JPMorgan Funds -US Opportunistic Long-Short Equity Fund

JPM A (perf) (acc) - USD: LU1297691815

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Topline

Monthly returns				
Fund	Benchmark			
▲ 5.81%	▲ 0.01%			

Benchmark: ICE 1 Month USD LIBOR

Markets The S&P 500 Index[®] returned 7.19% in August, rallying for the fifth consecutive month. The market reached new highs in the month, driven by a rally in technology stocks and encouraging economic data, resulting in the best monthly gain since the April rebound.

Helped Holdings in the consumer discretionary sector and, to a lesser extent, in the information technology sector proved beneficial.

Hurt The short side of the portfolio, in particular shorts within the consumer discretionary, consumer staples and real estate sectors, marginally detracted from overall performance.

Outlook We continue to focus on the fundamentals of the economy and on company earnings. Our core analysts' estimates for S&P 500[®] earnings currently project -20% growth for 2020 and +26% for 2021.

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Fund overview

Investment objective

To achieve a total return through the active management of long and short equity positions, with exposure primarily to US companies and through the use of derivatives.

Month in review

- Despite the strong performance of equities in August, the fund captured approximately 85% of the S&P 500 Index return.
- Similarly to the previous month, the fund's average net exposure during August was above the long-term average at 74%. Gross exposure was at 127%, above the long-term average of 101%.
- The long side of the portfolio had a strong positive contribution to total return. In particular, our holdings in the consumer discretionary sector and, to a lesser extent, in the information technology sector proved beneficial.
- In particular, our positions in Tesla, Alibaba and Best Buy were all top performers. Tesla rallied over renewed demand in China for its electric-vehicle segment and the optimism that its cutting-edge technologies and innovations would help it widen its total addressable market. Best Buy was also a strong performer on the back of very solid results against high expectations.
- With regards to the positive performance in the information technology space, our position in Nvidia was the main contributor. On an individual stock basis, our position in Zillow Group in the communication services sector added value.
- In terms of negatives, the short side of the portfolio, in particular, shorts within the consumer discretionary, consumer staples and real estate sectors, marginally detracted from overall performance.

Looking ahead

- We continue to focus on the fundamentals of the economy and on company earnings. Our core analysts' estimates for S&P 500® earnings currently project -20% growth for 2020 and +26% for 2021. While subject to revision, this forecast reflects our expectations for a weak year, yet ultimate recovery in the underlying economy and includes our best analysis of earnings expectations. Unemployment and other uncertainties, such as trade, fiscal stimulus and the US election, will be integral to investor sentiment moving forward.
- While we believe the economy will recover, it will first need time to heal and hence we remain balanced and continue to monitor incremental risks that could represent headwinds for US stocks. Through the volatility, we continue to increase our exposure to quality, focus on high-conviction stocks and take advantage of market dislocations for compelling stock-selection opportunities.
- From a positioning perspective, we continue to focus on companies that are typically agnostic to the macro environment and that have the ability to compound earnings growth. Currently we have a diversified exposure to defensive businesses, specifically through our healthcare holdings, secular growth stocks within consumer and information technology, and more cyclical stocks. At the same time, we retain significant flexibility to modify our exposures in the long and short side as new evidence arise.

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All data is sourced by J.P. Morgan Asset Management and is correct as at the date of this commentary.



Performance and positioning

%	1M	ЗM	YTD	1Y	3Y	Since inception
JPM US Opportunistic Long- Short Equity A (perf) (acc) - USD	5.81	9.35	13.24	13.15	5.80	4.88
Benchmark	0.01	0.04	0.48	1.11	1.76	1.35
Excess return (arithmetic)	5.79	9.30	12.76	12.04	4.04	3.53
%			2018	18 2017		2016
JPM US Opportunistic Long- Short Equity A (perf) (acc) - USD			-0.59	13.75		-2.08
Benchmark			2.08	1.13		0.50
Excess return (arithmetic)	-1.16		-2.67	12.62		-2.59

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Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Share class performance is shown based on the NAV (net asset value) of the above share class with income (gross of shareholder tax) reinvested including actual ongoing charges excluding any entry and exit fees. Performance over one year is annualised. Share class inception date is 30.10.2015

FUND CHARACTERISTICS

Exposure Average weight (%) Position

Long	100.83	Long	34
Short	-27.00	Short	13
Net	73.82	Total number of holdings	47

CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN ANALYSIS VS. BENCHMARK (%)

Consumer Discretionary	5.81				
Information Technology	1.86				
Communication Services	1.39				
Industrials	0.43				
Health Care	0.43				
Materials	0.19				
Consumer Staples	0.09				
Utilities	0.08				
Cash	0.00				
Energy	0.00				
Financials		-0.07			
Real Estate		-0.09			
Others		-0.13			
NET SECTOR POSITIONING VS BENCHMARK (%)					
Health Care	17	7 29			

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Consumer Discretionary	16.75	
Information Technology	16.12	
Communication Services	14.70	
Materials	7.67	
Financials	0.93	
Industrials	0.86	
Consumer Staples	0.76	
Utilities	0.38	
Energy	0.00	
Real Estate		-0.56
Others		-1.08

Source: Factset, as at 31.08.2020. Based on average weights during the month. All figures are gross of fees and as such are used as an indicator of performance but actual fund performance may be different. The Fund is an actively managed portfolio; holdings, sector weights, allocations and leverage, as applicable are subject to change at the discretion of the Investment Manager without notice.

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Investment risks	Risks from the Sub-Fund's techniques and securities
Techniques	Securities
Derivatives	Equities
Hedging	
Short positions	
Concentration	
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Other associated risks Further risks the Sub-Fund is exposed to from its use of the techniques and securities above Market

Outcomes to the Shareholder Potential impact of the risks above

Loss Shareholders could lose some or all of their money.

Volatility Shares of the Sub-Fund will fluctuate in value.

Failure to meet the Sub-

Fund's objective.

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