

# GSQuartix Modified Strategy on the Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return Portfolio

CLASS C (GBP HEDGED)

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## Strategy Description and Objective

The Portfolio's investment objective is to replicate the performance of the Modified Strategy Goldman Sachs D266 on the Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return which seeks to outperform the Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return, while keeping the same weight for each commodity as of the yearly rebalancing. The Portfolio seeks to achieve its objective by (i) entering into a swap agreement for participation in the Modified Strategy Goldman Sachs D266 on the Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return and (ii)(a) entering into a reverse repurchase agreement with a financial institution or (b) purchasing an asset portfolio of US Government Treasury Bills.

The Modified Strategy Goldman Sachs D266 on the Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return seeks to outperform the Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return by making certain adjustments to the methodology for calculating that index, in particular, the procedure by which certain of the constituent futures contracts are rolled forward, in order to apply certain dynamic, timing and seasonal rolling rules. These adjustments are intended to enhance the performance of the strategy over that of the index, but there can be no assurance that these adjustments will have the desired effect and it is possible that these adjustments could actually result in the strategy underperforming the index.

The index, the Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return, is designed to provide investors with a diversified benchmark for the commodity markets and is currently composed of futures contracts on 23 physical commodities. The index, and therefore the strategy, is not exposed to each constituent commodity contract equally.

## Fund Characteristics

Strategy:	Commodity	Strategy launch date:	01-Sep-07
Benchmark:	Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return		
Tracking Error:	2%-5%		
Launch Date: - of the Fund:	04-Mar-09	of the Share Class:	18-Dec-09
AUM (USD m) - of the Fund:	1,723.71	of the Share Class:	0.03
NAV of Share Class (GBP):	6.36		
Fund Base Ccy:	USD	Min. Initial Inv. (GBP):	1,000,000
Fund Domicile:	Luxembourg	Min. Holding (GBP):	1,000,000
UCITS Compliant:	Yes	Min. Subsequent Inv. (GBP):	1,000
Investment Management Fee p.a:	0.30%	Liquidity: <sup>1</sup>	Daily
Performance Fee p.a:	0.00%	Valuation Day: <sup>1</sup>	Daily
Other expenses (capped) p.a:	0.15%		
Settlement Day: <sup>2</sup>	T+3	Cut-Off Time: <sup>3</sup>	15:00 T-1

ISIN Code: LU0454946244 Bloomberg Ticker: GSDJUCP LX Equity

<sup>1</sup> Every business day. <sup>2</sup> Valuation Day + 3 Local Business Days, Business Day and Local Business Day shall have the same meaning as defined under section "General Portfolio Characteristics" in the Supplement of the fund. <sup>3</sup> Every Luxembourg and London business day before 3pm CET Luxembourg.

## Simulated and Realised Performance (Net of Fees as shown in the Fund Characteristics)

### Risk and Return Characteristics as of August 2020

	CLASS C (GBP HEDGED)		Benchmark		BCOM GBP Ccy Hedged
	Total Return	Performance vs. Benchmark	Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return *	Performance vs. BCOM GBP Ccy Hedged	Bloomberg Commodity Index GBP Hedged Total Return **
Return					
MTD	5.2%	-1.3%	6.5%	-1.1%	6.4%
QTD	11.0%	-1.6%	12.6%	-1.1%	12.1%
YTD	-7.0%	2.2%	-9.3%	3.5%	-10.5%
Last 1Y	-1.7%	2.4%	-4.1%	4.3%	-6.1%
Last 3Y Annualised	-2.4%	0.9%	-3.2%	2.7%	-5.1%
Full Period*** (31 Dec 03 – 28 Aug 20)					
Annual Return	1.7%	4.0%	-2.4%	5.3%	-3.7%
Volatility	15.6%	3.1%	16.3%	3.1%	16.8%
Sharpe/Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>	neg.	1.29	-0.24	1.72	-0.31
Sortino Ratio	neg.	3.05	-0.32	4.29	-0.40
% Positive Months	52.0%	62.5%	52.5%	63.8%	52.1%
Worst month	-20.8%	-1.5%	-21.3%	-1.5%	-23.7%
Total Return Cor.	1.00	-0.13	0.98	-0.26	0.98
Realised Period <sup>6</sup> (18 Dec 09 – 28 Aug 20)					
Annual Return	-4.1%	0.9%	-5.1%	1.8%	-6.0%
Volatility	13.2%	2.6%	14.3%	2.7%	14.5%
Sharpe/Information Ratio <sup>4</sup>	neg.	0.35	-0.42	0.68	-0.48
Sortino Ratio	neg.	0.63	-0.54	1.30	-0.60
% Positive Months	45.3%	48.4%	46.9%	53.9%	46.9%
Worst month	-14.6%	-1.5%	-14.7%	-1.5%	-15.4%
Total Return Cor.	1.00	-0.35	0.99	-0.40	0.98

\* Bloomberg ticker : BCOMTR Index \*\* Bloomberg ticker: BCOMHPT Index

\*\*\* Performance of/ comparison vs BCOMHPT Index from 31 Dec 04 (index live date).

<sup>4</sup> Using 1m LIBOR of relevant currency. <sup>5</sup> Performance annualised if period is greater than one year, not annualised if period is less than one year. Sharpe/Information Ratio, Sortino Ratio, Volatility and Correlation applicable only if period is greater than one year.

### Performance (31 Dec 03 – 28 Aug 20)



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## Monthly Commentary

The BCOMTR index was up +6.76% in August

**The Energy Sector** contributed +3.04% to the benchmark returns in August with Natural Gas rebounding from the lows reached earlier this year (BCOMNG Index: +32.08%) and the Oil complex (BCOMCL Index: +5.04%, BCOMCO Index: +3.26%) also performing positively throughout the month. Natural Gas started the month on a positive note by surging +17% over the very first trading day of August – reaching its highest closing price since May, 5th this year – on the back of warmer-than-expected weather forecasts and its subsequent anticipation of higher demand from utilities to satisfy air conditioning needs. The commodity rallied even more later in the month amid an increasingly long positioning from Money Managers with CFTC data indicating bullish natural gas bets had a weekly increase of 25,594 net-long positions to reach 375,539 on seven U.S. Henry Hub contracts – the most bullish in about three years. In Oil, U.S. inventories dropped to its lowest level since April with shipments from Saudi Arabia dropping to the second-lowest level ever recorded according to the EIA report. The Oil complex appreciated further as additional evidences of declining inventories were released amid concerns that late-month hurricane Laura could hit key refining facilities on the U.S. Gulf Coast, which held US. Crude Oil to a five month high.

**The Precious Metals sector** contributed +0.84% to the benchmark return this month. Gold performed negatively (BCOMGC Index: -0.37%) while Silver performed positively this month again (BCOMSI Index: +17.14%). On Aug, 10th, Gold suffered its biggest 1-day drop in more than seven years due to a rebound in 10-year real rates after they fell to record lows in negative territory, mainly fuelled by fading covid-19 concerns. Silver also suffered from the move down but to a lesser extent. Towards the end of the month, the precious metals complex rebounded as the U.S. dollar depreciated to a two-year low on a dovish policy shift by the U.S. Federal Reserve. ETF holdings in both Gold and Silver reached again all time-highs, increasing respectively by +0.93% and +2.08%.

**The Industrial Metals sector** contributed +1.27% of the benchmark return in August, making it the fourth consecutive month of positive performance for the sector. In August, all industrial metals have performed positively due to business re-opening across the globe after the Covid-19 global pandemic, especially in China. In particular, Copper (BCOMHG Index: +5.92%) reached a two-year high on the back of robust manufacturing data activity in China – the biggest consumer for the metal. Nickel (BCOMNI Index: +11.39%) was the best performing metal due to an increase in stainless steel production in China for which Nickel is a key ingredient in China. Both Aluminium (BCOMAL Index) and Zinc (BCOMZN Index) had a positive performance of +4.68% and +8.21%.

**The Agricultural Sector** contributed +1.57% to the benchmark return during the month of August on the back of higher Chinese demand for U.S. agricultural product following talks between the two countries. Corn (BCOMCN Index) was the best performing commodity in the Ags space with a performance of +8.79%. Rally in Corn was fuelled by concerns over important damage after a storm hit a key growing region in the U.S. Coffee (BCOMKC Index: +6.33%) benefited from Real depreciating against the Dollar, since Brazil is the world's largest exporter of coffee.

**The Livestock Sector** contributed +0.03% of the benchmark return in August due to some divergence within the sector. Lean Hogs (BCOMLH Index: +8.01%) positive performance on the back of increasing demand for Pork in China as demand starts to pick up again. Live Cattle (BCOMLH Index) had a negative performance due to profit-taking and positioning pull back ahead of the Feed report released by the USDA towards the end of the third week.

**The Collateral return** contributed +0.01% to the benchmark return this month.

**The Enhanced Strategy** underperformed the benchmark by -0.99% in August. The highest source of positive outperformance was Gold this month with an alpha of +0.05%. The enhanced strategy was invested in the same contract as the benchmark (Dec20) for most of the month but the strategy rolled into this contract before the benchmark due to the pre-pre-roll it does and was therefore not impacted as much by the aforementioned downward pressures at the beginning of the month. Natural Gas was the highest source of negative alpha with an underperformance of -0.99%. The front of the curve in which the benchmark was invested in (Nov20) increased more than the back of the curve (Jan21) in which the enhanced strategy was invested in due to the aforementioned upward pressures coming from warmer-than-expected weather and the subsequent higher demand for air-conditioning.

## Top Contributors

### Top 5 Contributors for Outperformance:

Live Cattle	0.04%
Heating Oil	0.02%
Brent	0.02%
Cotton	0.01%
Sugar	0.01%

### Bottom 5 Contributors for Outperformance:

Coffee	-0.02%
Silver	-0.05%
Corn	-0.06%
Lean Hogs	-0.09%
Natural Gas	-0.85%

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## Simulated and Realised<sup>1</sup> Performance (Net of Fees as shown in the Fund Characteristics)

Year	Return (%)	Volatility (%)	Sharpe Ratio	Total Returns <sup>2</sup>											
				Return											
				Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2004	27.1	11.5	1.96	3.7	7.2	3.7	-0.3	2.4	-2.8	2.8	0.5	7.5	2.9	-0.5	-2.4
2005	36.3	14.4	2.18	2.5	8.0	5.0	-3.5	-0.1	3.3	4.5	6.7	5.5	-5.5	0.2	5.7
2006	18.3	15.5	0.87	6.2	-3.5	2.7	8.4	0.3	0.1	3.2	-2.5	-5.7	5.1	6.1	-2.4
2007	23.5	10.9	1.61	-0.4	4.3	1.7	2.0	0.4	-0.3	2.2	-2.8	8.0	3.7	-2.2	5.4
2008	-31.1	33.2	neg.	4.3	12.4	-5.2	3.9	3.4	9.3	-11.4	-6.8	-11.5	-20.6	-6.4	-2.9
2009	22.5	14.5	1.49	-3.3	-4.1	4.4	1.6	11.6	-1.8	3.4	1.3	-0.5	3.3	4.2	1.3
2010	16.7	17.6	0.92	-6.6	3.3	0.4	2.2	-7.0	-1.2	5.9	-1.3	6.5	4.6	0.2	9.9
2011	-11.6	19.0	neg.	1.8	2.7	1.7	2.1	-3.7	-4.9	3.1	0.7	-14.6	6.4	-2.1	-3.8
2012	0.2	13.8	neg.	3.1	2.3	-3.0	-0.5	-8.6	4.3	5.2	1.8	1.9	-4.4	0.8	-1.9
2013	-10.2	8.7	neg.	2.2	-4.3	-0.3	-2.5	-1.7	-5.0	1.6	3.0	-1.9	-1.4	-1.4	1.3
2014	-12.6	12.2	neg.	-1.0	6.8	0.7	2.4	-2.6	0.6	-4.2	-0.3	-6.3	-1.2	-3.0	-4.6
2015	-25.3	13.5	neg.	-4.4	1.8	-4.5	4.7	-2.9	1.1	-9.5	-2.7	-1.8	-0.2	-7.0	-2.5
2016	12.4	11.3	1.06	-0.8	-0.3	3.3	8.3	-0.2	3.7	-4.4	-1.8	3.1	-0.4	1.2	0.6
2017	2.4	6.1	0.34	1.5	-0.0	-2.8	-0.8	-1.5	-0.9	2.8	-0.2	0.5	1.7	-0.7	3.0
2018	-9.9	7.2	neg.	1.9	-1.4	-1.1	2.4	1.1	-4.1	-2.1	-1.7	1.4	-2.5	-1.2	-2.8
2019	6.2	9.6	0.58	5.1	1.1	-0.4	-0.6	-3.4	2.0	-1.0	-2.0	0.3	1.9	-2.1	5.6
2020	-7.0	N/A	N/A	-7.0	-4.6	-10.6	-0.2	3.2	2.5	5.5	5.2				
Cumulative-Annualised	1.7	15.6	neg.												

Year	Return (%)	Volatility (%)	Sharpe Ratio	Performance vs. Benchmark <sup>2</sup>											
				Return											
				Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2004	16.3	2.3	7.07	1.9	0.7	0.6	1.5	0.8	1.4	1.0	2.3	0.7	1.2	0.7	2.5
2005	12.3	3.4	3.61	1.5	0.9	1.4	2.4	0.7	1.6	0.0	-0.8	0.8	0.8	-0.1	2.6
2006	16.2	4.8	3.38	4.3	2.8	0.5	1.6	-0.7	1.6	-0.0	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.6	2.2
2007	7.3	1.7	4.16	-0.6	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.2	1.1	0.1	0.8	-0.0	0.4	0.9	0.7
2008	4.5	1.6	2.84	0.1	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.6	1.6
2009	3.6	3.0	1.22	2.0	0.4	0.8	0.9	-1.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.4	0.1	0.7	-0.7
2010	-0.2	3.2	neg.	0.7	-0.4	1.6	0.2	-0.1	-1.5	-0.8	1.2	-0.8	-0.4	0.6	-0.8
2011	1.7	1.7	1.03	0.8	1.4	-0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
2012	1.3	2.7	0.46	0.6	-0.4	1.2	-0.1	0.5	-1.1	-1.3	0.6	0.2	-0.5	0.8	0.7
2013	-0.7	1.7	neg.	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	0.3	0.6	-0.3	0.2	-0.4	0.7	0.1	-0.6	0.1
2014	3.0	2.5	1.18	-1.3	0.6	0.3	-0.1	0.3	-0.0	0.8	0.7	-0.0	-0.4	1.1	1.4
2015	1.1	2.4	0.44	0.5	-0.8	0.7	-1.1	-0.2	-0.6	1.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.3	1.1
2016	-0.1	2.2	neg.	0.2	1.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.5	0.7	-0.1	-0.0	0.1	-0.1	-1.2
2017	0.7	2.1	0.31	1.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.7	-0.2	-0.7	0.5	-0.6	0.7	-0.4	-0.2	0.0
2018	1.3	4.5	0.30	-0.1	0.3	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.5	-0.4	-0.7	4.1
2019	-1.5	1.5	neg.	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.0	-0.7	-0.3	0.4	-0.8	-0.1	0.4	0.6
2020	2.2	N/A	N/A	0.4	0.5	2.2	1.3	-1.1	0.3	-0.2	-1.3				
Cumulative-Annualised	4.0	3.1	1.29												

## Realised Performance

Source: Goldman Sachs, Bloomberg as of August 2020

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## Treasury Bill Basket (Asset Portfolio)

ISIN	Maturity	Nominal	Currency	Price at month end
US9127962H15	24-09-2020	96,000,000.00	USD	99.9947
US9127962J70	01-10-2020	100,000,000.00	USD	99.9922
US9127962R96	15-10-2020	116,000,000.00	USD	99.9887
US9127962S79	22-10-2020	120,000,000.00	USD	99.9870
US9127962T52	29-10-2020	118,000,000.00	USD	99.9852
US9127962Z13	12-11-2020	113,000,000.00	USD	99.9817
US9127963A52	19-11-2020	118,000,000.00	USD	99.9800
US9127963B36	27-11-2020	40,000,000.00	USD	99.9755
US9127963J61	10-12-2020	105,000,000.00	USD	99.9733
US9127963K35	17-12-2020	50,000,000.00	USD	99.9715
US9127963Z04	22-09-2020	25,000,000.00	USD	99.9948
US9127964A44	29-09-2020	120,000,000.00	USD	99.9931
US912796TJ85	10-09-2020	96,000,000.00	USD	99.9979
US912796TN97	08-10-2020	118,000,000.00	USD	99.9910
US912796TP46	05-11-2020	115,000,000.00	USD	99.9844
US912796TU31	03-12-2020	98,000,000.00	USD	99.9752
US912796XH73	03-09-2020	113,000,000.00	USD	99.9993

Asset Portfolio Monthly Return	0.0066%
Asset Portfolio Average Duration	0.1527
Asset Portfolio Average Turnover	30.5267%

Source: Investment Manager

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