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## Arbitrage strategy analytics pack H1 2025

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



#### **About Aurum**

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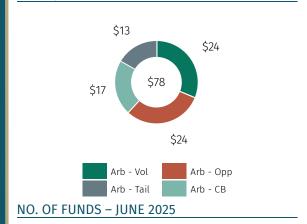
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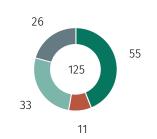
\*HF Composite = Aurum Hedge Fund Data Engine Asset Weighted Composite Index.
\*\*Bonds = Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond USD Index. \*\*\*Equities = MSCI World
Index USD. Risk Free Rate = period average of 3-month LIBOR-SOFR.

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 22 July 2025.

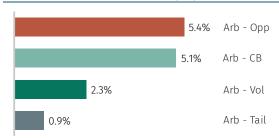
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#### AUM (\$BN) - JUNE 2025

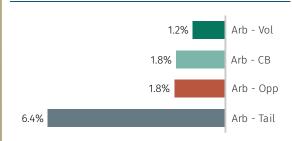




#### SUB-STRATEGY NET RETURN (H1)



#### STANDARD DEVIATION (1 YR)



#### AUM CHANGE \$BN (H1)



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

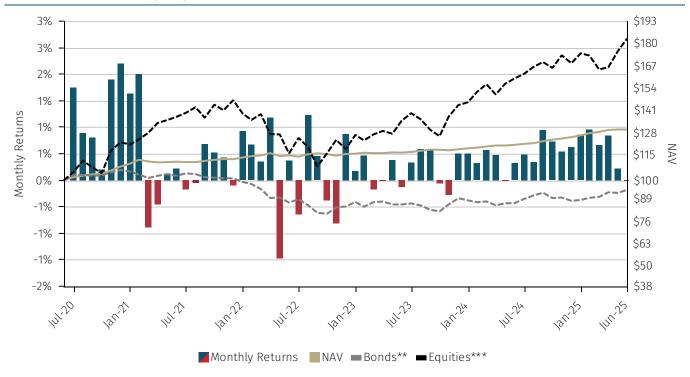
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	YTD	1 YR
Arbitrage	0.49%	0.34%	0.95%	0.73%	0.54%	0.62%	0.86%	0.96%	0.67%	0.84%	0.22%	-0.02%	3.58%	7.43%
Arb - CB	0.90%	1.11%	1.61%	0.90%	1.35%	0.87%	1.38%	1.50%	0.42%	-0.23%	1.12%	0.82%	5.11%	12.38%
Arb - Opp	0.83%	1.02%	1.75%	1.08%	0.93%	0.41%	1.42%	1.44%	0.62%	0.19%	1.45%	0.14%	5.37%	11.87%
Arb - Vol	0.43%	-0.41%	0.46%	0.25%	0.59%	0.43%	0.86%	0.64%	0.33%	0.40%	0.04%	-0.02%	2.28%	4.07%
Arb - Tail	-0.63%	-0.30%	-0.35%	0.77%	-1.24%	1.06%	-0.87%	-0.04%	1.74%	4.41%	-2.89%	-1.26%	0.94%	0.23%
HF Composite*	0.61%	0.54%	1.33%	0.03%	2.07%	0.05%	1.97%	-0.21%	-1.09%	0.22%	1.88%	1.68%	4.50%	9.42%
Bonds**	2.76%	2.37%	1.70%	-3.35%	0.34%	-2.15%	0.57%	1.43%	0.62%	2.94%	-0.36%	1.89%	7.27%	8.91%
Equities***	1.70%	2.51%	1.69%	-2.04%	4.47%	-2.68%	3.47%	-0.81%	-4.64%	0.74%	5.69%	4.22%	8.59%	14.66%

#### NET RETURN (5 YR) PERIOD TO JUNE 2025

Performance	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5Yr CAR	5Yr Vol	5Yr Sharpe
Arbitrage	3.58%	6.00%	2.39%	2.71%	3.98%	5.33%	2.34%	0.94
Arb - Opp	5.37%	11.12%	7.88%	2.39%	10.10%	10.89%	4.34%	1.72
Arb - CB	5.11%	11.18%	7.25%	-4.69%	7.38%	7.83%	4.07%	1.13
Arb - Vol	2.28%	2.63%	1.54%	5.73%	1.13%	3.39%	1.84%	0.18
Arb - Tail	0.94%	-2.05%	-8.07%	5.18%	-5.59%	-2.72%	6.40%	-0.87
HF Composite*	4.50%	11.47%	8.86%	-2.67%	8.27%	8.36%	4.31%	1.19
Bonds**	7.27%	-1.69%	5.72%	-16.25%	-4.71%	-1.16%	7.86%	-0.49
Equities***	8.59%	17.00%	21.77%	-19.46%	20.14%	12.83%	15.86%	0.65

#### Master strategy performance

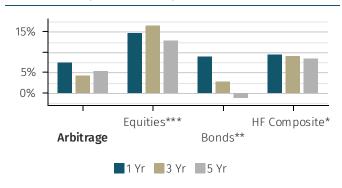
#### **NET MONTHLY RETURN (5 YR)**



#### COMPARATIVE RETURN VS HF COMPOSITE (1 YR)

# 16% 14% 12% 10% 8% 6% 4% 2% 0% Arbitrage HF Composite\* Equities\*\*\* Bonds\*\*

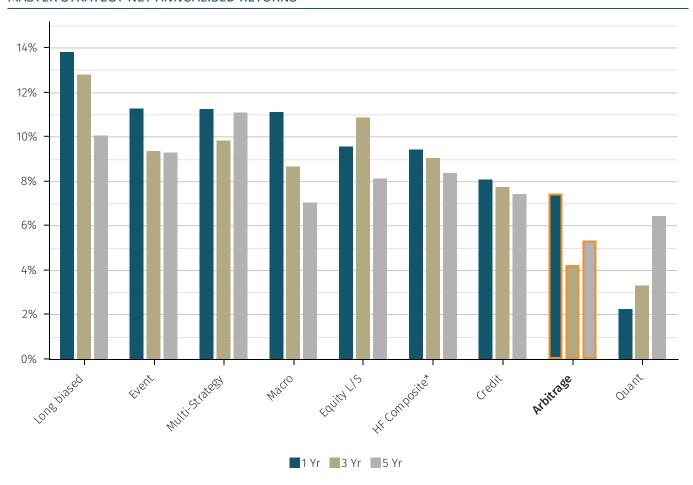
#### **NET RETURN (ANNUALISED)**



#### **VOLATILITY (ANNUALISED)**



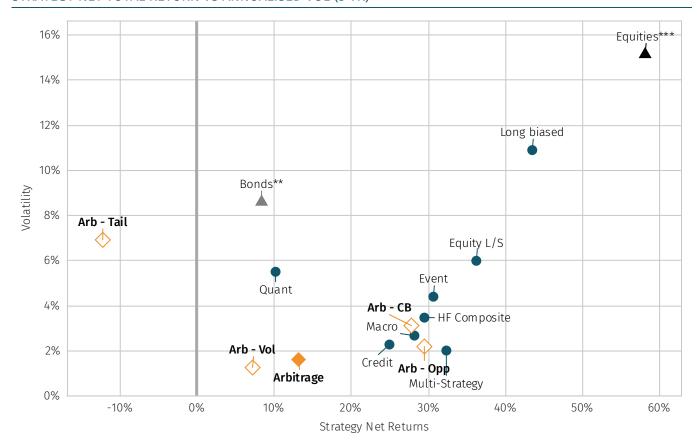
#### MASTER STRATEGY NET ANNUALISED RETURNS



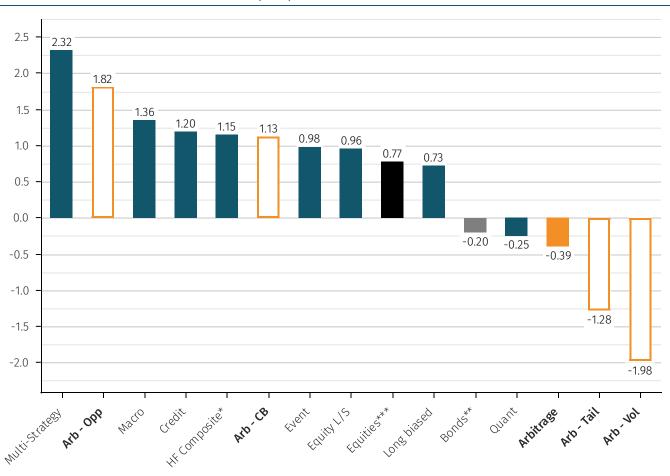
#### HIERARCHICAL ANNUALISED NET RETURN TO JUNE 2025

6 MONTHS	6 MONTHS 1 YEAR		5 YEAR	10 YEAR	
Long biased	Long biased	Long biased	Multi-Strategy	Multi-Strategy	
20.2%	13.8%	12.8%	11.1%	8.0%	
Event	Event	Equity L/S	Long biased	Long biased	
11.3%	11.3%	10.9%	10.0%	6.7%	
Macro	Multi-Strategy	Multi-Strategy	Event	Event	
9.8%	11.2%	9.8%	9.3%	6.1%	
HF Composite*	Macro	Event	HF Composite*	Equity L/S	
9.2%	11.1%	9.3%	8.4%	5.7%	
Equity L/S	Equity L/S	HF Composite*	Equity L/S	HF Composite*	
9.0%	9.5%	9.0%	8.1%	5.5%	
Multi-Strategy	HF Composite*	Macro	Credit	Macro	
8.1%	9.4%	8.6%	7.4%	4.9%	
Arbitrage	Credit	Credit	Macro	Credit	
7.3%	8.1%	7.7%	7.0%	4.8%	
Credit	Arbitrage	Arbitrage	Quant	Arbitrage	
6.5%	7.4%	4.2%	6.4%	3.4%	
Quant	Quant	Quant	Arbitrage	Quant	
3.9%	2.2%	3.3%	5.3%	3.2%	

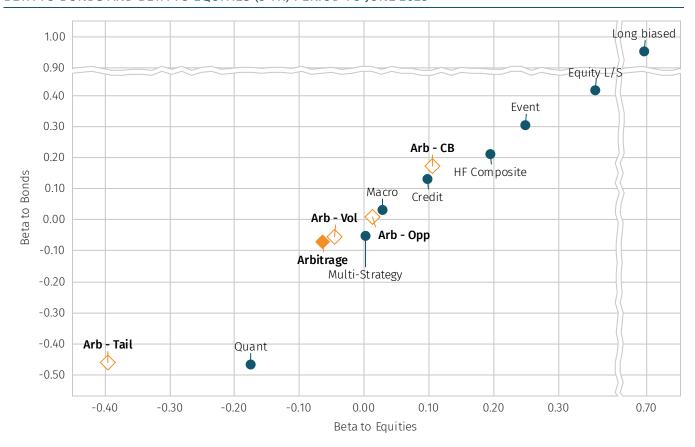
#### STRATEGY NET TOTAL RETURN VS ANNUALISED VOL (3 YR)



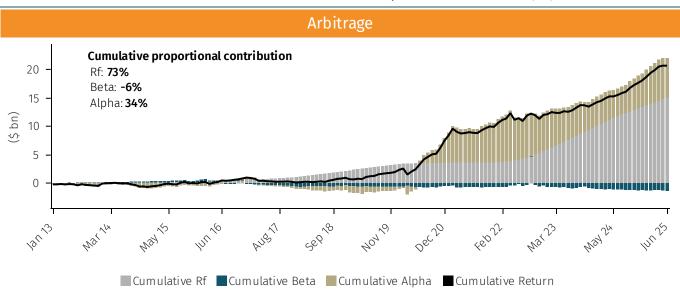
#### SHARPE RATIO BY HEDGE FUND STRATEGY (3 YR)



#### BETA TO BONDS AND BETA TO EQUITIES (3 YR) PERIOD TO JUNE 2025



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



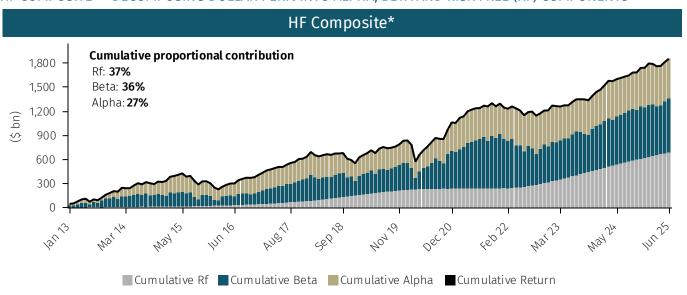
These charts decompose the Hedge Fund Composite dollar returns into beta, alpha and risk free ("Rf") components, as follows: alpha = actual return – Rf – beta \* (market return – Rf).

Where Rf is the risk free rate as defined by a rolling 3-month LIBOR-SOFR, where market return is that of MSCI World Index USD ('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 Rf 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.

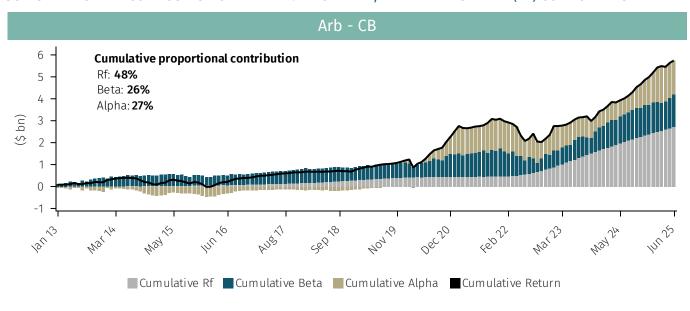
For note, beta can be negative in certain cases, creating negative dollar attributions. These are offset by corresponding positive alpha contributions.

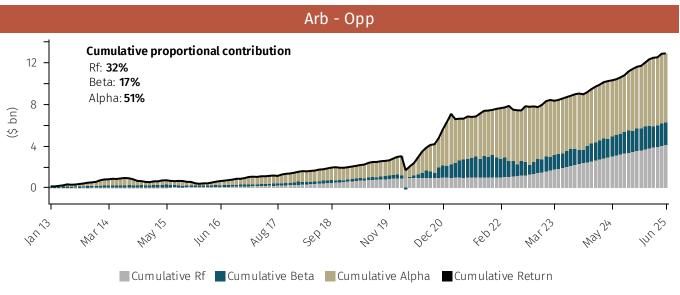


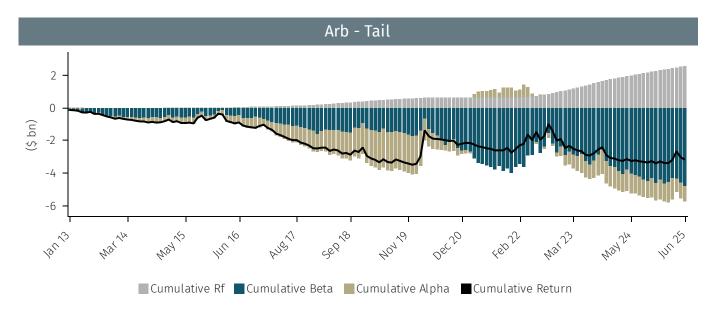
#### HF COMPOSITE\* - DECOMPOSING DOLLAR PERF. INTO ALPHA, BETA AND RISK FREE (RF) COMPONENTS



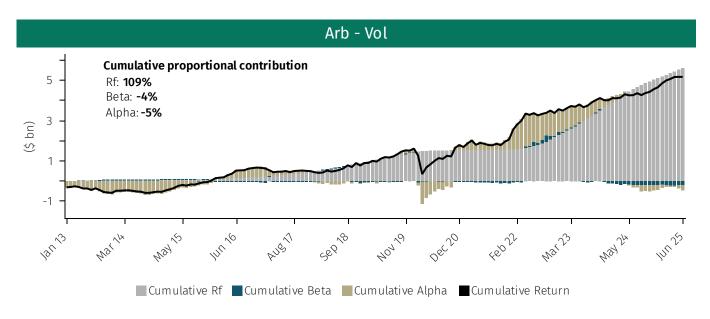
#### SUB-STRATEGY - DECOMPOSING DOLLAR PERF. INTO ALPHA, BETA AND RISK FREE (RF) COMPONENTS







Due to cumulative dollar contribution being less than zero we have removed the accompanying data panel.



#### **Sub-strategy performance**

#### **ROLLING 12 MONTH NET RETURN (5 YR)**



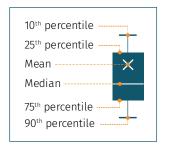
#### **CUMULATIVE NET RETURN (5 YR)**



#### COMPOUND RETURN (ANNUALISED)



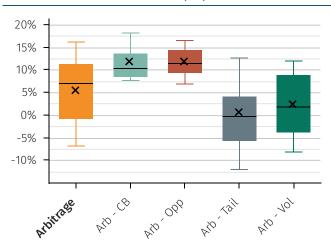
#### **Performance dispersion**



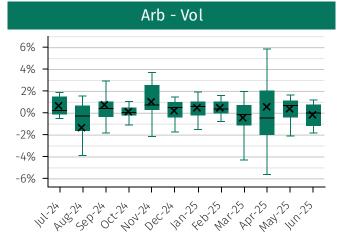
#### MASTER STRATEGY NET RETURN DISTRIBUTION

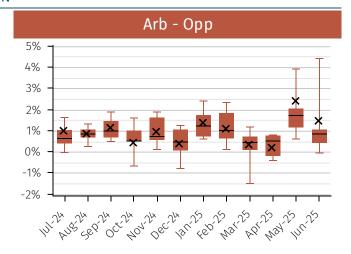
#### 6% 4% 2% 0% -2% -4% OCT-24 401.7h

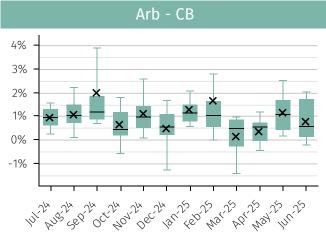
#### SUB-STRATEGY NET RETURN (H1)

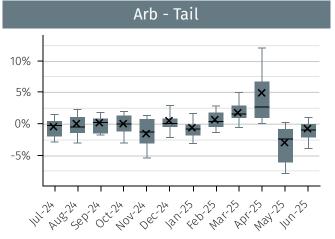


#### SUB-STRATEGIES NET MONTHLY RETURN DISTRIBUTION

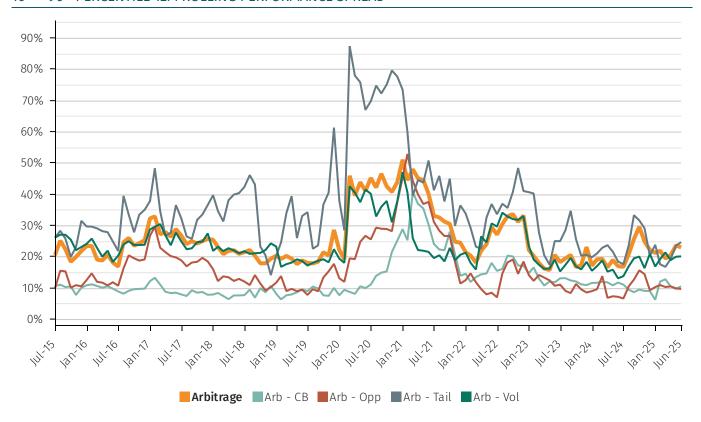




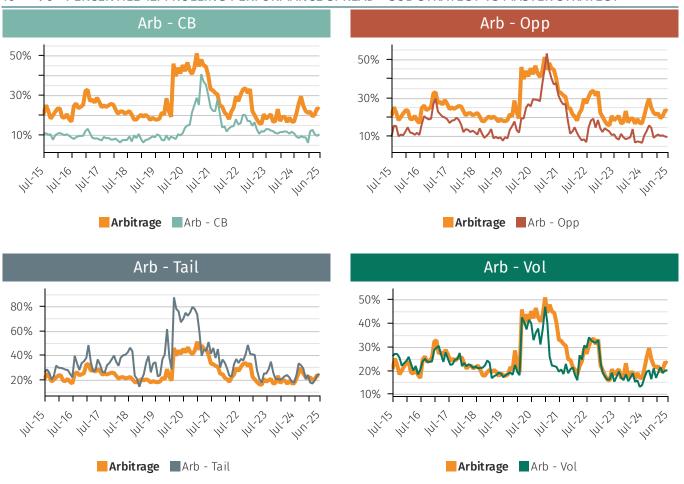




#### 10th - 90th PERCENTILE 12M ROLLING PERFORMANCE SPREAD

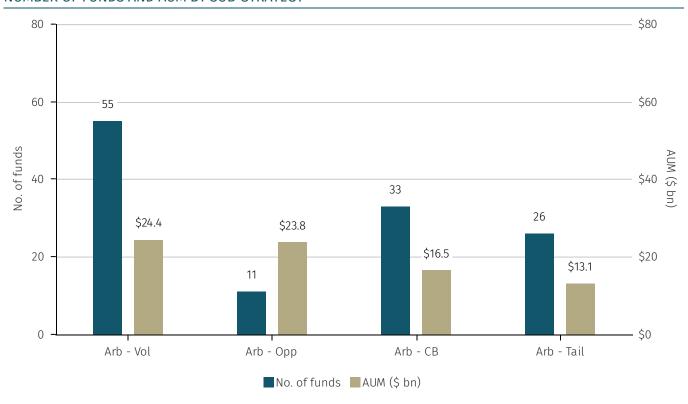


#### 10th - 90th Percentile 12M rolling Performance Spread - Sub Strategy VS master strategy



#### **Assets and flows**

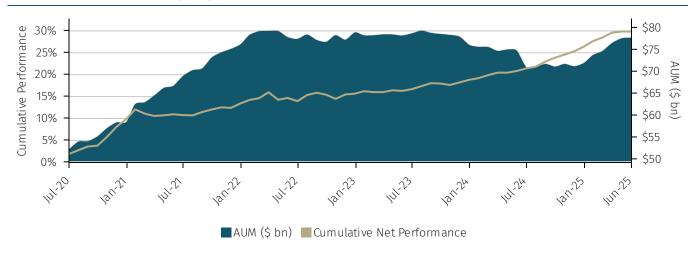
#### NUMBER OF FUNDS AND AUM BY SUB-STRATEGY



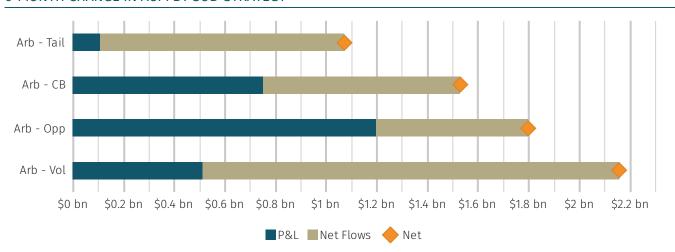
#### CURRENT AUM OF MASTER STRATEGY (\$ BN)



#### MASTER STRATEGY ASSETS (5 YR)\*



#### 6-MONTH CHANGE IN AUM BY SUB-STRATEGY



#### **Terms and conditions**

	Median redemption notice (days)	Median redemption frequency	Weighted avg. redemption total (days)¹	Weighted avg. management fee	Weighted avg. performance fee
Arbitrage	30	Monthly	107	1.36%	19.05%
Convertible bond (CB)	45	Monthly	99	1.43%	18.64%
Opportunistic (Opp)	60	Quarterly	155	1.34%	19.50%
Tail protection (Tail)	30	Monthly	74	1.18%	18.21%
Volatility arbitrage (Vol)	30	Monthly	71	1.41%	19.28%

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



#### **Definitions**

#### **Arbitrage**

Master strategy: Strategies that look to benefit from mispricings of the same instrument/asset or extremely closely related instrument. The strategy covers the following areas: convertible bond arbitrage, tail protection, volatility or opportunistic trades in this area, including but not limited to other areas such as capital structure arbitrage, ETF arbitrage or arbitrage of other closely related instruments.

#### Convertible bond (Arb – CB)

Traditionally the strategy looks to isolate mispriced components of convertible bond ('CB') securities in order to capture a return to fair value. CBs essentially consist of a bond plus an embedded call option on the equity. Key valuation components relate to the credit (bond component) and the volatility (option and equity component). Those components other than the component believed to be mispriced are typically hedged in order to isolate the mispricing.

#### **Tail protection** (Arb – Tail)

Strategies that explicitly look to benefit from tail events (large market moves to the downside), typically either in the form of large spikes in volatility (either from implied or realised volatility), or from significant moves in the underlying spot price (long gamma) or a particular asset. Some tail protection strategies also look to benefit from sudden/large moves in spread relationships, which are typically tight, but which can move to extremes during periods of stress.

#### **Volatility arbitrage** (Arb – Vol)

Traditionally the strategy looks to identify the mispricing of volatility. Funds may incorporate exposure to factors such as implied volatility, dividends, skew, term structure and correlation. Funds may be biased short, long or neutral to Greek exposures such as delta, vega and gamma.

#### Opportunistic (Arb – Opp)

Strategies that look to benefit from inconsistent/mispricing of the same instrument/asset or extremely closely related assets. Opportunistic arbitrage strategies typically have the flexibility to trade across multiple areas, but tend to specialise in a combination of volatility trading, convertible bonds and capital structure arbitrage trades. But they may also focus on other niche areas in order to capitalise upon perceived mispricing. The narrow arbitrage focus is why they are better considered as part of arbitrage, rather than in the broader multi-strategy classification.



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