

Nikko AM Wholesale Multi-Strategy Fund

Monthly Update 31 March 2024

The factsheet covers the MMAF ordinary share class but not the A & C share class units which are side-pocketed.

Performance

	One month	Three months	One year	Three years (p.a)	Five years (p.a)	Ten years (p.a)
Wholesale¹	1.89%	4.32%	9.55%	2.98%	4.64%	4.37%
Benchmark²	0.72%	2.16%	8.88%	6.25%	5.32%	5.32%

1. Returns are before tax and before the deduction of fees and including tax credits (if any).
2. Current Benchmark: Bloomberg NZ Bond Bank Bill Index plus 3.0% per annum. No tax or fees.

Investment Manager

The Wholesale Multi-Strategy Fund invests into the JP Morgan Alternative Asset Management Hedge Fund Solutions JP Morgan Multi Manager Alternatives Fund (MMAF).

JPMAAM HFS is led by CIO Paul Zummo who co-founded the business in 1994 and is still head of the Portfolio Management Group and chairs the JPMAAM HSF Investment Committee. Paul has over 25 years industry experience and is a member of the CFA Institute.

Performance Contribution by Strategy

Strategy	No. of funds	Contribution YTD*
Credit	2	0.59%
Event Driven	4	-0.01%
Long/Short Equities	6	1.21%
Macro/Opportunistic	1	2.03%
Relative Value	3	0.58%

*Contribution is for the calendar year.

Overview

The fund provides access to a multi-manager, multi-strategy investment fund designed to generate returns over the long term.

The portfolio has a diversified risk profile with low to medium volatility.

Objective

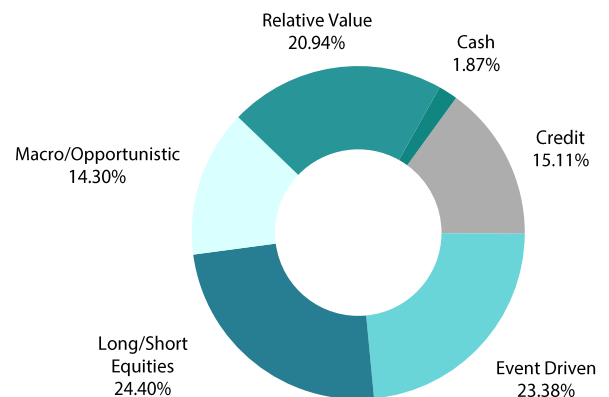
The fund aims to outperform the benchmark return before fees, expenses and taxes over a rolling three-year period.

Five Year Cumulative Performance, \$10,000 invested^{1,2}

Performance is for JPMAAM MSF II strategy up to 30.06.20 and for MMAF from 01.07.20



Strategy Allocation (by value of fund)



Market Commentary

March remained a fairly good month for stock markets with economic data remaining resilient globally - boosting investor sentiment and the prospect of a soft landing. The 'magnificent seven' stocks continued to perform well, the Nikkei has continued to rebound, and there is growing optimism in European equities. Fixed income markets faced a more challenging period as stickier inflation prints have further reduced US rate cut expectations to no more than three rate cuts. As such, the MSCI World Index returned +3.26% and the Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index returned +0.55% over the month.

Fund Commentary (source: JPMAAM for underlying USD share class)

All five strategy returns were positive for the month of March.

Macro/Opportunistic Strategy (Return: +5.51%)

Macro strategies had another strong month and led the fund returns in March and for the first quarter with meaningful gains across both sub-strategies. Positive performance in the quantitative macro sub-strategy was driven by long equities positioning, particularly within Europe, and rates trading in the US and Europe. The CTA sub-strategy primarily benefitted from long European and Japanese equities positioning and long diversified commodities exposure.

Credit Strategy (Return: +1.22%)

Performance in the strategy was driven primarily by the concentration conviction trades in the high yield tranches of CDX indices, with additional gains delivered by the municipal bond trading sub-strategy.

Relative Value Strategy (Return: +1.26%)

Relative Value strategies contributed positively on the month, driven primarily by continued gains from the quantitative equity market neutral sub-strategy while performance from the multi-strategy portfolio was roughly flat. The new statistical arbitrage manager delivered strong positive returns but remains sized more modestly in the portfolio.

Long/Short Equity Strategy (Return: +2.50%)

The strategy continued delivering meaningful returns in March, with gains spread across almost every manager in the lineup (with one exception - a China focused manager, who was challenged by continued volatility in Chinese equities). Gains were led by a value equity manager driven by a number of concentration conviction trades in consumer discretionary and industrials, and a utilities focused manager driven by long positions in renewable energy construction company Mastec and US power generation company AES. Additional key contributors included European financials exposure (Legal & General Group, Unicredit) and technology and communications exposure (Q2 Holdings, Five9).

Event Driven Strategy (Return: +0.10%)

March gains were driven by a multi-event driven manager, led by the special situations position in Canada-based gold mining company lamGold Corp, with additional gains from shareholder engagement positions, with gains across all long positions largely balanced by hedging losses.

Key Fund Facts

Estimated annual fund charges (incl. GST)		Hedging:	JPMAAM hedges all currency exposure back to NZ dollars.	Strategy Launch:	June 2008
Wholesale:	None.	Redemptions:	Requests can be made on a daily basis and they will be processed within 12 working days.	Strategy size:	\$45.2m
Distributions:	Generally does not distribute			Buy / Sell spread:	0.00%/0.00%
Management Fee to JPMAAM 1.95% p.a. includes underlying JPMAAM fund expenses and underlying manager fees.					

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