Equity - Long Short Haussmann, SCA, SICAV-SIF Class K USD (DIST)

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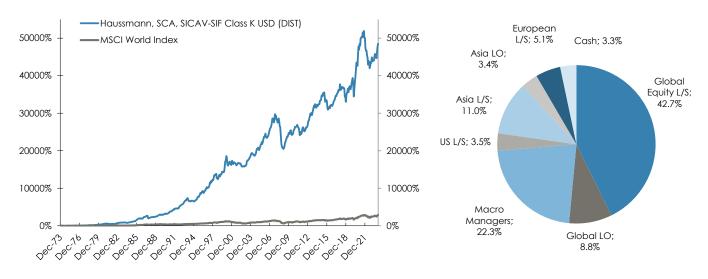
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FUND OBJECTIVE

Haussmann seeks to deliver long-term capital growth through investments in talented and independent money managers. The investment philosophy is based on the selection of "individual talents", who apply an active investment management approach. The managers typically have an absolute return objective combining maximum flexibility with strict risk management and typically aim at high returns. Haussmann invests opportunistically to achieve superior long-term risk-adjusted capital appreciation with meaningful participation in up-markets while delivering protection in down-markets, without the constraints of formal benchmarks.

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

STRATEGY BREAKDOWN (% Allocation)



MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (%) NET OF FEES

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Fund	Index*
2024	1.26%												1.26%	5.30%
2023	3.39%	-1.60%	-0.64%	0.43%	-0.05%	2.43%	1.51%	-0.89%	-1.45%	-0.14%	4.23%	2.85%	10.30%	21.77%
2022	-5.00%	-1.83%	0.03%	-2.81%	-1.23%	-4.13%	2.27%	-1.04%	-3.30%	1.54%	2.40%	-0.64%	-13.20%	-19.46%
2021	-1.77%	3.20%	-0.88%	4.05%	0.11%	0.77%	-0.35%	2.44%	-2.10%	3.01%	-3.65%	0.04%	4.65%	20.14%
2020	1.34%	-3.12%	-9.66%	6.13%	4.66%	3.12%	4.81%	5.17%	-1.90%	-0.16%	6.83%	4.96%	22.98%	14.06%
2019	5.37%	1.81%	0.96%	2.08%	-2.54%	3.21%	1.23%	-0.38%	-1.81%	2.07%	2.40%	2.17%	17.61%	25.19%

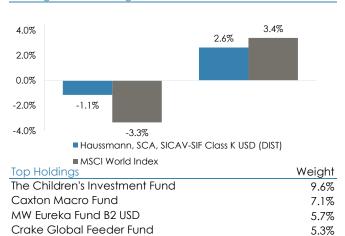
Data from January 1974 to December 2017 is based on Haussmann class A USD adjusted with 1.40% management fees.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS (Since January 1974)

Return	Fund	Index*
Annualized return	13.1%	7.0%
% Positive Months	65%	59%
Risk	Fund	Index*
Annualized Volatility	11.8%	15.0%
Sharpe Ratio (1%)	1.03	0.40
Maximum Drawdown	-31.1%	-55.4%
Months In Maximum Drawdown	16	16
Months To Recover	51	62
Comparison To Benchmark		Index*
Annualized Alpha		9.4%
Beta		0.52
Correlation		0.66

Average Return during Bear & Bull Markets

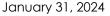
Gemsstock Fund



4.3%

*Index MSCI World Index

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FUND COMMENTARY

Performance

The Haussmann Fund (class K – USD) was up +1.26% for the first month of the year, when the MSCI World Index gained +1.14%.

Markets

"Free Bird" – Lynyrd Skynyrd (Pierre Mouton)

Out of its cage, a bird is free to fly high, with no limits in sight; we've witnessed many market birds enjoying this experience in February 2024, with no less than 9 major equity indices breaking through their all-time highs: the S&P 500, the Dow Jones, the Nasdaq 100, the DAX, the CAC, the Swedish OMX, the Dutch AEX, the Japanese Topix, and, as a symbol, its Nikkei sibling, which finally bettered its 1989 mark.

As a consequence, the MSCI World also reached an all-time high.

The unabated optimism around AI continues to drive equity markets to the upside, thanks to the very convincing results and forecasts delivered by the thematic's behemoths like Nvidia, Meta, Microsoft and Amazon; it is although worth pointing out that, at least up to now this year, the Magnificent 7 have lost three comrades-in-arms (Apple, Alphabet and Tesla are in negative territory) and have morphed into the "Fabulous 4".

The earnings season being almost done, we can draw some conclusions out of it: results have mostly been very good, and very few companies showed serious concerns about the business in 2024. Although positive, the tone was nevertheless not exhilarating, apart for the majority of those companies very much involved in Al.

The steady performance of equities is even more eye-popping when looking at interest rates moves this year: 10 year yields have gone up significantly (almost 40 bps for the US and Germany), as rate cuts expectations get further delayed due to the strong economy and resistant inflation, especially in the US. This has translated into a steady USD (respectively up 2.2%, 6.4% and 1.2% versus the EUR, the JPY and the CNY) and sustained oil prices (+9.2% so far this year). Growth stomps on Value, again, and due to the incredible rise of the big Growth names, it is striking to see that the S&P 500 has performed roughly in line with the Nasdaq 100, whereas the MSCI World Growth outpaces the MSCI World Value by 370 bps year to date. But let's not spoil the party and enjoy these good markets; "Won't you fly, high, Free Bird, Yeah!" as the legendary Lynyrd Skynyrd song says.

Strategies

Haussmann had a good month in terms of performances across all strategies:

•Global Equity L/S: +2.2%/+2.2% (HFRXGL +0.3%/+0.3%)

•Global Macro: +0.5%/+0.5% (BBG MACRO -1.2%)

• Long-Only Equity: +2.4%/+2.4% (MXWO +1.1%/+1.1%)

•Asia/China Equity: +0.2%/+0.2% (MXCN/AP -10.5%/-1.7% & -10.5%/-1.7%)

In the equity long/short bucket, we saw positive alpha in all geographies and particularly on the short side. This is a continuation of the trend already witnessed since October 2023 and we believe that the normalized interest rates environment is beneficial to long/short. We estimate the interest income on short exposure to be 1.7% at the portfolio level for 2023. Managers are more constructive on markets as they see opportunities on both longs and shorts. As a result, gross exposure and net long exposure are higher, at respectively 125% and +65%. TCl is the largest monthly P&L contributor adding +24bps (+2.9% MTD), followed by Marshall Wace Eureka, which added 16bps (+2.1% MTD), while running a very low net exposure to the market. We are increasing the capital allocated to managers focused on long/short spread like Blackrock Strategic, Anomaly and Viking.

In Global Macro, risk has been increased but remains moderate. After having a mediocre year in 2023, some managers are performing well again. A good example is Castle Hook, which is the 2nd largest monthly P&L with +18bps (+5.2% MTD). Macro managers made money being net long equities (Developed markets including Japan added positively while emerging markets detracted). In Rates, positions include US curve steepeners, shorting Japanese rates and being long some EM Rates. Today, exposure on currencies is light. Other bets include long copper positions, long Gold and long carbon emissions certificates.

Asia ex-Japan and particularly China remained challenging markets to trade in January, the MSCI China Index lost -10.5% and the MSCI Asia Pacific - 1.7%. Hopefully, our managers are well diversified in terms of geographies and our Chinese-focused PMs run low net exposure and look for investment opportunities in growing sectors.

Outlook

The start of the year is quite encouraging for long/short equity managers who are able to extract alpha from these markets. A normalized interest rate environment coupled with a decent level of volatility and high dispersion between sectors should be fertile. Global growth looks fine for 2024 and many companies find new way to grow with AI. We can't exclude to have unexpected shocks going forward but this is why Haussmann is a risk-managed portfolio.

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GENERAL INFO	Principles for Responsible Investment				
Fund Inception	31-Dec-2017	Subscription	Monthly	Fund Domicile	Luxembourg
AUM (USD)	20 861 254	Redemption	Monthly (35 Days)	Inv. Manager	Waystone Mgt Company SA
Share classes	USD EUR CHF	Management Fee	1.40%	Administrator	Northern Trust Global Services SE
Investment Min	50 000	Performance Fee	0.00%	Auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers, Lux.
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