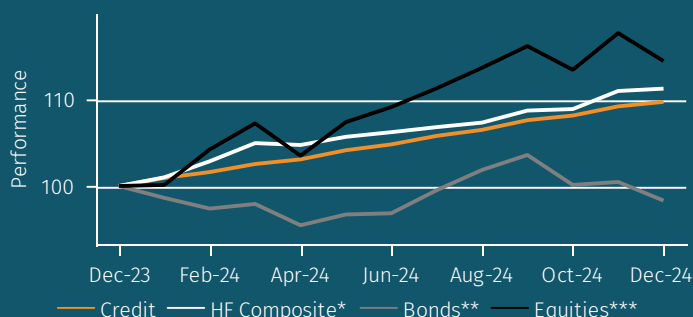


### Credit strategy analytics pack 12 months to December 2024

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#### MASTER STRATEGY vs INDICES NET RETURN (1 YR)



#### About Aurum

Aurum is an investment management firm focused on selecting hedge funds and managing fund of hedge fund portfolios for some of the world's most sophisticated investors. Aurum also offers a range of single manager feeder funds.

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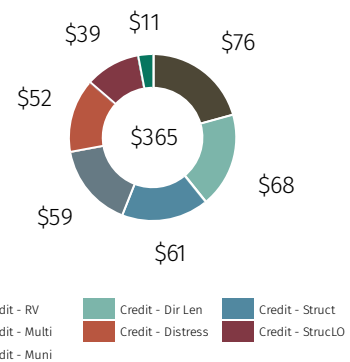
Aurum conducts extensive research and analysis on hedge funds and hedge fund industry trends. This research paper is designed to provide data and insights with the objective of helping investors to better understand hedge funds and their benefits.

\*HF Composite = Aurum Hedge Fund Data Engine Asset Weighted Composite Index.  
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 Risk Free Rate = period average of 3-month LIBOR-SOFR.

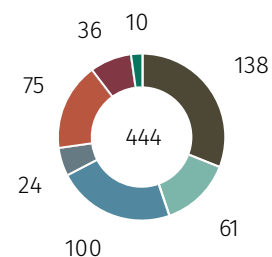
All figures and charts use asset weighted net returns unless otherwise stated. All Hedge Fund data is sourced from Aurum Hedge Fund Data Engine. Data included in this report is dated as at 20 January 2025.

For definitions on how the Strategies and Sub-Strategies are defined please refer to <https://www.aurum.com/hedge-fund-strategy-definitions/>, and for information on index methodology, weighting and composition please refer to <https://www.aurum.com/aurum-strategy-engine/>

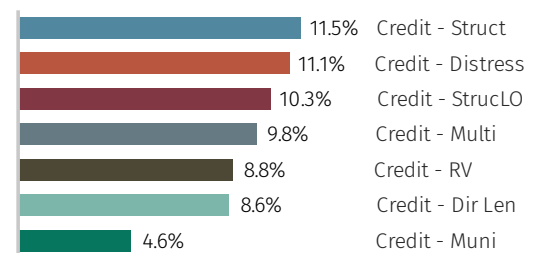
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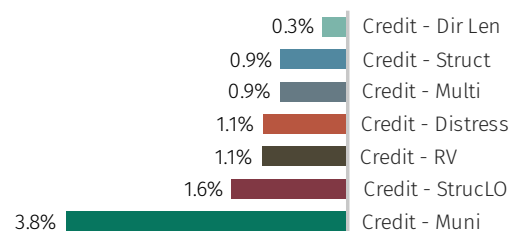
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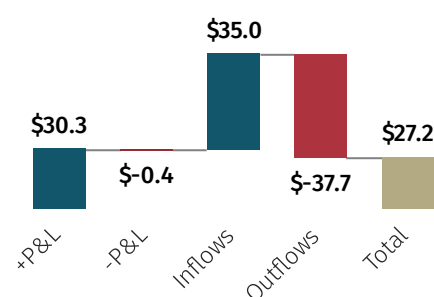
#### SUB-STRATEGY NET RETURN (1 YR)



#### STANDARD DEVIATION (1 YR)



#### AUM CHANGE \$BN (1 YR)



## NET RETURN OF MASTER AND SUB STRATEGIES (1 YR)

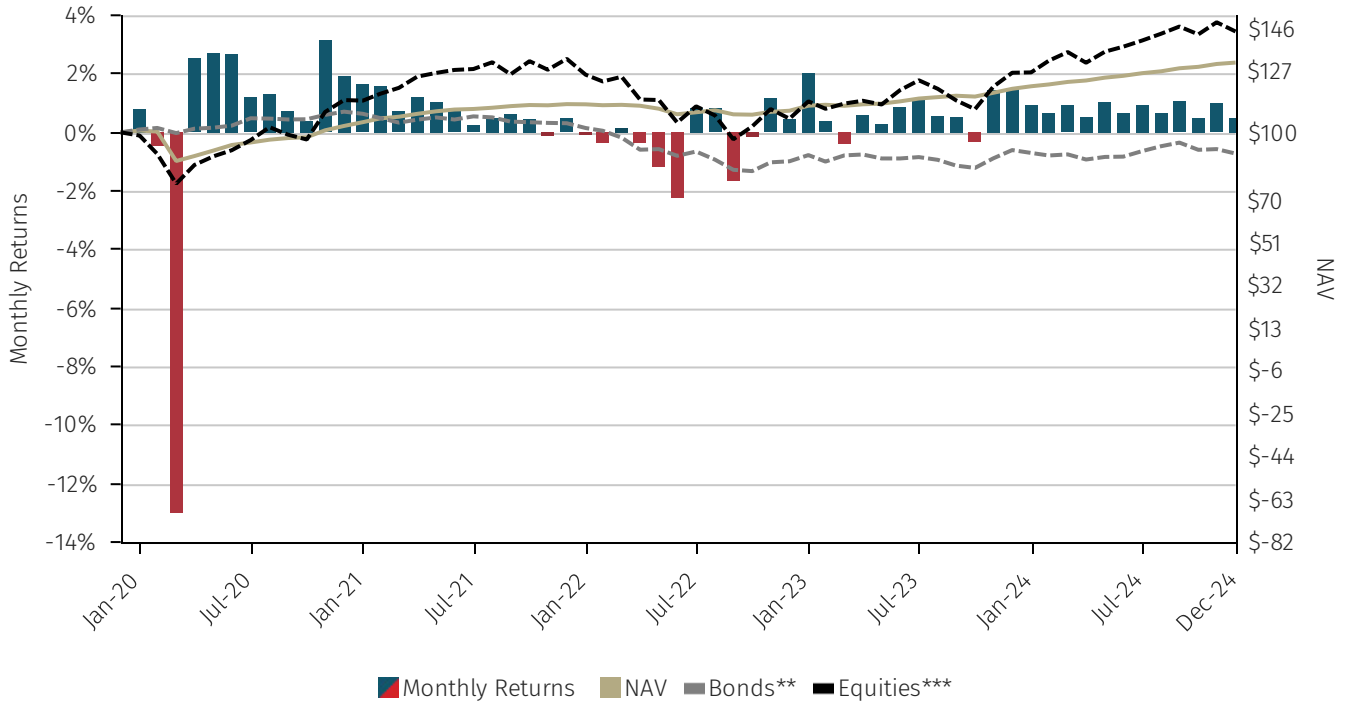
	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	1 YR
<b>Credit</b>	0.94%	0.67%	0.92%	0.52%	1.03%	0.65%	0.94%	0.66%	1.05%	0.50%	0.98%	0.48%	9.76%
Credit - Struct	1.60%	0.81%	1.09%	0.89%	1.01%	0.83%	0.98%	0.62%	0.98%	0.75%	0.76%	0.66%	11.54%
Credit - Distress	0.44%	0.92%	1.00%	0.49%	1.20%	0.47%	1.06%	0.57%	1.17%	0.70%	1.36%	1.17%	11.06%
Credit - StrucLO	1.19%	0.61%	0.81%	0.65%	1.28%	0.79%	0.85%	0.45%	1.43%	0.48%	1.41%	-0.09%	10.30%
Credit - Multi	0.62%	0.68%	0.86%	0.62%	1.19%	0.58%	1.06%	0.73%	1.00%	0.46%	1.11%	0.43%	9.75%
Credit - RV	1.04%	0.50%	1.04%	0.15%	0.97%	0.47%	1.01%	0.86%	1.06%	0.40%	0.66%	0.29%	8.77%
Credit - Dir Len	0.79%	0.61%	0.79%	0.74%	0.81%	0.55%	0.67%	0.60%	0.82%	0.58%	0.71%	0.61%	8.60%
Credit - Muni	0.49%	0.38%	0.24%	-0.93%	0.26%	2.20%	0.99%	0.67%	1.21%	-1.22%	1.58%	-1.30%	4.61%
<b>HF Composite*</b>	1.01%	1.84%	2.05%	-0.21%	0.91%	0.51%	0.55%	0.49%	1.30%	0.16%	1.92%	0.24%	11.29%
<b>Bonds**</b>	-1.38%	-1.26%	0.55%	-2.52%	1.31%	0.14%	2.76%	2.37%	1.70%	-3.35%	0.34%	-2.15%	-1.69%
<b>Equities***</b>	0.13%	4.10%	2.91%	-3.50%	3.76%	1.63%	1.99%	2.14%	2.22%	-2.37%	3.76%	-2.75%	14.49%

## NET RETURN (5 YR) PERIOD TO DECEMBER 2024

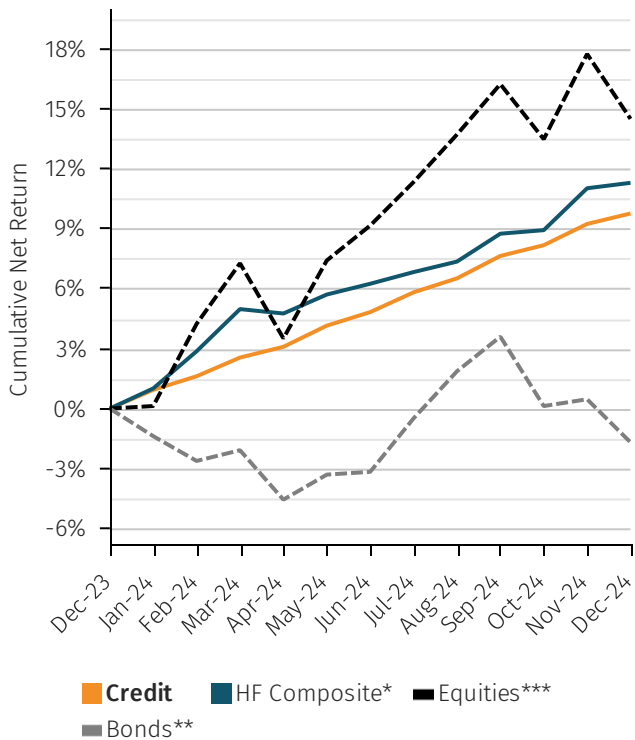
Performance	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	5Yr CAR	5Yr Vol	5Yr Sharpe
<b>Credit</b>	9.76%	8.89%	-2.60%	9.43%	2.85%	5.55%	6.95%	0.43
Credit - Multi	9.75%	9.43%	-1.63%	12.38%	8.44%	7.56%	5.64%	0.85
Credit - Distress	11.06%	9.01%	-3.37%	15.08%	3.75%	6.91%	8.50%	0.52
Credit - Dir Len	8.60%	7.22%	3.34%	6.95%	3.08%	5.82%	3.15%	0.96
Credit - RV	8.77%	7.85%	-3.20%	4.86%	5.63%	4.69%	5.68%	0.36
Credit - Struct	11.54%	8.96%	-3.28%	10.25%	-2.98%	4.69%	10.21%	0.24
Credit - StrucLO	10.30%	12.97%	-8.65%	3.55%	1.22%	3.59%	7.11%	0.15
Credit - Muni	4.61%	7.70%	-9.44%	5.86%	6.84%	2.90%	7.69%	0.06
<b>HF Composite*</b>	11.29%	8.39%	-2.43%	8.04%	9.06%	6.76%	5.88%	0.69
<b>Bonds**</b>	-1.69%	5.72%	-16.25%	-4.71%	9.20%	-1.96%	7.81%	-0.56
<b>Equities***</b>	14.49%	19.24%	-20.04%	16.02%	14.34%	7.69%	17.78%	0.35

# Master strategy performance

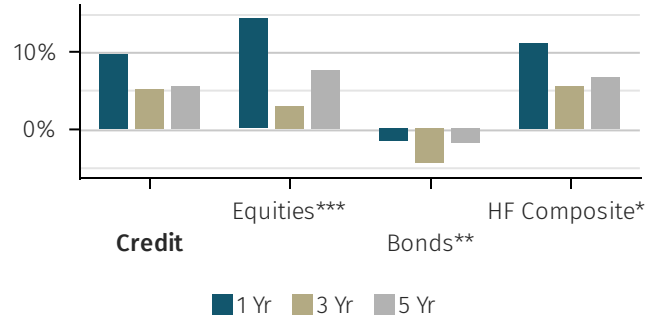
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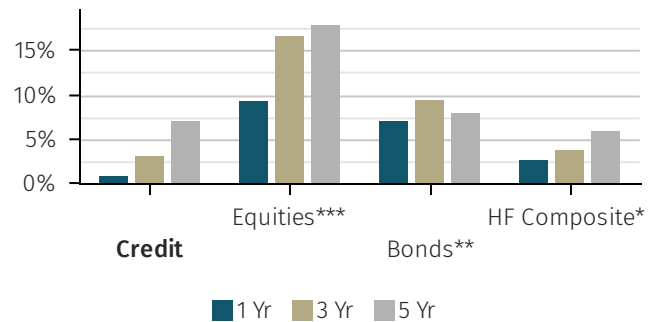
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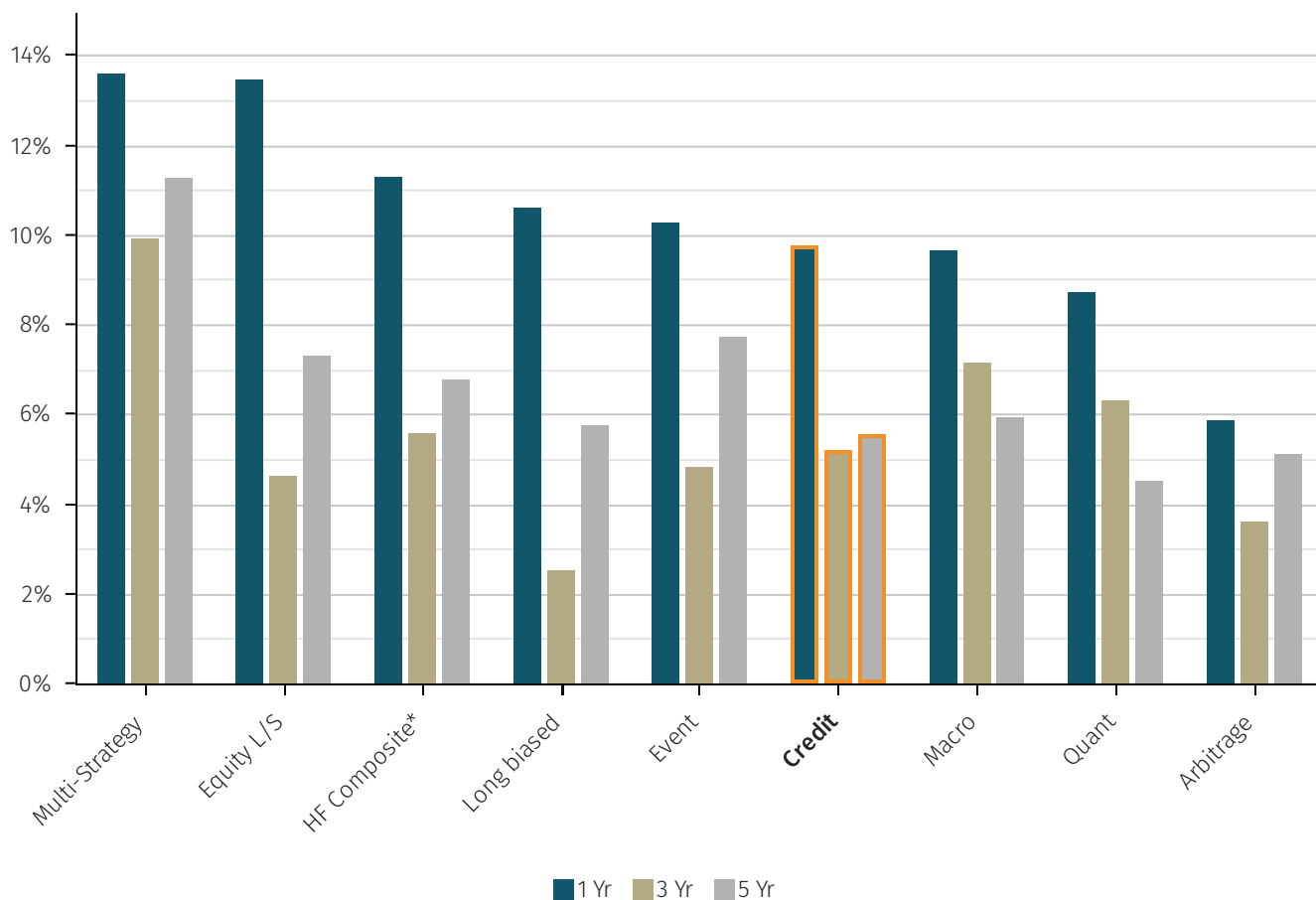
## NET RETURN (ANNUALISED)



## VOLATILITY (ANNUALISED)



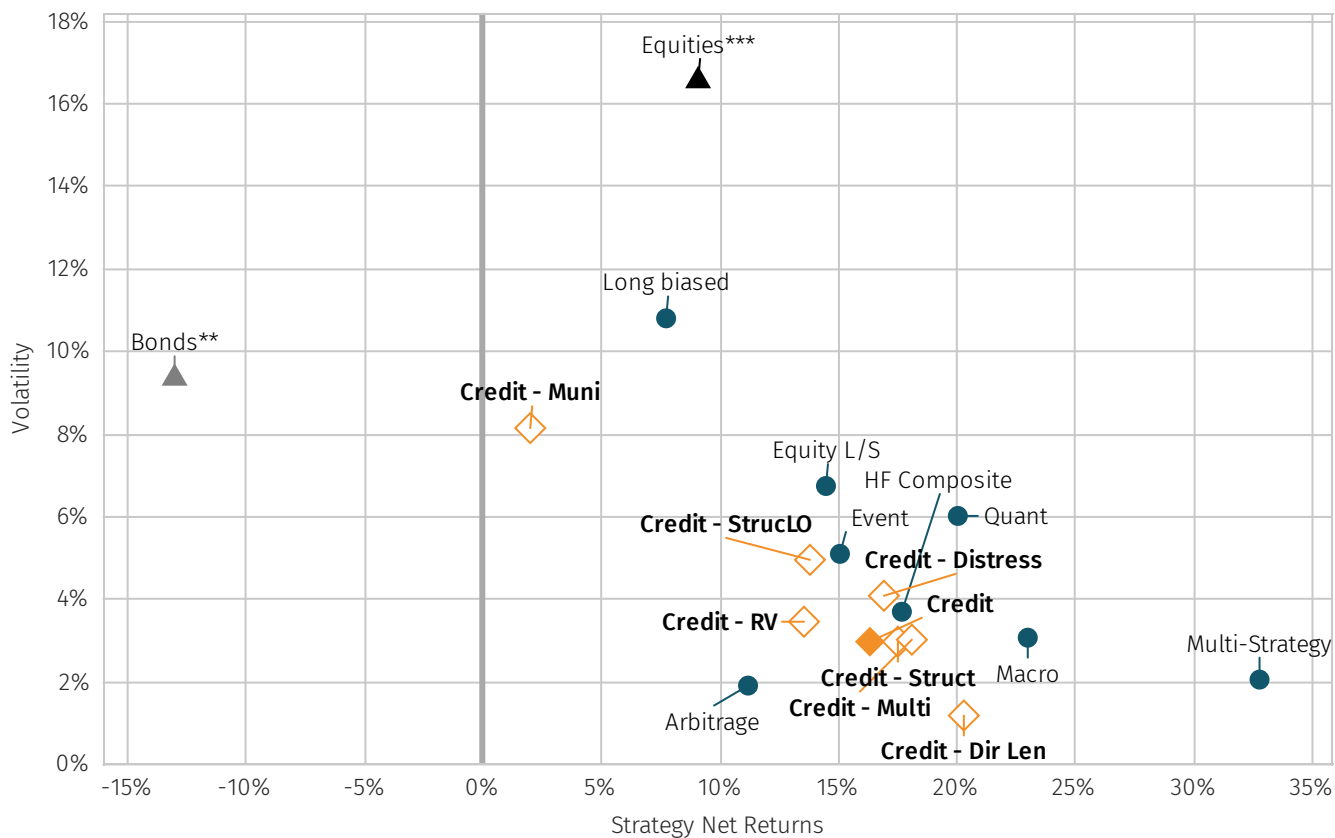
## MASTER STRATEGY NET ANNUALISED RETURNS



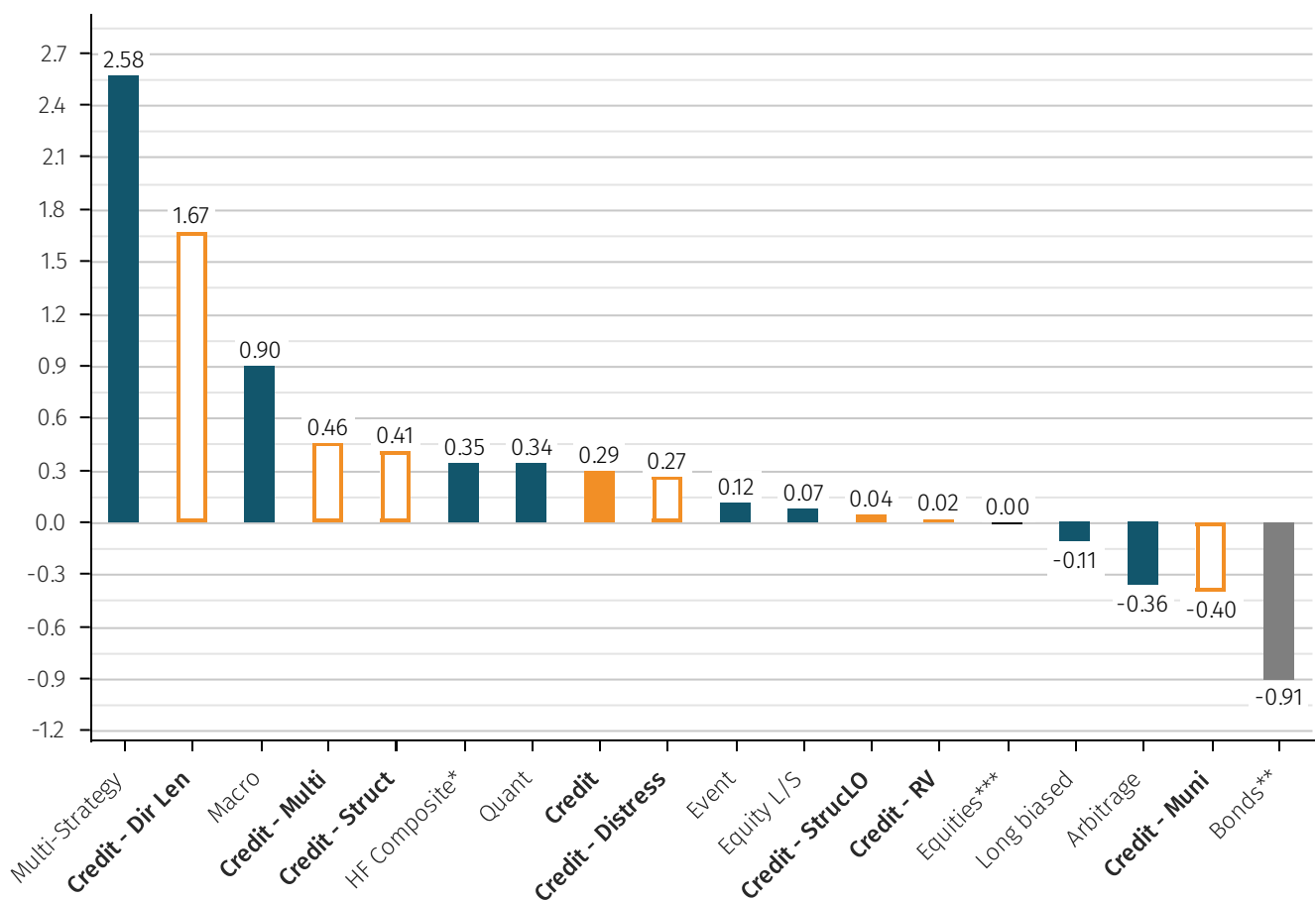
## HIERARCHICAL ANNUALISED NET RETURN TO DECEMBER 2024

1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR
<b>Multi-Strategy</b> 13.6%	<b>Multi-Strategy</b> 9.9%	<b>Multi-Strategy</b> 11.3%	<b>Multi-Strategy</b> 8.2%
<b>Equity L/S</b> 13.5%	<b>Macro</b> 7.1%	<b>Event</b> 7.7%	<b>Event</b> 5.8%
<b>HF Composite*</b> 11.3%	<b>Quant</b> 6.3%	<b>Equity L/S</b> 7.3%	<b>Equity L/S</b> 5.7%
<b>Long biased</b> 10.6%	<b>HF Composite*</b> 5.6%	<b>HF Composite*</b> 6.8%	<b>Long biased</b> 5.4%
<b>Event</b> 10.3%	<b>Credit</b> 5.2%	<b>Macro</b> 5.9%	<b>HF Composite*</b> 5.2%
<b>Credit</b> 9.8%	<b>Event</b> 4.8%	<b>Long biased</b> 5.8%	<b>Credit</b> 4.6%
<b>Macro</b> 9.6%	<b>Equity L/S</b> 4.6%	<b>Credit</b> 5.5%	<b>Macro</b> 4.4%
<b>Quant</b> 8.7%	<b>Arbitrage</b> 3.6%	<b>Arbitrage</b> 5.1%	<b>Quant</b> 3.2%
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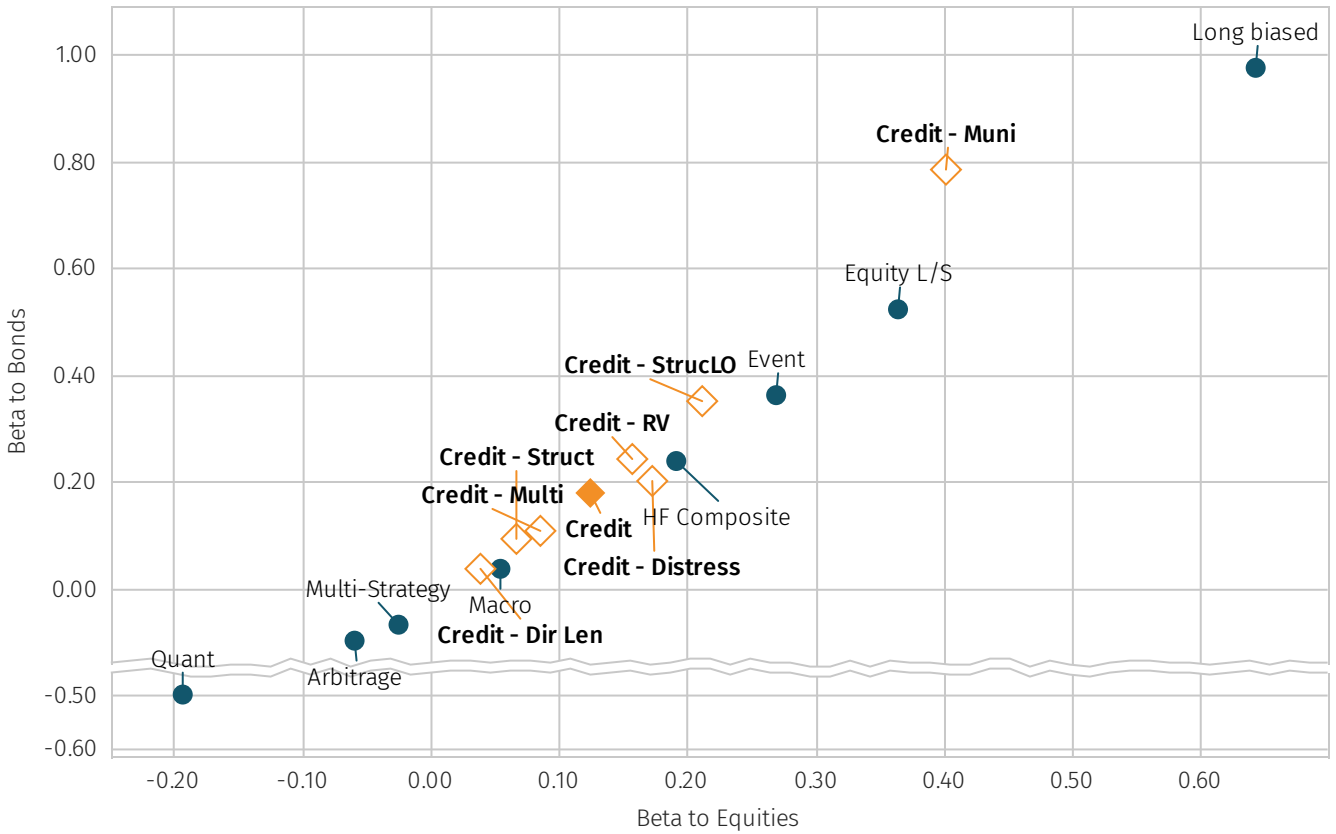
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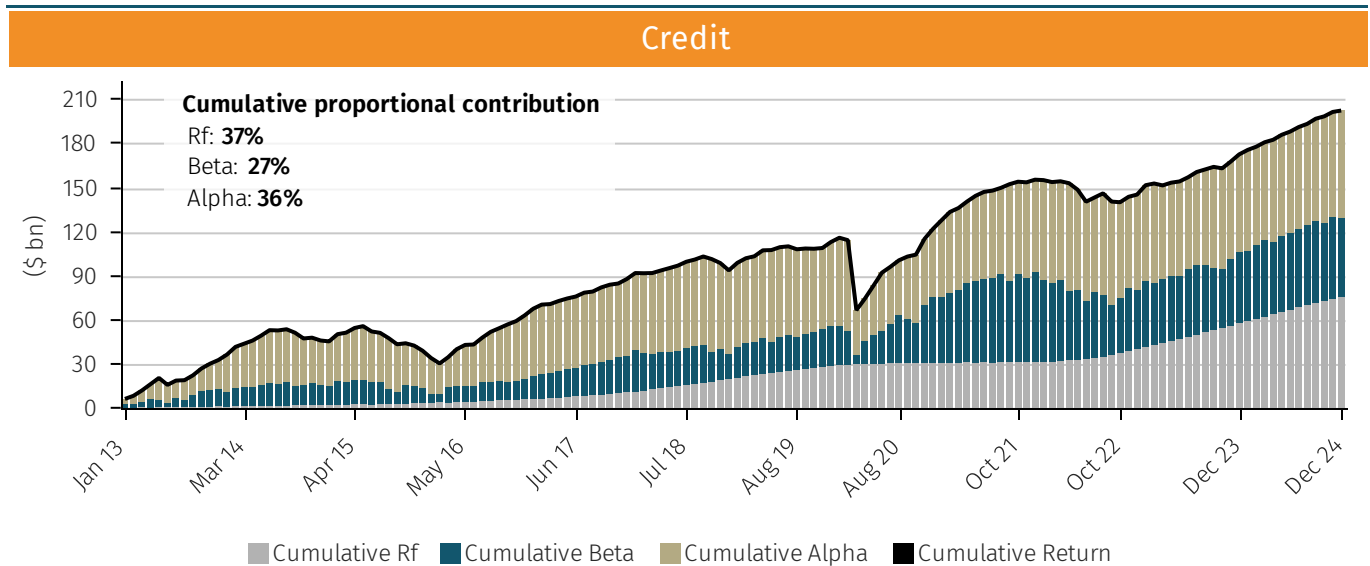
## SHARPE RATIO BY HEDGE FUND STRATEGY (3 YR)



BETA TO BONDS AND BETA TO EQUITIES (3 YR) PERIOD TO DECEMBER 2024



MASTER STRATEGY - DECOMPOSING DOLLAR PERF. INTO ALPHA, BETA AND RISK FREE (RF) COMPONENTS

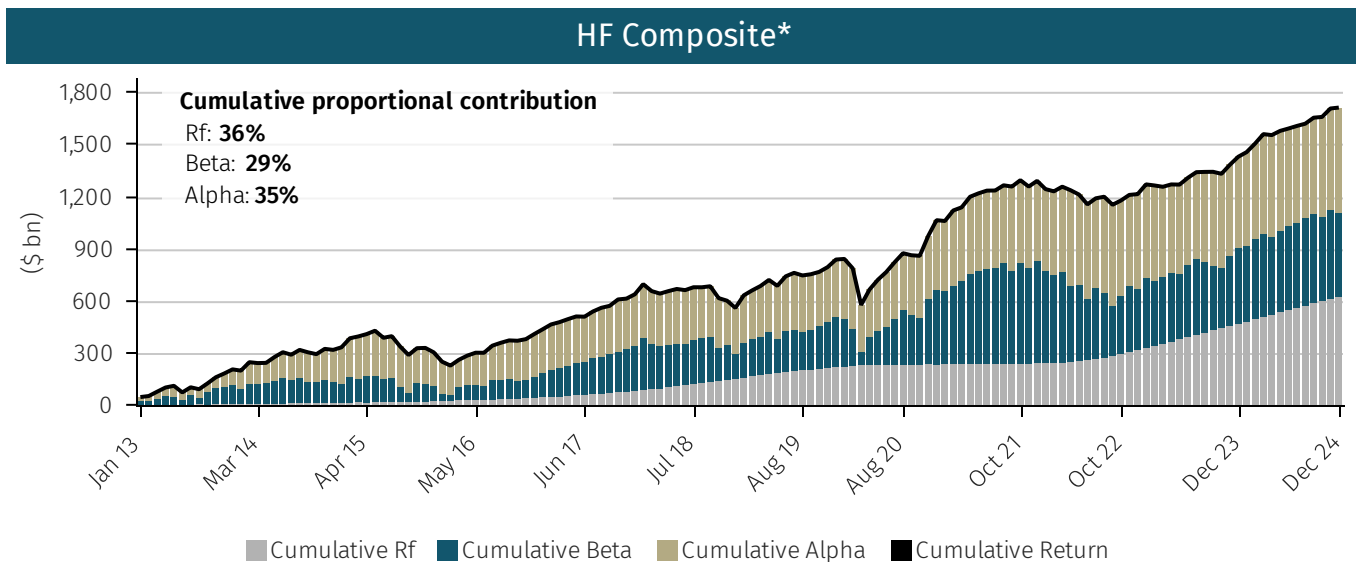


These charts decompose the Hedge Fund Composite dollar returns into beta, alpha and risk free ("Rf") components, as follows:  $\alpha = \text{actual return} - R_f - \beta * (\text{market return} - R_f)$ .

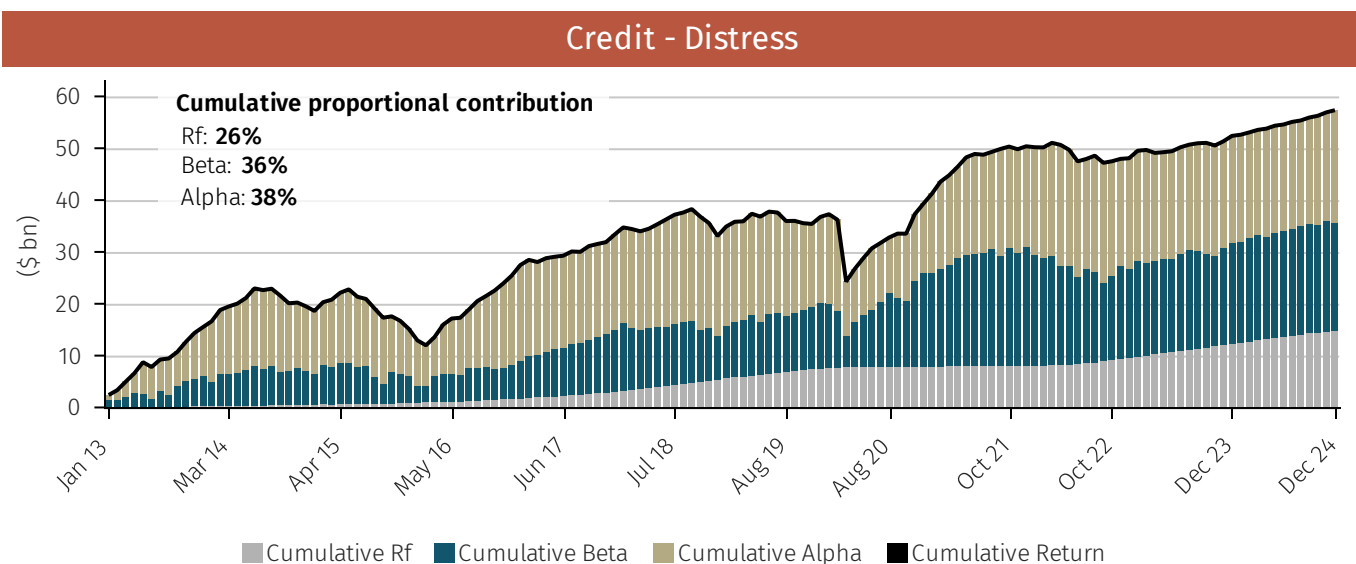
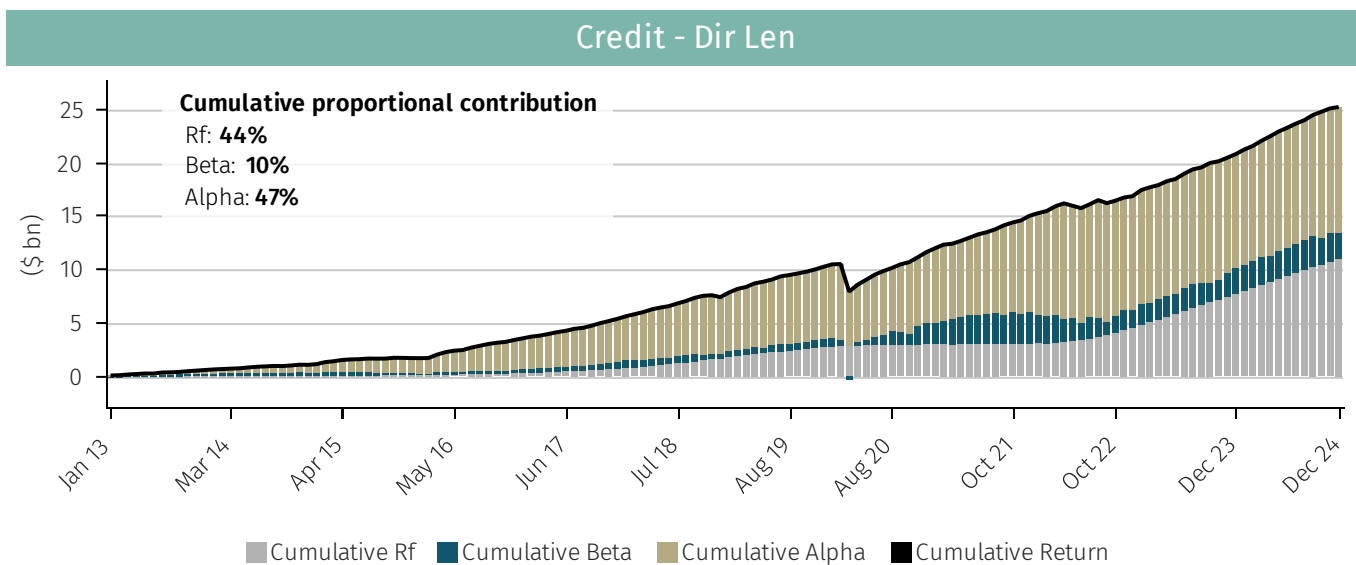
Where  $R_f$  is the riskfree rate as defined by a rolling 3-month LIBOR-SOFR, where market return is that of S&P Global BMI ('the market index') and where beta has been calculated with respect to each underlying fund observed on a 60m rolling basis to the market index. The monthly alpha, beta and  $R_f$  components are then applied to each underlying fund's dollar performance for a particular month, and then at a master strategy or industry level the individual fund dollar contributions are aggregated up.

For note, beta can be negative in certain cases, creating negative dollar attributions. These are offset by corresponding positive alpha contributions.

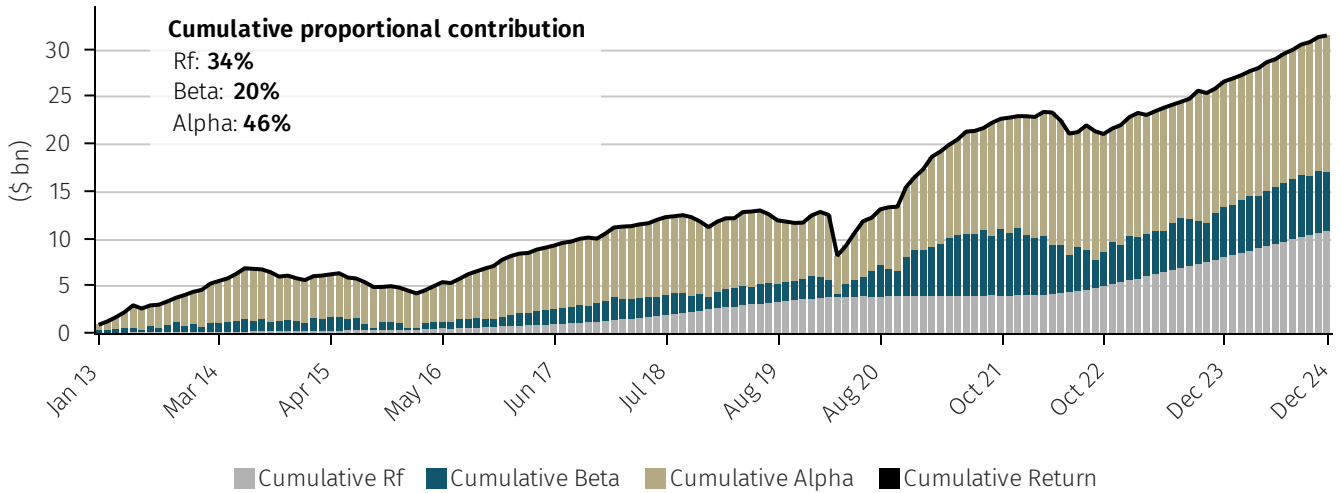
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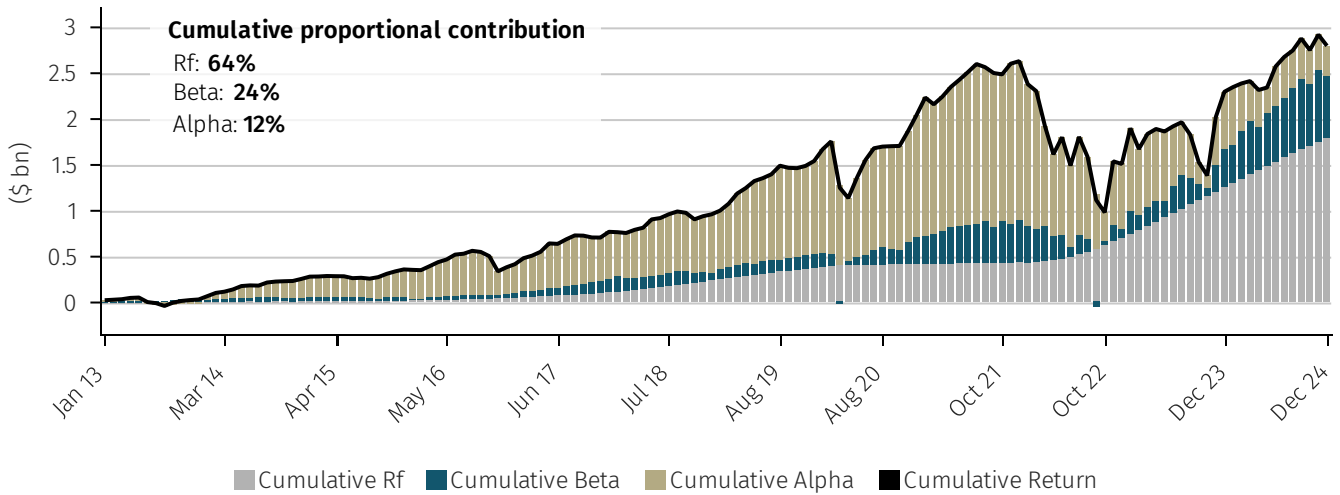
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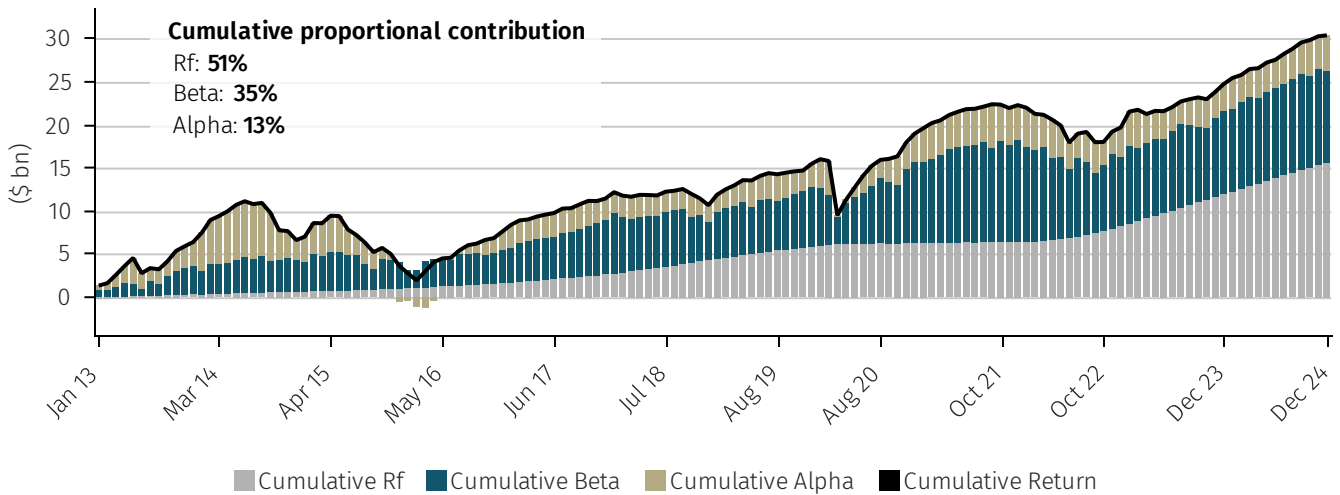
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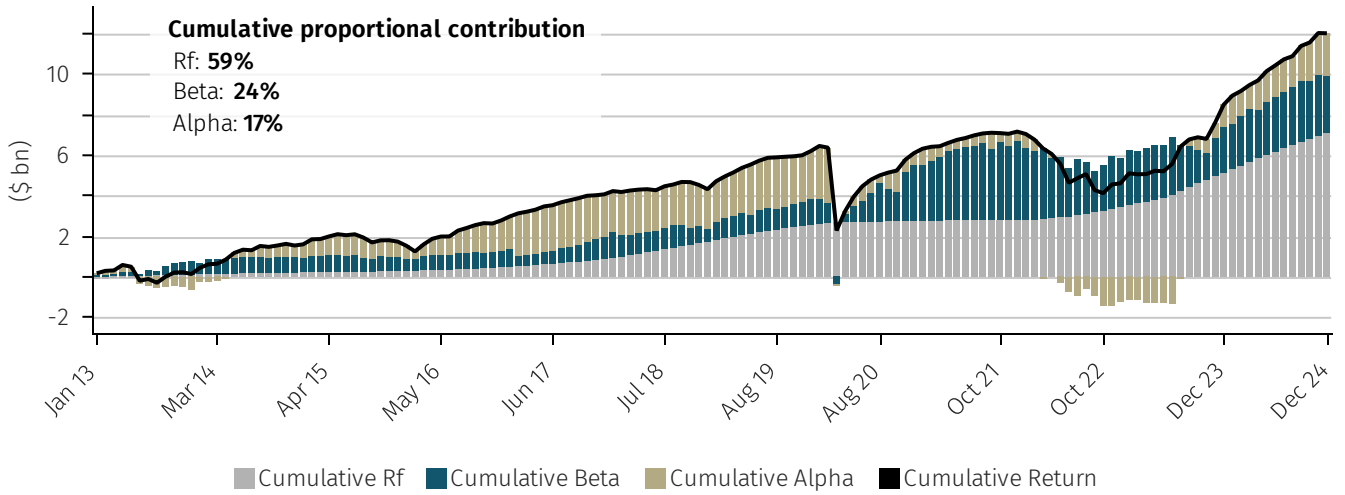


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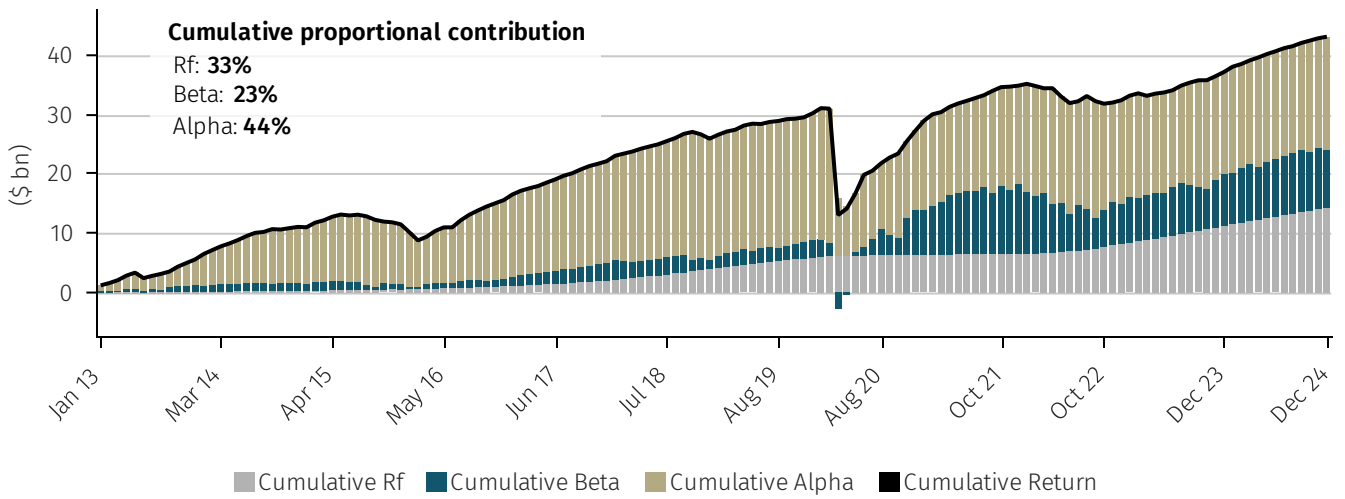




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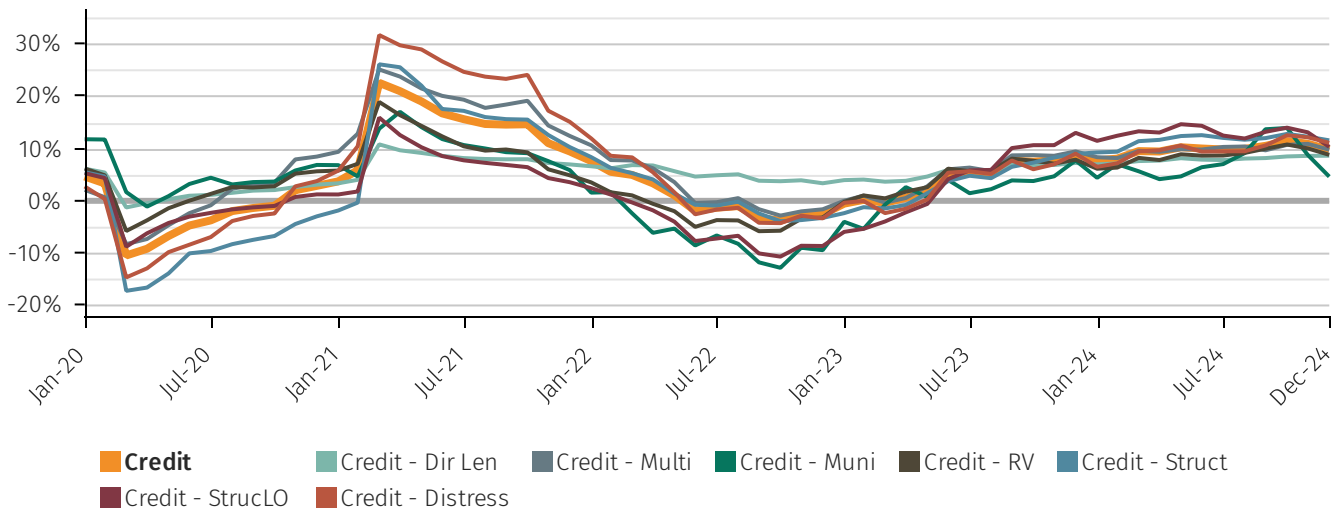


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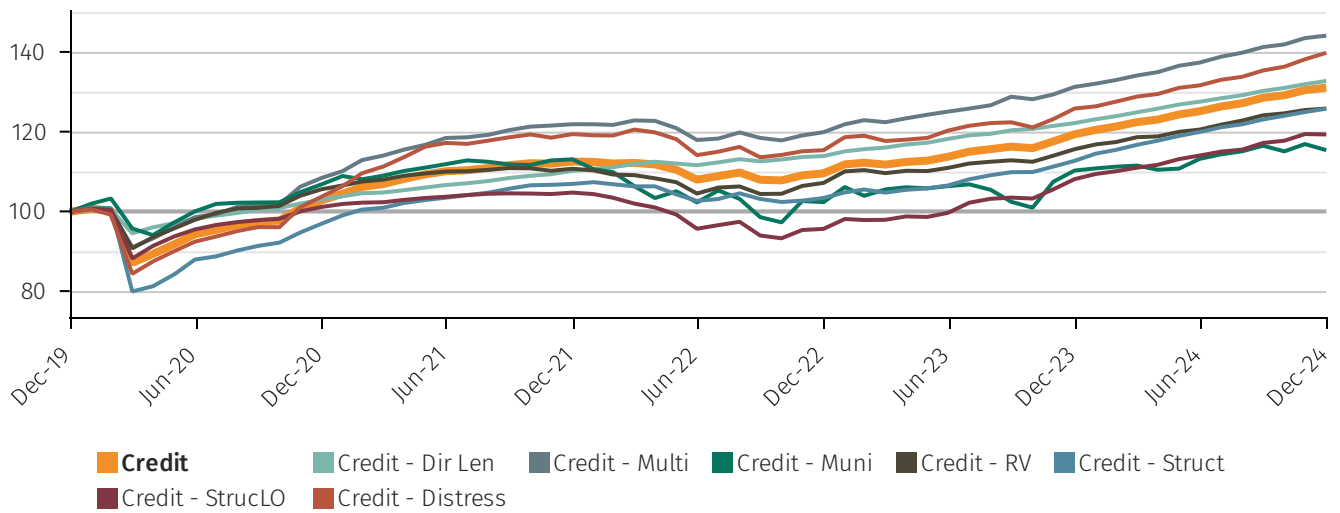


# Sub-strategy performance

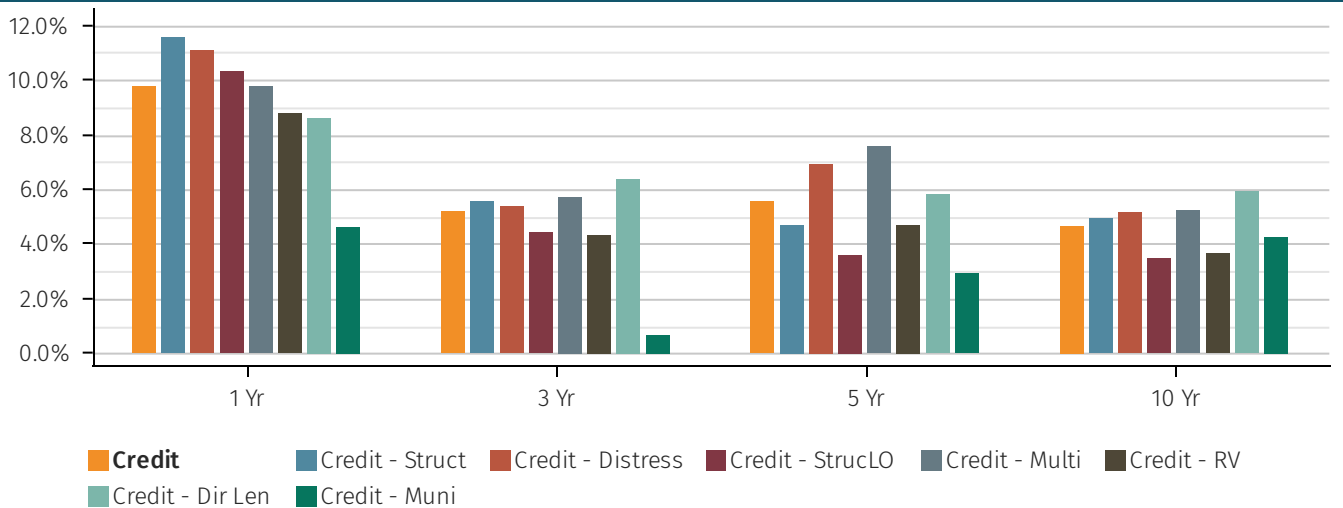
## ROLLING 12 MONTH NET RETURN (5 YR)



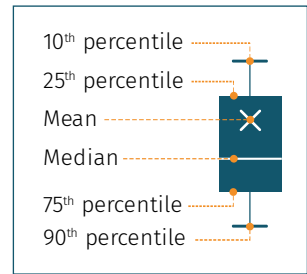
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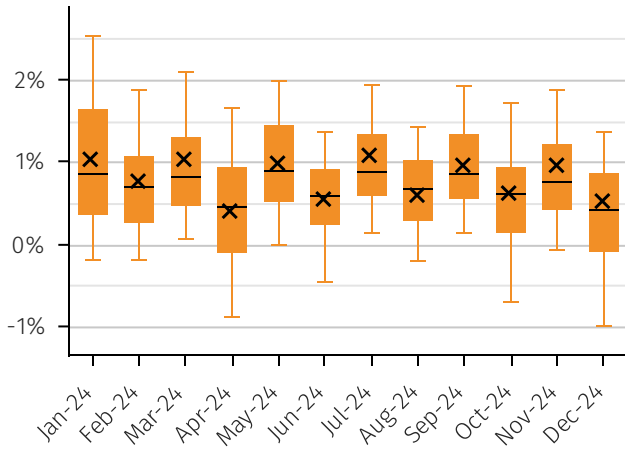
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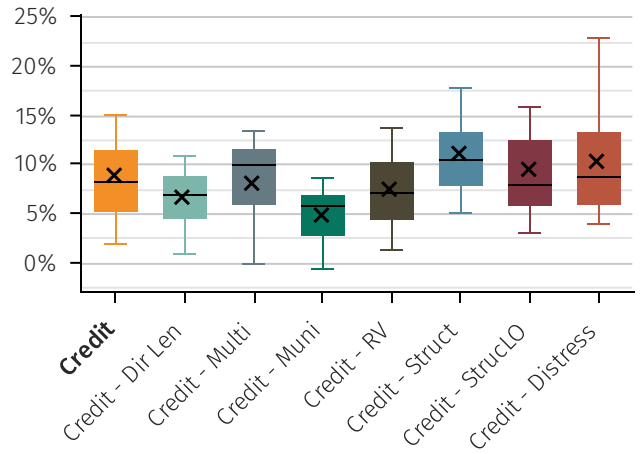
# Performance dispersion



MASTER STRATEGY NET RETURN DISTRIBUTION

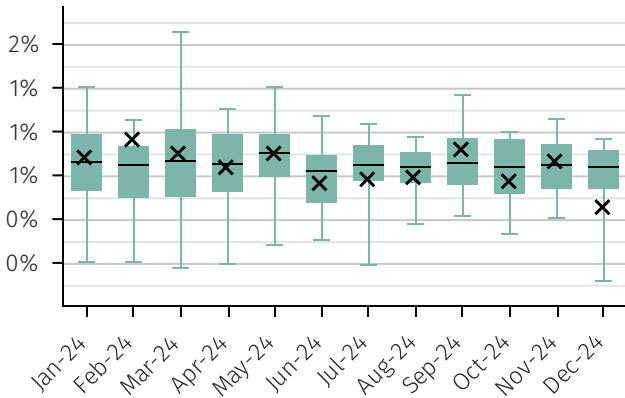


SUB-STRATEGY NET RETURN (1 YR)

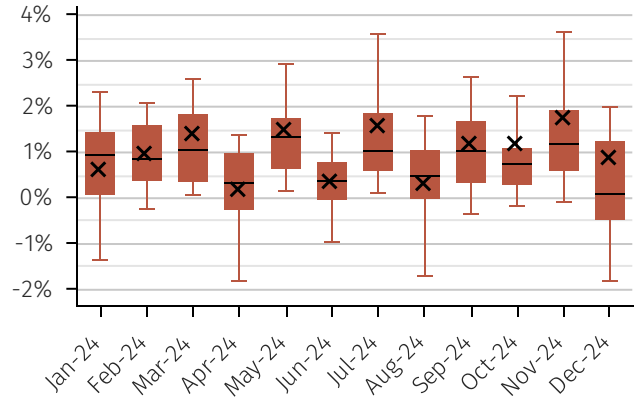


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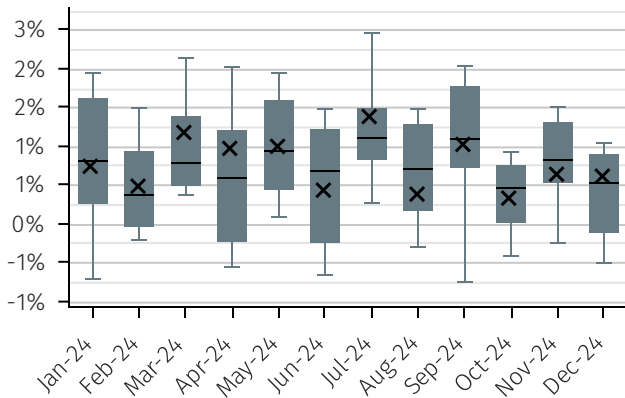
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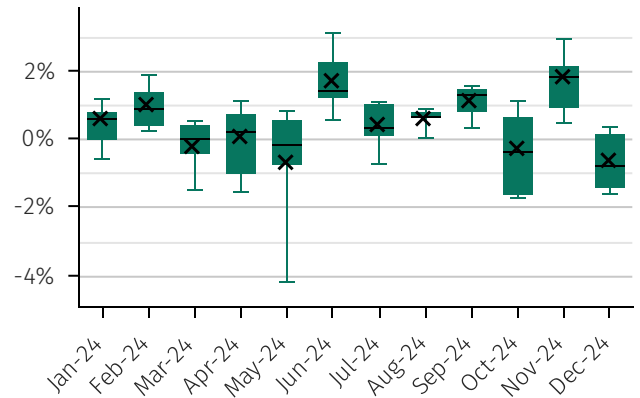
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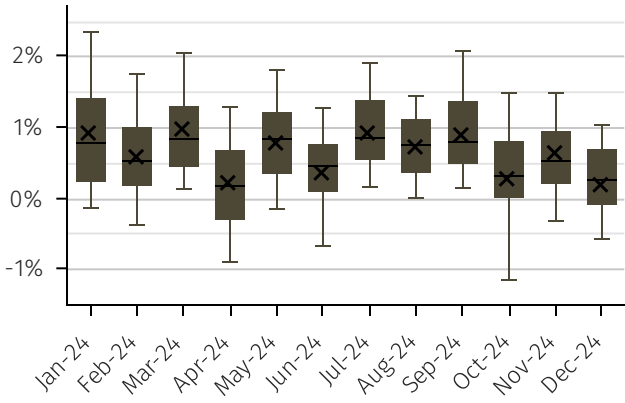
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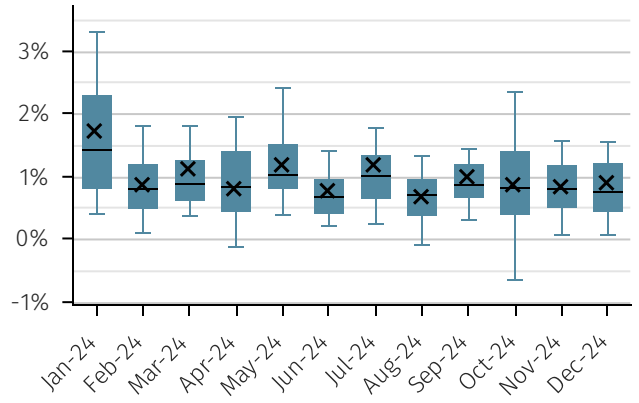
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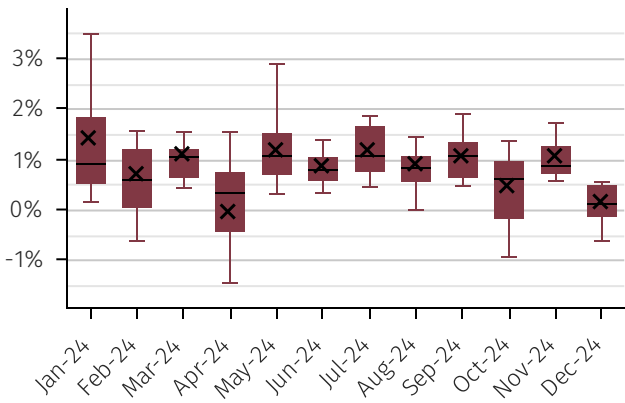
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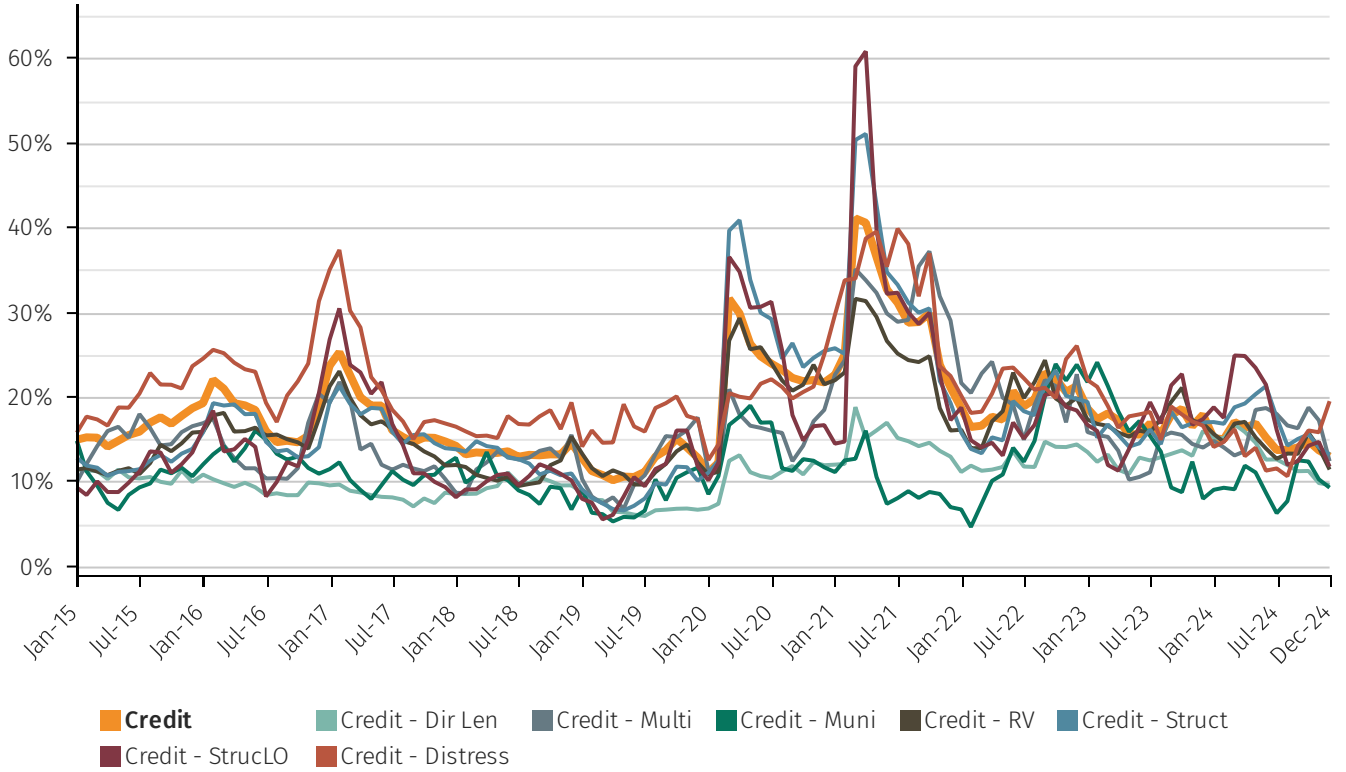
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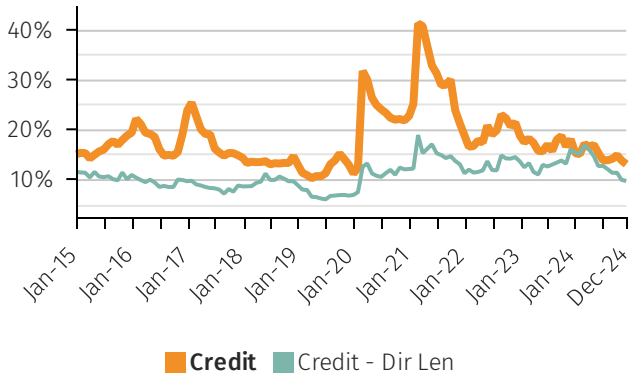


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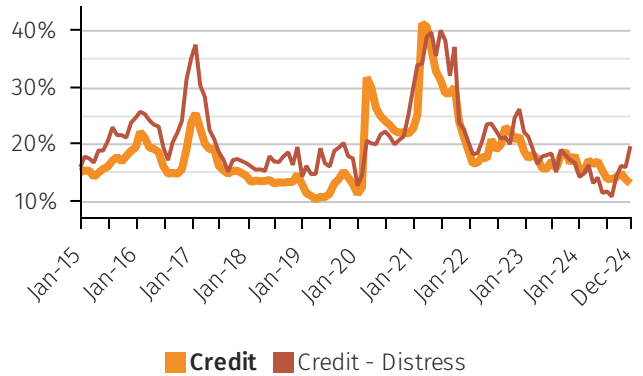


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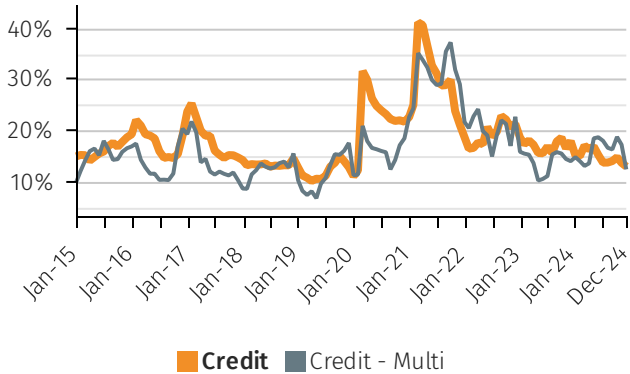
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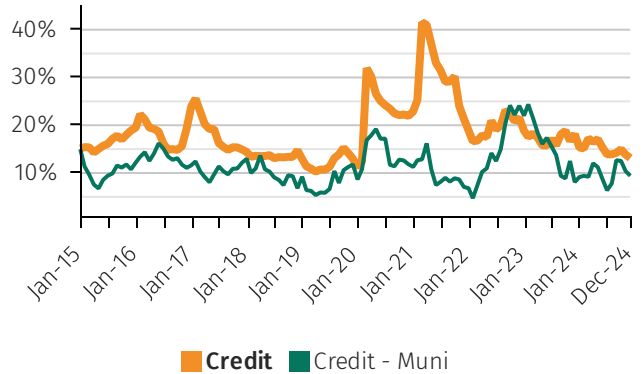
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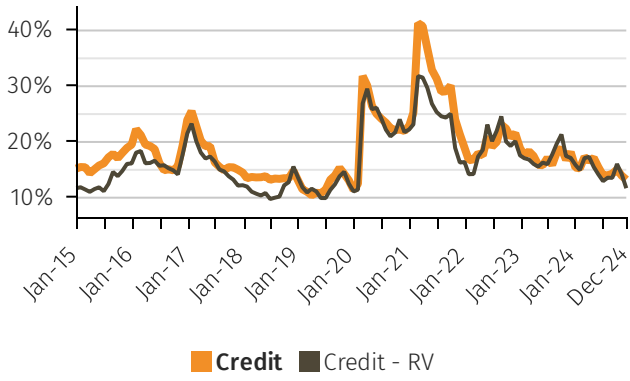
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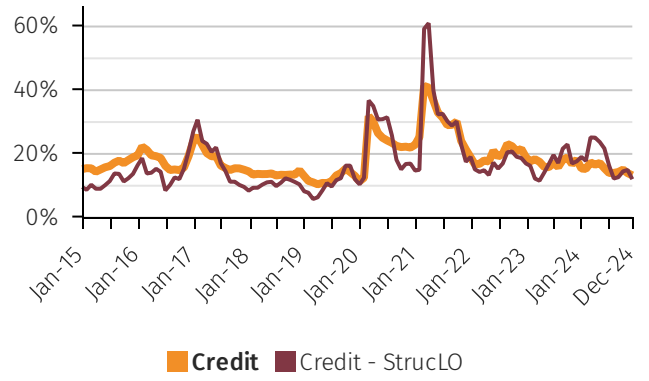
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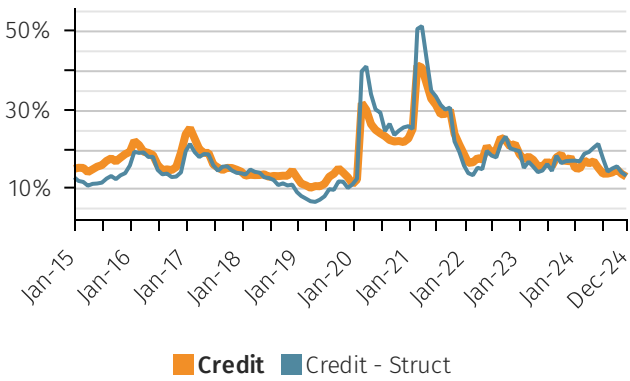
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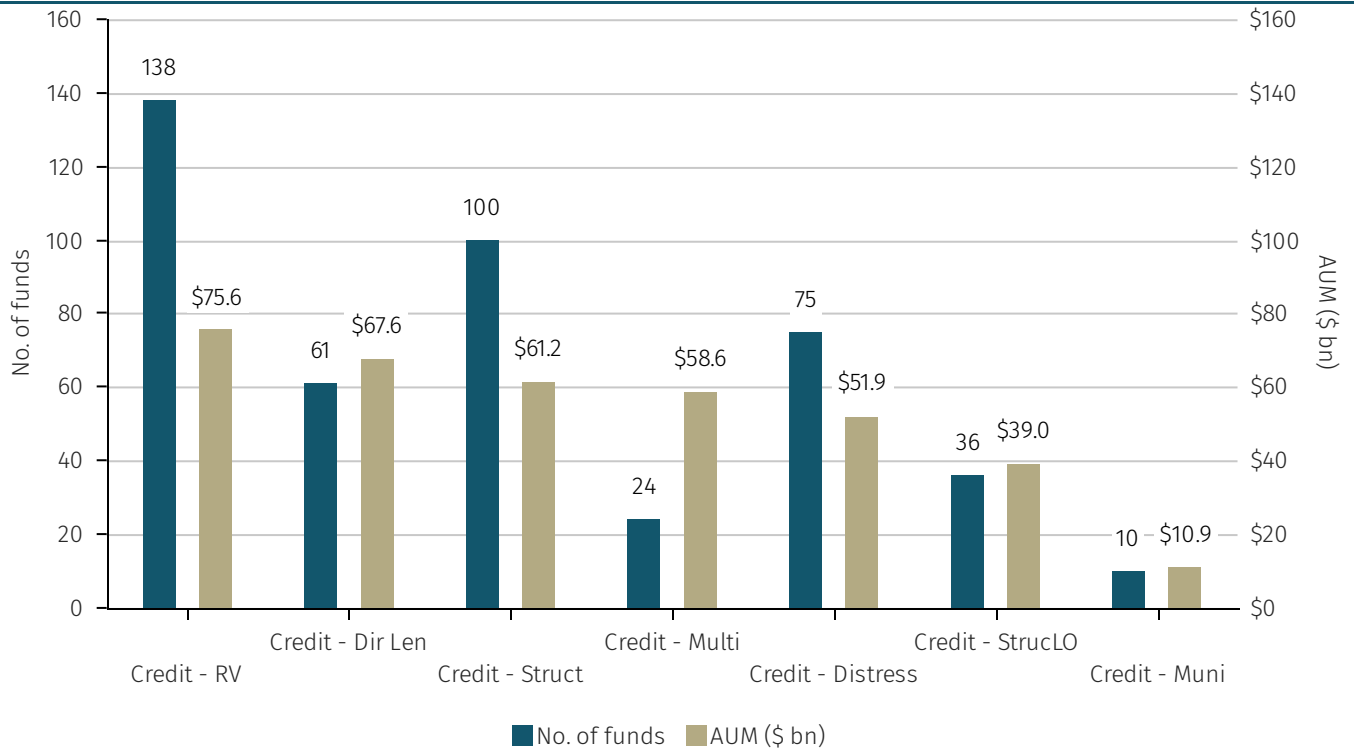


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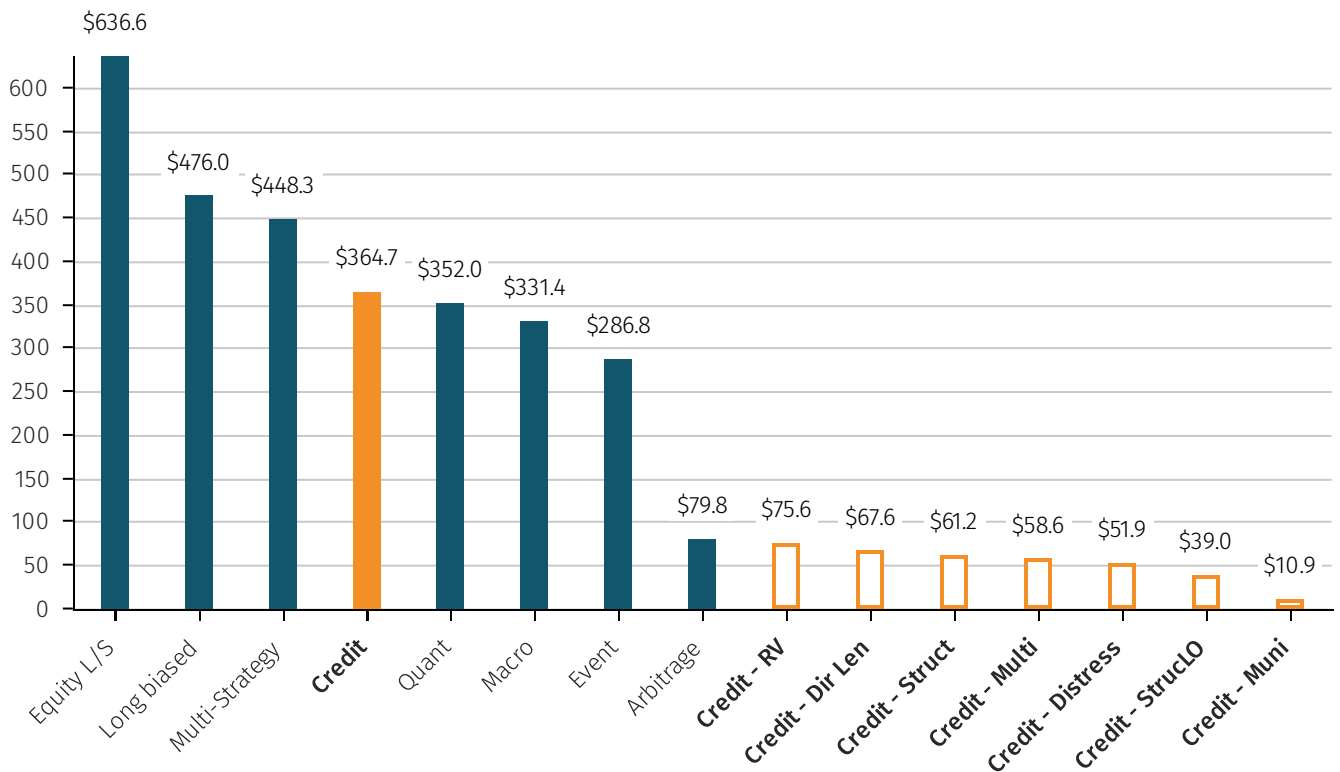


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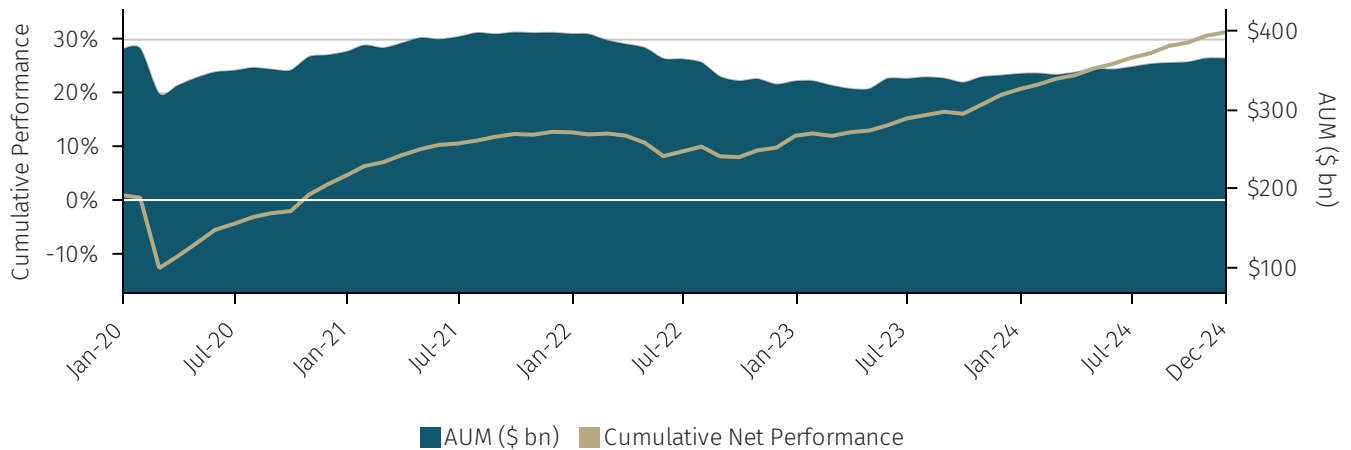
## NUMBER OF FUNDS AND AUM BY SUB-STRATEGY



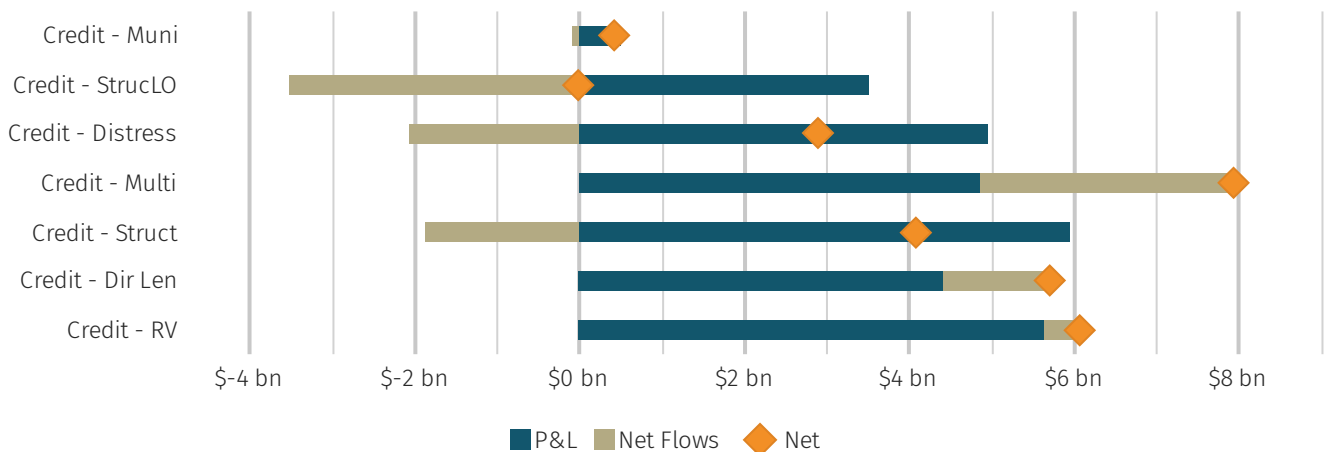
## CURRENT AUM OF MASTER STRATEGY (\$ BN)



## MASTER STRATEGY ASSETS (5 YR)\*



## 12-MONTH CHANGE IN AUM BY SUB-STRATEGY PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 2024



## Terms and conditions

	Median redemption notice (days)	Median redemption frequency	Weighted avg. redemption total (days) <sup>1</sup>	Weighted avg. management fee	Weighted avg. performance fee
<b>Credit</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Quarterly</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>1.37%</b>	<b>17.81%</b>
Direct lending (Dir Len)	90	Quarterly	209	1.33%	14.18%
Distressed (Distress)	90	Quarterly	305	1.65%	19.87%
Multi-credit (Multi)	65	Quarterly	160	1.32%	19.67%
Municipal (Muni)	60	Quarterly	123	0.93%	5.04%
Credit RV (RV)	45	Monthly	107	1.29%	16.58%
Structured credit (Struct)	90	Quarterly	172	1.53%	19.33%
Structured credit LO (Struc LO)	30	Monthly	22	0.60%	14.81%

<sup>1</sup>Weighted Avg. Redemption Total (Days) is the weighted average of both redemptions notice days and redemption frequency days.



# Definitions

## CREDIT

Strategies that focus the vast majority of their trading on debt instruments, or instruments that are far more 'debt-like' in nature.

### Credit – Credit RV (RV)

The strategy focuses on investing in investment and non investment grade securities, primarily corporate debt. The strategy takes a balanced long/short approach where the short position may be outright, related by sector, and/or within the same capital structure. Whilst not heavily trading oriented (given the associated costs) the strategy is more event-focused than passive and as such tends to have shorter investment horizons than something like the Distressed category.

### Credit – Direct Lending (Dir Len)

Direct lending typically involves investing in first lien loans to middle market companies but can also encompass many other forms of middle market lending, including second lien debt, mezzanine debt and unitranche debt.

### Credit – Distressed Credit (Distressed)

Strategy typically invests in non-investment grade corporate – and sometimes sovereign – debt, which is frequently stressed (e.g. performing, but priced at a significant discount to par) or defaulted (e.g. where a balance sheet restructuring will occur). Some also invest in deeply discounted and/or subordinate structured product. Time horizon is typically longer dated.

### Credit – Multi-Credit (Multi)

Broad credit focused strategy where a significant portfolio of their P&L is generated from a combination of relative value credit, distressed credit and/or structured credit.

### Credit – Municipal Credit (Muni)

This strategy aims to generate a comparatively substantial income and achieve an additional overall return by actively overseeing collections of both tax-exempt and taxable municipal bonds. The emphasis of this strategy lies in enhancing performance by pinpointing sectors and securities in longer-term municipal bonds that are undervalued, thereby capitalising on yields and price returns through strategic duration positioning.

### Credit – Structured Credit (Struct)

The strategy involves investing in synthetic structured credit and cash structured products including ABS, CLOs, CMBS, and RMBS. Investors can achieve higher returns, portfolio diversification, and tailored credit risk exposures. Repayment is supported by borrowers' contractual obligations, making structured credit an avenue for increased flexibility and potential gains in investment portfolios.

### Credit – Structured Credit LO (Struc LO)

Long only or overwhelmingly long-biased structured credit strategy with some leverage. The managers add value through security selection and can take advantage of depressed security prices through wide spreads. The strategy benefits from tightening credit spreads and falling interest rates.

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