

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

# Systematic Global Macro Strategy

## Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Systematic Global Macro Strategy (net)	-5.37	-5.37	0.30	3.55	2.00	2.79	5.36
Systematic Global Macro Strategy (gross)	-5.13	-5.13	1.76	4.98	3.34	4.33	7.53
FTSE 3-Mo. TBill	1.35	1.35	5.49	2.70	2.06	1.39	1.46
Value Add	-6.72	-6.72	-5.20	+0.86	-0.07	+1.40	+3.90

### **Major Performance Drivers**

It was a strong start to equity markets for the year. Driven by stronger than expected economic growth in the U.S., developed market equities rose over 8%, while emerging market equities traded sideways. Fixed income markets had a more challenging start, as inflation seemed somewhat more stubborn than anticipated and expectations of Fed cuts became less optimistic. The lowering of cut expectations also helped the U.S. dollar, which rose close to 2.5% to the euro, and over 7% to the Japanese yen.

The portfolio had a frustrating quarter as commodities were a significant detractor, mainly driven by small, short positions in cocoa. Supply shortages and expectations of further squeezes saw cocoa prices surge over 140% for the period and this dominated performance.

Currencies added value over the quarter, mainly through short positions in the Japanese yen and Swiss franc. Equity positions were a slight detractor as gains from long U.S. positions were offset by losses in long Hang Seng positions.

Composite Inception Date: 31-Mar-02

Performance for the year of inception is less than a full calendar year. Returns shown for periods less than one year are not annualized.

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#### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Strategy's investment objective is long-term total return. The Strategy takes both long and short positions in a range of global equity, bond, currency, and commodity markets using exchange-traded and over-the-counter (OTC) futures and forward foreign exchange contracts, swaps on commodity indices, equity indices and equities, and index options and other investments.

The Systematic Global Macro team's investment process systematically applies value and sentiment strategies across global markets. We believe that markets are inefficient but, in the long term, that economic reality will prevail and markets will revert toward fair value; however, the timing of this is uncertain. We aim to profit from mean reversion by buying markets that we believe are depressed in price and shorting markets that we believe are trading at inflated values. To deal with the uncertainty of timing, we model investor sentiment.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Benchmark(s): The FTSE 3-Month Treasury Bill Index is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of short-term U.S. Treasury bills.

The above information is based on a representative account in the Strategy selected because it has the fewest restrictions and best represents the implementation of the Strategy.

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