

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

Systematic Global Macro Strategy

RETURNS (%) (LOCAL)	Cumulative (%)		Annualized (%)				
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Net of Fees (Composite)	1.07	8.09	8.09	3.81	3.78	3.58	5.69
Gross of Fees (Composite)	1.25	9.88	9.88	5.25	5.19	5.18	7.88
FTSE 3-Mo. TBill	1.41	5.26	5.26	2.25	1.91	1.26	1.41
Value Added (vs. FTSE 3-Mo. TBill)	-0.33	2.83	2.83	1.57	1.86	2.32	+4.28

Major Performance Drivers

Risk assets rallied strongly into the end of the year. With inflation data continuing to slow, the markets started to look towards the Fed for future rate cuts. U.S. 10-year treasury yields finished the year below 4%. Equities finished 2024 very strong, with a rally through the last quarter, adding over 10% to an already stellar year of performance.

The portfolio delivered a positive return for the quarter, although active returns were flat. Commodities were the strongest contributor, with solid gains made from short positions in soy oil, crude oil, and heating oil. These returns, however, were almost completely offset by losses in currencies. Within the latter, the biggest underperformers were short positions in the Swiss franc and Japanese yen. Fixed income was also a slight detractor for the period, from a mix of several short positions.

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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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