

## **HEDGE FUNDS**

Hedge fund performance was generally positive in September. All hedge fund strategies had positive

performance. The average asset weighted hedge fund net return across all strategies was 1.25%. The strongest performing strategy was long biased. Hedge fund performance dispersion was broader than that observed in August.

Major events

Arbitrage

Credit

Event

Macro

Ouant

The US Federal Reserve announced a larger-than-expected 50bp interest rate cut on the back of concern about the slow pace of job growth and five months of lower inflation readings. The ECB cut rates by 25bp. The Chinese government launched a package of surprise stimulus measures which were hugely supportive of Chinese equity indices.

**MARKETS** 

Long biased funds monitored by Aurum's Hedge Fund Data Engine returned an average of 2.37%, in what ended as a broadly positive month for risk assets. Sub-strategy returns were all positive, with the strongest performance from long biased - equity.

Equities

Global equities finished September in generally positive territory, but it was a mixed picture. Chinese equities rocketed following the announcement of a surprise stimulus package by the Chinese government. US equities benefited from the expectations of the Fed's rate cut. Japanese equities remained volatile.

Quant

Hedge fund

composite

Long biased

Equity

Sub-strategy returns were mixed, ranging from CTA, up 1.01%, to quantitative equity market neutral, -0.23%. Equity long/short funds returned an average of 1.34% in September. All sub-strategies had positive

Quant funds monitored by Aurum's Hedge Fund Data Engine returned 0.30% on average in September.

Government bonds

Most government bond yields fell during September, as most central banks reduced interest rates. After a recordbreaking period of inversion, the US 2/10y yield curve un-inverted.

long/short

returns, the strongest of which was Asia Pacific long/short funds, following the huge surge in Chinese equities during the month.

Corporate bonds

Credit indices were positive in September. Performance was supported by the 50bp rate cut by the Fed. Lower quality credit outperformed investment grade.

Macro

Multi-strategy

Macro funds monitored by Aurum's Hedge Fund Data Engine generated an average net return of 1.77% in September. Sub-strategy returns were all positive, the strongest of which was global macro, up 2.19%.

Multi-strategy funds monitored by Aurum's Hedge Fund Data Engine returned an average of 0.64% in

Currencies

The US dollar weakened against most major currencies in September as US employment data releases indicated weakening inflationary pressures - further entrenching market expectations of the 50bp rate cut which came on 19 September. The Russian ruble was an exception and weakened against the US dollar despite a 100bp interest rate hike by the Russian central bank.

Gold prices continued to be supported by the weaker US dollar and geopolitical concerns. Oil prices fell as demand

remained low. Natural gas prices surged amidst wider supply concerns as a category 4 hurricane hit Florida.



Commodities

Agricultural commodity prices generally increased.

All figures and charts use asset weighted net returns unless otherwise stated

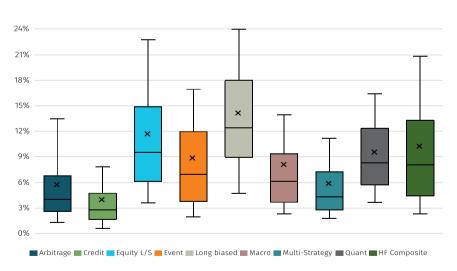
1The box represents the interquartile range, the middle line represents the median, the 'X' represents the mean, while the whiskers show the extreme values represented by the 10th and 90th percentiles, equally weighted.

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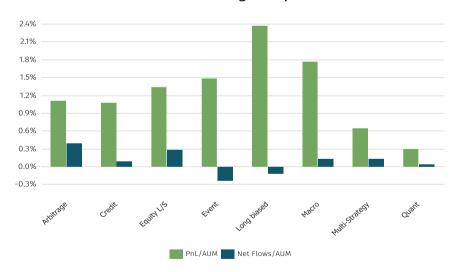
| 12 Month Correlation<br>Matrix | Arbitrage | Credit | Equity L/S | Event | Long<br>biased | Macro | Multi-<br>Strategy | Quant |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------|------------|-------|----------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Arbitrage                      | 1.00      | 0.16   | -0.13      | -0.02 | -0.10          | 0.49  | 0.27               | 0.34  |
| Credit                         |           | 1.00   | 0.76       | 0.90  | 0.82           | 0.31  | 0.05               | -0.30 |
| Equity L/S                     |           |        | 1.00       | 0.87  | 0.95           | 0.13  | 0.14               | -0.07 |
| Event                          |           |        |            | 1.00  | 0.95           | 0.41  | 0.05               | -0.28 |
| Long biased                    |           |        |            |       | 1.00           | 0.22  | 0.04               | -0.28 |
| Macro                          |           |        |            |       |                | 1.00  | 0.13               | 0.16  |
| Multi-Strategy                 |           |        |            |       |                |       | 1.00               | 0.59  |
| Quant                          |           |        |            |       |                |       |                    | 1.00  |

| Net Performance | Oct-23 | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | Jan-24 | Feb-24 | Mar-24 | Apr-24 | May-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-24 | Aug-24 | Sep-24 | Rolling 12 month return |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------|
| Arbitrage       | -0.05% | -0.28% | 0.49%  | 0.53%  | 0.33%  | 0.56%  | 0.47%  | 0.00%  | 0.33%  | 0.48%  | 0.35%  | 1.11%  | 4.40%                   |
| Credit          | -0.33% | 1.45%  | 1.51%  | 0.95%  | 0.67%  | 0.92%  | 0.52%  | 1.04%  | 0.66%  | 0.94%  | 0.67%  | 1.07%  | 10.54%                  |
| Equity L/S      | -1.23% | 4.02%  | 2.91%  | 1.34%  | 3.16%  | 2.11%  | -1.23% | 1.51%  | 1.05%  | 0.55%  | 0.95%  | 1.34%  | 17.65%                  |
| Event           | -1.36% | 3.29%  | 2.91%  | 0.34%  | 1.10%  | 2.04%  | -0.42% | 1.50%  | -0.10% | 1.00%  | 0.90%  | 1.49%  | 13.34%                  |
| Long biased     | -2.21% | 5.77%  | 3.73%  | 0.16%  | 2.78%  | 2.66%  | -1.75% | 1.97%  | 0.99%  | 1.01%  | 1.62%  | 2.37%  | 20.54%                  |
| Macro           | 0.89%  | 0.55%  | 1.56%  | 0.64%  | 0.25%  | 1.77%  | 0.37%  | 0.63%  | -0.11% | 1.05%  | 0.09%  | 1.77%  | 9.83%                   |
| Multi-Strategy  | 0.41%  | 0.66%  | 0.42%  | 1.38%  | 0.69%  | 1.81%  | 0.72%  | 0.41%  | 0.87%  | 0.36%  | 0.85%  | 0.64%  | 9.63%                   |
| Quant           | 0.47%  | -1.89% | -1.02% | 1.91%  | 3.04%  | 2.99%  | 1.32%  | -0.82% | -0.39% | -0.91% | -1.70% | 0.30%  | 3.1 <mark>8%</mark>     |
| HF Composite    | -0.43% | 2.00%  | 1.75%  | 1.00%  | 1.85%  | 2.05%  | -0.20% | 0.90%  | 0.53%  | 0.54%  | 0.54%  | 1.25%  | 12.38%                  |

## 12 month volatility dispersion (standard deviation)<sup>1 2</sup>



## Net flows and AUM change<sup>3</sup> - September 2024



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Asset weighted 12 month volatility.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>P&L/AUM shows the percentage change in AUM accounted for by performance, split by strategy. Net flows/AUM shows the percentage change in AUM accounted for by subscriptions and redemptions, split by strategy.