.70% provided in the Fund's prospectus. The investment management company fee totaled EUR 1,711, custodian fee – EUR 324, other management expenses - EUR 163.

The Fund Manager will closely follow global market developments. In order to adjust the structure of the Fund with regard to the assessment of the current and expected situation, changes will be made mainly in the share of investments in equity funds.

For the Board of the Investment Management Company:

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Kārlis Purgailis  
Chairperson of the Board

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Zigurds Vaikulis  
Fund Manager

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Andris Kotāns  
Fund Manager

Riga, 30 July 2021

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

	Notes	<u>30.06.2021</u>	<u>31.12.2020</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Due on demand from credit institutions	1	21,147	13,985
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss			
Share certificates of investment funds and similar securities	2	410,274	187,978
<b>Total assets</b>		<u><b>431,421</b></u>	<u><b>201,963</b></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Deferred income and accrued expenses		(705)	(15,289)
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u><b>(705)</b></u>	<u><b>(15,289)</b></u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><b>430,716</b></u>	<u><b>186,674</b></u>

The accompanying notes on pages 9 through 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

For the Board of the Investment Management Company:

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Kārlis Purgailis  
 Chairperson of the Board

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**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES**

	<u>01.01.2021 – 30.06.2021</u>	<u>01.01.2020 – 30.06.2020</u>
<b>Expenses for the reporting period</b>		
Remuneration to investment management company and manager	(1,711)	(1,503)
Custodian fee	(324)	(285)
Other Fund management expenses	(163)	(298)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>(2,198)</b>	<b>(2,086)</b>
<b>Increase in investment value</b>		
Realized increase in investment value	626	(7,483)
Unrealized increase in investment value	26,584	6,865
<b>Total increase in investments</b>	<b>27,210</b>	<b>(618)</b>
<b>Increase/ decrease in net assets from investments</b>	<b>25,012</b>	<b>(2,704)</b>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

	<b>01.01.2021 – 30.06.2021</b>	<b>01.01.2020 – 30.06.2020</b>
Net assets at the beginning of the reporting year	186,674	352,718
Increase/ (decrease) in net assets from investment	25,012	(2,704)
<b>Transactions with share certificates and units</b>		
Inflow from sale of share certificates and units	234,346	6,591
Outflow on redemption of share certificates and units	(15,316)	(113,177)
<b>Increase/ (decrease) in net assets from transactions with share certificates and units</b>	<b>219,030</b>	<b>(106,586)</b>
Net asset increase/ (decrease) in the reporting year	244,042	(109,290)
<b>Net assets at the end of the reporting year</b>	<b>430,716</b>	<b>243,428</b>
Number of share certificates and units as at the beginning of the reporting period	19,677	36,738
Number of share certificates and units at the end of the reporting period	42,474	25,526
Net assets per share certificate and unit as at the beginning of the reporting year	9.49	9.60
<b>Net assets per share certificate and unit as at the end of the reporting year</b>	<b>10.14</b>	<b>9.54</b>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 DUE ON DEMAND FROM CREDIT INSTITUTIONS

	30.06.2021	% of the Fund's net assets 30.06.2021	31.12.2020	% of the Fund's net assets 31.12.2020
Due on demand from credit institutions, AS Citadele Banka	21,147	4.91%	13,985	7.49%
<b>Total demand deposits with credit institutions</b>	<b>21,147</b>	<b>4.91%</b>	<b>13,985</b>	<b>7.49%</b>

NOTE 2 SHARE CERTIFICATES OF INVESTMENT FUNDS AND SIMILAR SECURITIES

All share certificates of investment funds and similar securities are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

All share certificates of investment funds and similar securities held by the Fund are not traded on regulated markets instruments whose net asset value quotes are given by the Fund Manager on a daily basis, except for traded on regulated markets instruments worth EUR 36,095 (31 December 2020: EUR 15,922).

The following table presents the equity instruments broken down by the issuer's country of origin as at 30 June 2021:

Financial instrument	ISIN code	Currency	Amount	Acquisition value	Carrying amount 30.06.2021	% of the Fund's net assets 30.06.2021
<b>Financial instruments traded on regulated markets</b>				<b>33,782</b>	<b>36,095</b>	<b>8.38%</b>
<b>Share certificates of investment funds registered in Ireland:</b>				<b>33,782</b>	<b>36,095</b>	<b>8.38%</b>
PIMCO Funds Global Investors Series PLC - Total Return Bond Fund	IE0002460867	USD	1,259	33,782	36,095	8.38%
<b>Financial instruments not traded on regulated markets</b>				<b>334,095</b>	<b>374,179</b>	<b>86.87%</b>
<b>Share certificates of investment funds registered in Luxemburg:</b>				<b>210,839</b>	<b>233,900</b>	<b>54.30%</b>
MFS Meridian Funds - European Research Fund	LU0982389560	USD	203	32,151	36,478	8.47%
BlackRock Global Funds - US Dollar Core Bond Fund	LU0548367084	USD	1,027	30,719	32,891	7.64%
Janus Henderson Horizon Global High Yield Bond Fund	LU0978624350	USD	213	29,865	30,498	7.08%
JPMorgan Funds - JPM US Aggregate Bond Fund	LU0248063595	USD	226	24,852	26,600	6.17%
Morgan Stanley Investment Funds - US Advantage Fund	LU0360484686	USD	145	20,157	24,907	5.78%
Amundi Funds - Pioneer US Bond	LU1883851765	USD	10	23,137	23,976	5.57%
Schroder International Selection Fund - EURO Corporate Bond	LU0428345051	USD	141	21,431	23,065	5.35%
Goldman Sachs Global CORE sm Equity Portfolio	LU0236212311	USD	751	15,349	20,064	4.66%
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - High Yield Bonds	LU0398248921	USD	55	13,178	15,421	3.58%
<b>Share certificates of investment funds registered in Ireland:</b>				<b>59,859</b>	<b>69,806</b>	<b>16.21%</b>
PIMCO Funds Global Investors Series PLC - Global Investment Grade Credit Fund	IE0034085260	USD	2,144	37,443	40,000	9.29%
Vanguard Investment Series PLC - US 500 Stock Index Fund	IE0002639775	USD	709	22,416	29,806	6.92%
<b>Share certificates of investment funds registered in Latvia:</b>				<b>63,397</b>	<b>70,473</b>	<b>16.36%</b>
CBL Eastern European Bond fund Klase R Acc USD	LV0000400125	USD	1,493	33,109	35,523	8.25%
CBL US Leaders Equity Fund R Acc USD	LV0000401032	USD	3,739	30,288	34,950	8.11%
<b>Total share certificates of investment funds:</b>				<b>367,877</b>	<b>410,274</b>	<b>95.25%</b>

The following table presents the equity instruments broken down by the issuer's country of origin as at 31 December 2020:

Financial instrument	ISIN code	Currency	Amount	Acquisition value	Carrying amount 31.12.2020	% of the Fund's net assets 31.12.2020			
<b>Financial instruments traded on regulated markets</b>				<b>14,003</b>	<b>15,922</b>	<b>8.53%</b>			
<b>Share certificates of investment funds registered in Ireland:</b>				<b>14,003</b>	<b>15,922</b>	<b>8.53%</b>			
PIMCO Funds Global Investors Series PLC - Total Return Bond Fund				IE0002460867	USD	567	14,003	15,922	8.53%
<b>Financial instruments not traded on regulated markets</b>				<b>149,315</b>	<b>172,056</b>	<b>92.17%</b>			
<b>Share certificates of investment funds registered in Luxemburg:</b>				<b>104,666</b>	<b>120,915</b>	<b>64.77%</b>			
Invesco Pan European Structured Equity Fund				LU1252826281	USD	1,829	17,082	17,573	9.41%
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - High Yield Bonds				LU0398248921	USD	66	15,814	17,451	9.35%
Morgan Stanley Investment Funds - US Advantage Fund				LU0360484686	USD	112	9,369	17,128	9.18%
Goldman Sachs Global CORE sm Equity Portfolio				LU0236212311	USD	751	15,349	16,953	9.08%
BlackRock Global Funds - US Dollar Core Bond Fund				LU0548367084	USD	501	13,947	15,764	8.45%
JPMorgan Funds - JPM US Aggregate Bond Fund				LU0248063595	USD	116	11,916	13,374	7.16%
Amundi Funds - Pioneer US Bond				LU1883851765	USD	5	11,262	11,612	6.22%
Schroder International Selection Fund - EURO Corporate Bond				LU0428345051	USD	70	9,927	11,060	5.92%
<b>Share certificates of investment funds registered in Ireland:</b>				<b>29,031</b>	<b>34,402</b>	<b>18.43%</b>			
Vanguard Investment Series PLC - US 500 Stock Index Fund				IE0002639775	USD	503	14,254	17,720	9.49%
PIMCO Funds Global Investors Series PLC - Global Investment Grade Credit Fund				IE0034085260	USD	917	14,777	16,682	8.94%
<b>Share certificates of investment funds registered in Latvia:</b>				<b>15,618</b>	<b>16,739</b>	<b>8.97%</b>			
CBL Eastern European Bond fund Klase R Acc USD				LV0000400125	USD	745	15,618	16,739	8.97%
<b>Total share certificates of investment funds:</b>				<b>163,318</b>	<b>187,978</b>	<b>100.70%</b>			

As the Company does not have sufficiently detailed information on the assets of the investment funds managed by financial institutions on behalf of investors, these assets have not been analyzed as to their actual issuer.

### NOTE 3 PERFORMANCE DYNAMICS OF THE INVESTMENT FUND

	30.06.2021	31.12.2020	31.12.2019	31.12.2018
<b>Net assets (EUR)</b>	<b>430,716</b>	<b>186,674</b>	<b>352,718</b>	<b>386,153</b>
Number of share certificates	42,474	19,677	36,738	46,672
Value of the unit of the Fund	10.14	9.49	9.60	8.27
Fund return*	6.85%	(1.15%)	16.08%	(5.26%)
<b>Net assets (USD)</b>	<b>511,863</b>	<b>229,067</b>	<b>396,244</b>	<b>442,145</b>
Number of share certificates	42,474	19,677	36,738	46,672
Value of the unit of the Fund	12.05	11.64	10.79	9.47
Fund return**	3.52	7.88%	13.94%	(5.27%)

\* Net asset value in USD is established using exchange rates fixed by the financial markets at the end of the day.

\*\* Return is calculated, assuming there are 365 days in a year.