

Calamos Alternatives Snapshot

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WEEKLY HEADLINES

A 20% Allocation to Alts Would Have Improved 10-year Risk-adjusted Returns: Morningstar

“Despite trailing US equities by a wide margin over the past decade, a 20% allocation to some types of alternatives would have improved risk-adjusted returns versus an all-equity or balanced portfolio,” by modifying, diversifying or eliminating traditional market risks. This is a quote from a [Morningstar analysis](#) published last week.

“In periods of intense market selloffs like the one seen in January,” the post found, “all seven alternatives categories lost less than the Morningstar US Market Index, and in some cases delivered positive returns. Overall, most alternative strategies have shown significantly less downside risk than broad equity market benchmarks.”

Over longer periods, most alts categories have shown close correlations with equities but low levels of equity beta—meaning that their returns are not primarily driven by moves in the equity markets. (See correlation profile bottom right.) It’s the impact of the low equity beta that has a greater influence than correlation on portfolio performance, Morningstar said.

Economic Releases vs. Consensus (Previous Week)

New Home Sales (Feb): 0.772M vs. 0.810M

Durable Good Orders (Feb): -2.2% vs. -0.5%

Initial Jobless Claims: 187K vs. 212K

Economic Releases this Week

JOLTS (3/29)

Personal Income (3/31)

Personal Spending (3/31)

MORNINGSTAR WEEKLY EST. NET FLOWS (\$MIL)¹

	Last	2 Wks	3 Wks	4 Wks	Weekly	YTD
As of 3/23/22	Week	Ago	Ago	Ago	Streak	Flows
Derivative Income	384	406	241	632	68	5,328
Options Trading	335	325	122	268	68	4,434
Multistrategy	155	118	121	84	9	2,141
Equity Mkt Neutral	138	122	137	140	10	1,560
Event Driven	136	129	54	48	22	875
Commodities Broad	106	226	1,650	1,131	14	6,929
Energy LPs	75	(52)	6	231	11	697
Systematic Trend	64	105	140	101	68	1,125
Relative Value Arb	42	73	64	69	9	1,732
Macro Trading	36	32	25	24	-3	343
Real Estate	12	(765)	(1,076)	(1,348)	-1	(2,082)
Convertibles	(3)	(98)	(167)	(216)	-4	(1,694)
Long-Short Equity	(29)	(112)	54	83	-3	508
Infrastructure	(50)	(35)	(129)	(124)	-1	(33)
Nontraditional Bond	(908)	(64)	(79)	(103)	-3	1,067

BROAD INDEX PERFORMANCE¹

	1 week	MTD	QTD	YTD
S&P 500	1.81	3.98	-4.35	-4.35
Russell 3000	1.53	3.44	-5.10	-5.10
Russell 2000	-0.38	1.58	-7.22	-7.22
Russell 1000	1.65	3.56	-4.96	-4.96
Russell Mid Cap	0.97	2.65	-5.60	-5.60
MSCI EM	0.23	-3.72	-8.35	-8.35
MSCI ACWI	1.20	1.85	-5.61	-5.61
MSCI World	1.32	2.58	-5.26	-5.26
MSCI EAFE	0.20	-0.55	-7.01	-7.01
ICE BofA Global 300 Convnt	0.34	-0.91	-6.52	-6.52
ICE BofA All US Convertible	0.60	0.57	-6.00	-6.00
ICE BofA US High Yield	-0.58	-1.93	-5.48	-5.48
Bloomberg US Corp Bond	-1.73	-3.95	-9.04	-9.04
Bloomberg US Govt/Credit	-1.76	-3.87	-7.32	-7.32
Bloomberg US Agg Bond	-1.82	-3.76	-6.89	-6.89
COMMODITIES ²	3.25.22	2.28.22	12.31.21	3.25.21
Gold	1954	1910	1820	1732
Oil	112.1	96.1	75.5	58.5
Gasoline	4.24	3.53	3.28	2.87
Bitcoin	44,355	43,206	46,245	51,386

MARKET PULSE¹

MONTH-TO-DATE			As of	YEAR-TO-DATE		
VALUE	CORE	GROWTH	3/25/2022	VALUE	CORE	GROWTH
3.74	3.56	3.39	LARGE	-0.15	-4.96	-9.50
3.62	2.65	0.71	MID	-1.27	-5.60	-13.35
3.00	1.58	0.03	SMALL	-1.40	-7.22	-13.00

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MORNINGSTAR ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES¹

	1 week	MTD	QTD	YTD
Energy Limited Partnership	6.75	7.02	20.98	20.98
Commodities Broad Basket	5.26	13.68	30.15	30.15
Systematic Trend	3.66	8.28	12.34	12.34
Infrastructure	1.40	3.87	0.09	0.09
Derivative Income	1.05	2.94	-1.09	-1.09
Macro Trading	1.02	1.98	0.61	0.61
Options Trading	0.78	1.79	-2.16	-2.16
Convertibles	0.66	0.60	-5.57	-5.57
Long-Short Equity	0.65	1.41	-2.04	-2.04
Multistrategy	0.63	1.08	-0.67	-0.67
Real Estate	0.36	4.18	-6.74	-6.74
Relative Value Arbitrage	0.26	-0.04	-1.19	-1.19
Event Driven	0.22	0.19	-0.35	-0.35
Equity Market Neutral	0.21	0.44	1.87	1.87
Nontraditional Bond	-0.23	-1.09	-2.92	-2.92
BOND RATES ²	3.25.22	2.28.22	12.31.21	3.25.21
Effective Fed Funds Rate	0.33	0.08	0.08	0.07
2-Year Treasury	2.13	1.44	0.75	0.14
10-Year Treasury	2.34	1.83	1.55	1.63
ICE BofA US Corp. AAA	3.04	2.61	2.03	2.09

ALTERNATIVES 3-YEAR CORRELATION MATRIX

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Morningstar US Market	1.00						
2 Equity Market Neutral	0.22	1.00					
3 Macro Trading	0.90	0.25	1.00				
4 Multistrategy	0.92	0.32	0.91	1.00			
5 Options Trading	0.99	0.28	0.89	0.92	1.00		
6 Relative Value Arbitrage	0.79	-0.01	0.75	0.86	0.77	1.00	
7 Systematic Trend	0.19	0.19	0.49	0.27	0.18	0.14	1.00

Source: Morningstar.com, Morningstar Direct. Data as of 12/31/21. All indexes shown are Morningstar benchmarks based on total returns in US dollars unless otherwise noted.

Definitions and Disclosures

The **Nontraditional Bond** category contains funds that pursue strategies divergent in one or more ways from conventional practice in the broader bond-fund universe. **Multistrategy** portfolios offer investors exposure to two or more alternative investment strategies, as defined by Morningstar's alternative category classifications, through either a single-manager or multi-manager approach. **Macro Trading** strategies, using either systematic or discretionary trading methods, look for investment opportunities by studying such factors as the global economy, government policies, interest rates, inflation, and market trends. **Systematic Trend** funds primarily trade liquid global futures, options, swaps, and foreign exchange contracts, both listed and over-the-counter. **Commodities Broad-basket portfolios** can invest in a diversified basket of commodity goods including but not limited to grains, minerals, metals, livestock, cotton, oils, sugar, coffee, and cocoa. **Commodities Precious Metals** can invest in precious metals such as gold, silver, platinum, and palladium. **Energy Limited Partnership** strategies invest a significant amount of their portfolio in energy master limited partnerships, also known as MLPs. **Relative Value Arbitrage** strategies seek out pricing discrepancies between pairs or combinations of securities regardless of asset class. **Equity Market Neutral** strategies attempt to profit from long and short stock selection decisions while minimizing systematic risk created by exposure to factors such as overall equity market beta, sectors, market-cap ranges, investment styles, or countries. **Event-driven** strategies attempt to profit when security prices change in response to certain corporate actions, such as bankruptcies, mergers and acquisitions, emergence from bankruptcy, shifts in corporate strategy, and other atypical events. **Real Estate** portfolios invest primarily in real estate investment trusts of various types. REITs are companies that develop and manage real estate properties. **Convertible-bond portfolios** are designed to offer some of the capital-appreciation potential of stock portfolios while also supplying some of the safety and yield of bond portfolios. **Options trading** strategies use a variety of options trades, including put writing, options spreads, options-based hedged equity, and collar strategies, among others. **Derivative Income** strategies primarily use an options overlay to generate income while maintaining significant exposure to equity market risk. **Long-Short Equity** funds hold sizeable stakes in both long and short positions in equities, exchange traded funds, and related derivatives. **Infrastructure equity funds** invest more than 60% of their assets in stocks of companies engaged in infrastructure activities. Industries considered to be part of the infrastructure sector include: oil & gas midstream; waste management; airports; integrated shipping; railroads; shipping & ports; trucking; engineering & construction; infrastructure operations; and the utilities sector.

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