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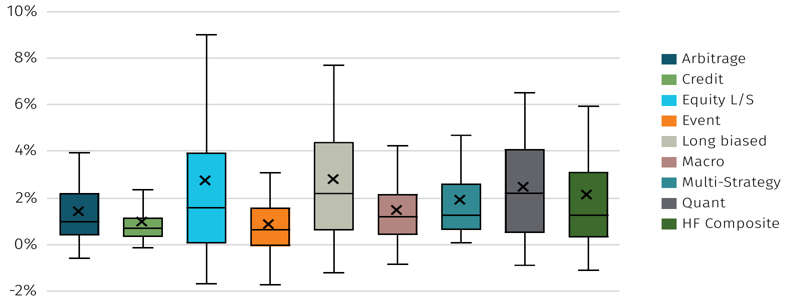
Hedge Fund Industry Performance Review

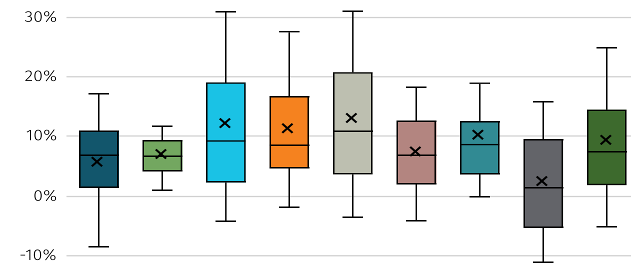
September 2025

	1 month return	3 month return	YTD return
Arbitrage	1.23%	2.50%	6.18%
Credit	1.03%	2.36%	5.76%
Equity L/S	2.58%	6.54%	11.01%
Event	0.82%	3.41%	9.17%
Long biased	1.97%	5.42%	15.79%
Macro	1.28%	2.46%	7.45%
Multi-Strategy	1.28%	3.49%	7.64%
Quant	1.80%	3.06%	4.78%
HF Composite	1.66%	4.10%	8.89%

September 2025 - Strategy Performance [1]



12 months to September 2025 - Strategy Performance [1]



HEDGE FUNDS

Hedge fund composite

Hedge fund performance was positive in September. The average asset-weighted hedge fund net return across all strategies was 1.66%. All master strategies delivered positive returns. The strongest performing strategy was equity long/short. Hedge fund performance dispersion was slightly broader than in August.

Long biased

Long biased funds returned 1.97% on average in September – the second-best performing master strategy group during the month and the strongest year-to-date. All sub-strategies had positive returns ranging from long biased – commodities, up 1.53% to long biased – other, up 4.27%.

Quant

Quant funds returned 1.80% on average in September. Sub-strategy returns varied. Stat arb funds (which have had a volatile year so far) were the weakest performing sub-strategy during the month, -2.45%. CTAs were the strongest performing sub-strategy, up 3.11%.

Equity long/short

Equity long/short funds returned 2.58% on average in September. All sub-strategies had positive returns during the month, ranging from US long/short, up 0.63% to sector-focused funds, up 4.61%.

Macro

Macro funds were up 1.28% in September, supported by a weak US dollar and commodity market volatility. All sub-strategies had positive returns, with the strongest performance from global macro funds, up 1.88%.

Multi-strategy

Multi-strategy funds gained 1.28% in September. The smallest size funds outperformed (<$0.5bn: +2.42%), while the largest funds with AUM >$5bn lagged behind (+1.06%).

MARKETS

Major events

Market returns in September 2025 were driven by optimism around Fed rate cuts, strong AI-related equity gains, and a broad risk-on sentiment supporting credit markets. Precious metals rallied amid geopolitical and trade tensions, while oil weakened on OPEC+ supply expectations. Currency and bond movements reflected shifting rate outlooks and fiscal concerns in Europe.

Equities

Global equities advanced in September, led by strong gains in US growth and technology stocks amid optimism around rate cuts and AI momentum. European and Japanese markets also strengthened, supported by tech and policy developments. Emerging markets rallied sharply, driven by Chinese equities, which benefited from a supportive policy environment and optimism around US/China relations following progress on the TikTok ownership agreement.

Government bonds

Government bond performance was mixed in September. US yields fell early in the month as softer labour data reinforced expectations of a rate cut, before rebounding modestly. European yields initially spiked on fiscal and debt concerns but eased after month-end reassessments, while Japanese and Chinese yields edged higher amid domestic economic and policy factors.

Corporate bonds

Corporate bonds performed positively in September, supported by improved risk sentiment following softer US labour data and the subsequent Fed rate cut. Investment grade credit led gains, while high yield, whilst still positive, lagged behind. Emerging market sovereign and corporate bonds also advanced, with most gains concentrated early in the month.

Currencies

Currency markets were mixed in September. The US dollar ended the month flat despite intra-month swings which were driven by softer labour data, a Fed rate cut, and stronger GDP growth. The euro and Swiss franc appreciated modestly, while sterling weakened. Most emerging market currencies declined following local rate cuts and political or economic uncertainty, though the Chinese yuan posted slight gains.

Commodities

Precious metals led commodity gains in September, with gold and silver reaching record highs amid US dollar weakness, geopolitical uncertainty, and strong central bank demand. Industrial metals also advanced, supported by supply disruptions and trade concerns. In contrast, oil prices edged lower despite new sanctions on Russia, while most agricultural commodities declined as supply pressures eased.

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

[1] The 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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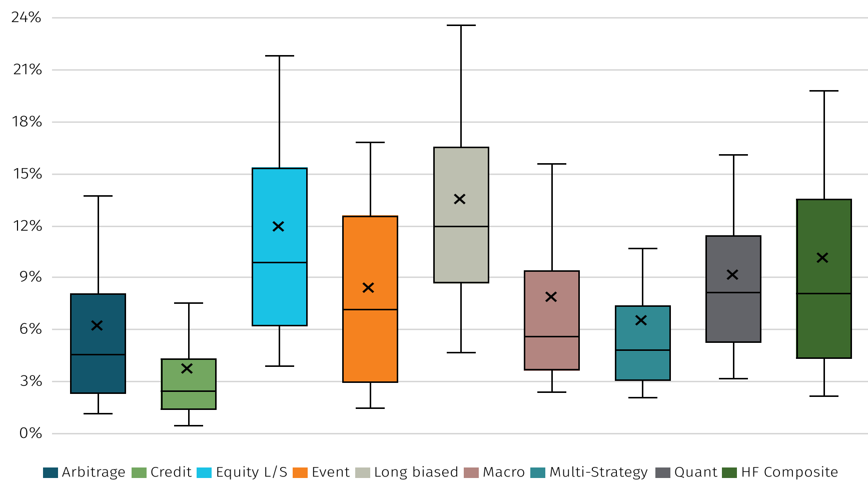
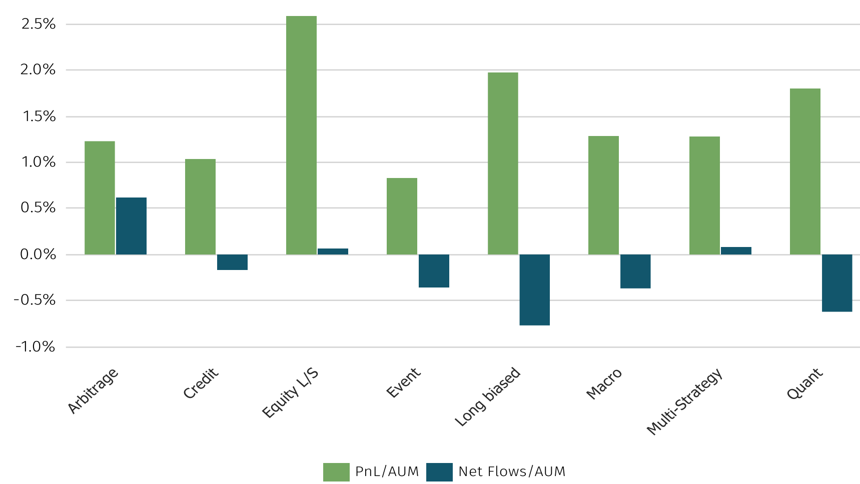
12 Month Correlation Matrix	Arbitrage	Credit	Equity L/S	Event	Long biased	Macro	Multi-Strategy	Quant
Arbitrage	1.00	-0.29	-0.26	-0.40	-0.33	-0.08	-0.21	0.31
Credit		1.00	0.83	0.86	0.79	0.56	0.67	0.42
Equity L/S			1.00	0.86	0.84	0.61	0.73	0.29
Event				1.00	0.94	0.56	0.61	0.30
Long biased					1.00	0.59	0.51	0.36
Macro						1.00	0.68	0.65
Multi-Strategy							1.00	0.46
Quant								1.00

Net Performance	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Rolling 12 month return
Arbitrage	0.73%	0.54%	0.62%	0.86%	0.96%	0.67%	0.84%	0.21%	0.00%	0.49%	0.76%	1.23%	8.20%
Credit	0.49%	0.95%	0.54%	0.93%	0.52%	-0.47%	-0.15%	1.21%	1.24%	0.45%	0.85%	1.03%	7.87%
Equity L/S	0.59%	2.39%	-0.94%	2.13%	-0.95%	-2.84%	0.48%	2.55%	2.88%	1.79%	2.03%	2.58%	13.26%
Event	0.10%	2.21%	-0.26%	1.76%	0.60%	-1.22%	-0.05%	2.69%	1.72%	0.99%	1.55%	0.82%	11.41%
Long biased	-2.09%	2.73%	-2.25%	4.07%	-0.30%	-2.46%	-0.32%	5.43%	3.27%	0.89%	2.47%	1.97%	13.84%
Macro	0.36%	1.99%	0.66%	1.45%	0.09%	0.43%	0.73%	0.74%	1.34%	0.09%	1.07%	1.28%	10.71%
Multi-Strategy	0.83%	2.08%	1.66%	1.36%	-0.20%	-0.70%	0.99%	1.24%	1.28%	0.95%	1.22%	1.28%	12.63%
Quant	-0.44%	1.63%	1.25%	2.28%	-0.19%	0.38%	-0.83%	0.15%	-0.09%	0.12%	1.12%	1.80%	7.35%
HF Composite	0.00%	2.08%	0.01%	1.98%	-0.22%	-1.12%	0.21%	1.99%	1.71%	0.87%	1.52%	1.66%	11.16%

12 month volatility dispersion (standard deviation)[1] [2]



Net flows and AUM change[3] - September 2025



[2]Asset weighted 12 month volatility.

[3]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.