Fulcrum Alternative Managers Fund

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31 July 2024 I USD Share Class (LU0302397335) **For professional investors only**

Investment Objective

The Fulcrum Alternative Managers Fund's objective is to achieve capital appreciation over the long-term, with a low correlation to broad equity and fixed income markets. We seek to generate consistent and attractive risk-adjusted returns through allocating assets among a diverse group of selected alternative asset managers pursuing a range of investment strategies globally.

Portfolio Performance

Returns (Periods over 1 year are annualised)*

	July	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception Return	Since Inception Volatility
Total Returns (%)	0.3	1.5	7.5	4.6	3.8	1.9	4.1

Macro Recap

July turned out to be a rather major month geopolitically, particularly in the US and tensions rose in the Middle East. Responding to weeks of pressure, US President Biden declared that he would no longer seek re-election in November, effectively passing the baton to Vice President Kamala Harris and offering the Democratic Party fresh impetus for the election.

Meanwhile, a number of slowing growth dynamics encouraged bond yields and commodities to fall while gold appreciated, and the anticipation of central bank rate cuts increased. Many of the US megacaps that have been driving markets northward gave back some gains, while other parts of the equity markets rallied. The picture was more mixed in Europe, reflecting slower German growth and continued political uncertainty in France. Overall, defensive equities performed better, such as within Infrastructure, while lower bond yields helped REITs.

Monthly Commentary

The Fulcrum Alternative Managers Fund was up 0.3% in July making year-to-date performance 3.7%.

Relative Value added the most to returns over the month with all but one of the managers in this layer positive. The Fulcrum Equity Dispersion Fund was up the most at 2.1% with our alpha capture manager a close second at +2%. One manager in the layer performed negatively who run an equity market-neutral strategy which uses internal analyst company ratings to construct the portfolio, despite being down 0.7% for the month they remain up strongly for the year at 8.8%.

Event Driven also contributed strongly to the Fund's return. Our Developed Market manager was up 1.7% while our Asia-focused manager was up 2.1%.

Equity Long-Short added to returns too. Our value-biased manager performed well with the rotation in markets favouring their strategy and was up 2.6%. Our market-neutral UK equity manager was up 0.9% while our long-biased quality manager was down modestly (0.2%) given the broader market volatility.

Discretionary Macro finished the month around flat although the layer remains up by 3.9% year-to-date. UK rates have been a strong contributor to profits as have curve and inflation trades.

Systematic Macro was a detractor from performance over July. Both our medium-term trend strategy and our short-term volatility based strategy were down 2.2% and 2.0% respectively. The whipsawing markets ultimately hurting both strategies.

Key Facts

Legal Structure	Luxembourg UCITS V SICAV
Fund Launch	31/05/2007
Fund AUM	USD $21m
Strategy AUM	USD $229.8m
Company AUM	USD $7.5bn

Share Class

Share Class	I USD
Management Fees	0.75%
Currency	USD, EUR, GBP (hedged)

Fund Facts

Transfer Agent	J.P. Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch
Administrator	J.P. Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch
Depositary	J.P. Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch
Custodian	J.P. Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch
Auditor	Ernst & Young
Dealing Frequency	Weekly
Valuation Point	1pm Lux
Report Date - Annual	31 December
Report Date - Interim	30 June

Net Performance

July 2024	0.3%
Year to Date 2024	3.7%
Inception to Date	38.8%
Annualised Return	1.9%
Annualised Volatility	4.1%

*Net total return with NAVs provided by third party administrator. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and future returns are not guaranteed.

Performance

Monthly Returns (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	-0.1	0.6	1.1	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.3						3.7
2023	0.8	0.1	-0.2	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.2	1.1	1.0	5.7
2022	-0.4	0.0	2.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	0.7	0.2	0.1	1.0	-0.6	0.4	3.2
2021	-0.2	0.7	0.9	1.3	-0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	-1.5	1.5	-0.3	1.0	4.3
2020	-0.7	-3.2	-3.1	2.8	1.3	0.6	1.0	0.3	-0.4	-0.5	1.1	1.9	0.9
2019	2.0	0.3	0.6	0.7	-0.9	1.4	0.6	-0.4	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.2	5.9
2018	2.4	-1.0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-3.1	-1.0	-0.6	-4.9
2017	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.4	-0.1	1.3	1.2	0.1	1.5	0.1	0.3	10.0
2016	-1.0	-1.6	0.2	-0.8	0.3	-0.1	1.3	-0.3	0.1	-0.3	-1.4	0.2	-3.3
2015	1.5	0.8	0.5	-1.0	0.7	-1.0	0.5	-2.1	-1.2	0.4	0.8	-0.7	-0.8
2014	-0.3	1.0	-1.1	-1.5	1.0	0.1	-0.9	1.0	1.0	-0.3	1.5	-0.0	1.4
2013	2.1	0.2	1.0	0.5	-0.5	-1.3	0.6	-0.9	1.0	0.7	1.6	1.1	6.2
2012	1.6	1.4	0.2	-0.4	-2.1	-0.5	0.6	0.4	0.8	-0.3	0.6	1.3	3.7
2011	-0.3	1.0	-0.5	1.4	-1.3	-1.5	0.5	-2.7	-1.4	0.6	-0.7	-0.8	-5.7
2010	-0.2	0.4	1.6	0.6	-2.0	-0.5	0.4	0.4	2.3	1.6	-0.0	2.1	6.8
2009	-0.7	-1.2	-0.8	-1.2	2.5	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.4	0.6	1.0	0.5	4.5
2008	-1.2	2.2	-2.3	1.4	1.7	0.4	-3.0	-1.9	-4.0	-3.0	-1.3	-0.3	-11.0
2007						1.2	0.2	-2.0	1.5	3.2	-0.5	0.7	4.3

Rolling 12 Month Net Performance

	Jul 2024	Jul 2023	Jul 2022	Jul 2021	Jul 2020
Total Returns (%)	7.5	3.1	3.2	5.7	-0.3

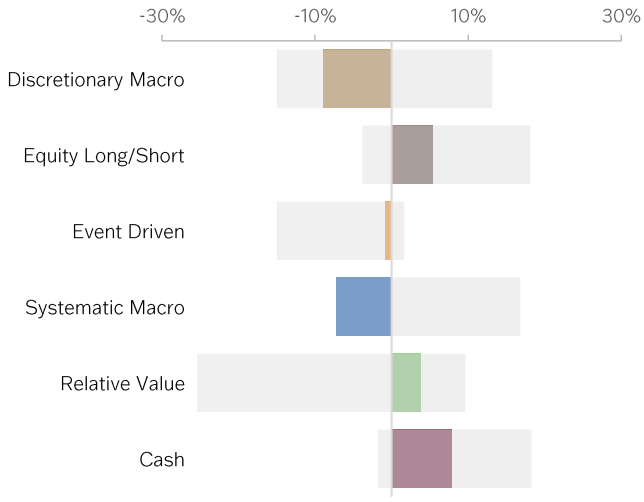
Source: J.P. Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch. Performance figures for Class I USD. Fulcrum Alternative Managers Class I USD was launched on 1st January 2008 and is administered by J.P. Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch. Prior performance to the 1st January 2008 is the Class Z USD shares adjusted to include management fees of 0.75%. Source: Fulcrum Asset Management LLP. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and future returns are not guaranteed.

Portfolio and Risk

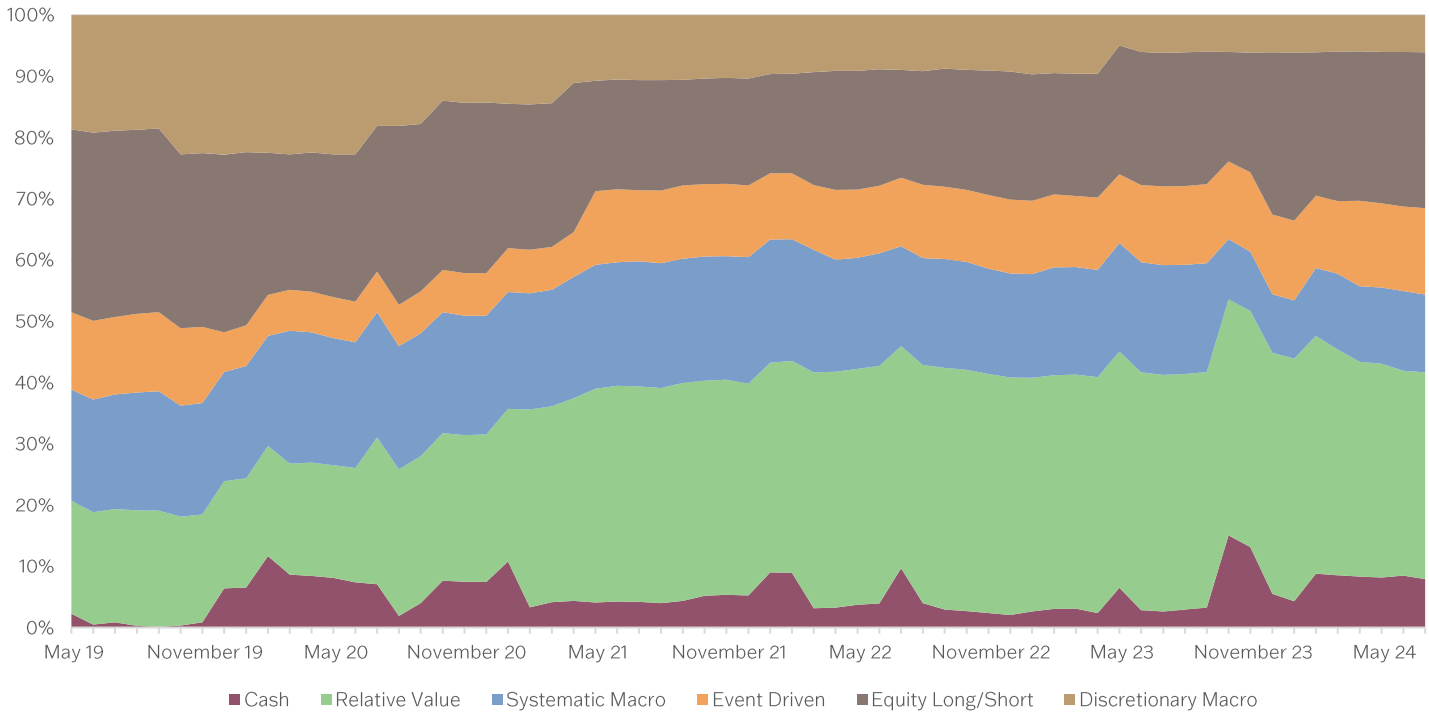
Asset Allocation

Discretionary Macro	6.1%
Equity Long/Short	25.4%
Event Driven	14.1%
Systematic Macro	12.7%
Relative Value	33.8%
Cash	7.9%

Relative Portfolio Positioning



Rolling Five-Year Asset Allocation



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