

# 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)   | -5.83       | -12.28 | -11.34 | 1.61   | 1.04   | 2.11    | 4.89            |
| Systematic Global Macro Strategy (gross) | -5.59       | -11.62 | -10.51 | 3.01   | 2.42   | 3.66    | 7.02            |
| FTSE 3-Mo. TBill                         | 1.37        | 4.17   | 5.63   | 3.63   | 2.38   | 1.67    | 1.55            |
| Value Add                                | -7.20       | -16.45 | -16.97 | -2.02  | -1.35  | +0.44   | +3.34           |

### MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

The quarter brought some long-awaited changes in central bank policies, though not all in the same direction. The U.S. cut interest rates, while Japan raised them. These decisions had significant effects on their respective markets as Japan experienced heightened volatility, and U.S. equity markets surged to all-time highs. Additionally, the U.S. dollar declined due to the lower rates, and gold continued its upward trajectory, reaching new highs. The Hang Seng Index also saw a strong rally as the Chinese government announced new economic stimulus measures.

The portfolio experienced a negative quarter, primarily due to underperformance in commodities, with currencies also contributing moderately to the decline. Within commodities, various positions detracted from performance, but short positions in gold, silver, coffee, and cocoa were particularly significant. Within currencies, being short the Swiss franc was the key detractor. On the positive, equities outperformed over the quarter, with long positions in the Hang Seng driving the returns.

Composite Inception Date: 31-Mar-02

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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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