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# Nikko AM NZ Wholesale Investment Scheme

# Nikko AM Wholesale Multi-Strategy Fund

#### Fund manager

JP Morgan Alternative Asset Management Inc (JPMAAM), via Nikko Asset Management New Zealand Limited.

In New Zealand we actively manage NZ\$5 billion of investments for a diverse group of clients, including superannuation schemes, charitable trusts, KiwiSaver scheme providers, corporations and local government along with providing services to financial intermediaries through wrap platforms.

We offer investment management services in domestic sectors (equities, fixed interest and cash) through our Auckland-based investment team and employ offshore managers to manage global sectors (global equities, global bonds and alternative investments). Nikko AM NZ utilise JPMAAM's multi-manager/multi-strategy fund, Multi-Strategy II, Ltd (MSF II Ltd) to provide access to absolute return strategies.

#### **Fund launch**

June 2008

# Investment objective

To construct a portfolio of authorised investments that outperform the Fund's benchmark return over a rolling three year period after fees.

# Benchmark

Bloomberg NZBond Bank Bill Index plus 2.5% pa (from 1 July 2016)

#### Investment process

By integrating a number of hedge fund strategies into one fund, the MSF II Ltd fund's objective is to generate capital appreciation over the long term through a portfolio having a diversified risk profile with relatively low volatility and a low correlation with traditional equity and fixed-income markets.

#### Trustee

**Public Trust** 

#### Custodian

Public Trust as legal custodian, BNP Paribas Fund Services Australasia Pty Limited delegated as functional custodian.

#### Structure and taxation

Offshore manager's product with NZD share class.

The Fund vehicle is a Portfolio Investment Entity (PIE). Investors elect their own Prescribed Investor Rate. Each investor's return is subject to the foreign investment taxation regime, under the Fair Dividend Rate approach. Information is provided to the IR and investors on an annual basis.

# Distributions

Does not distribute but may do so at the Manager's discretion.

#### Buy/sell spread

Nil

### Currency management

JPMAAM is responsible for hedging the foreign currency exposures back to New Zealand dollars and has developed a New Zealand dollar share class for MSF II which the Nikko AM Wholesale Multi-Strategy Fund invests in.

#### Management fees

An investment management fee of 1.00% per annum and administration expenses are deducted from the offshore manager's product.

Nikko AM acts as agent for JPMAAM in New Zealand and receives an annual trail fee for the amount invested in the MSF II Ltd product. This trail fee is paid by JPMAAM and not from the Fund or MSF II Ltd.

#### Performance fee

JP Morgan charge a performance fee, accrued on a monthly basis and calculated on the gross returns, less all expenses including the JPMAAM management fee, with such performance fee subject to loss carry-forward provisions, payable annually to JPMAAM and deducted from the MSF II product of:

10.0% of returns (in USD terms) above the annualized return from US 3-month T-Bill

#### Subscriptions

Minimum subscription and minimum holding is NZD150,000. Investments can only be made into the Fund once each month. The table below outlines the application dates for the next period ended June 2017.

#### **Application date**

The date the application money needs to be deposited to Public Trust application account.

| 15 February 2017 | 14 July 2017      |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 14 March 2017    | 15 August 2017    |
| 12 April 2017    | 13 September 2017 |
| 12 May 2017      | 13 October 2017   |
| 13 June 2017     | 13 November 2017  |

#### Redemptions

Withdrawals are processed quarterly with the redemption request required to Nikko AM NZ prior to the redemption date. The following table outlines the dates that your redemption request is required to be with Nikko AM NZ and the date that your redemption will be processed. Redemption proceeds will be available approximately 6 weeks after the redemption date.

| Redemption request date Redemption request submitted to Nikko AM NZ | Redemption date Redemption from MSFII by the Nikko AM Wholesale Multi-Strategy Fund |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 18 April 2017                                                       | 30 June 2017                                                                        |
| 17 July 2017                                                        | 30 September 2017                                                                   |
| 20 October 2017                                                     | 31 December 2017                                                                    |
| 15 January 2018                                                     | 31 March 2018                                                                       |
| 16 April 2018                                                       | 30 June 2018                                                                        |



## Performance (NZD gross returns before JPMAAM fees)

|              | Fund  | Benchmark* | Excess |
|--------------|-------|------------|--------|
| 1 month      | 0.36% | 0.38%      | -0.02% |
| 3 months     | 0.42% | 1.18%      | -0.76% |
| 6 months     | 2.60% | 2.43%      | 0.17%  |
| 1 year       | 2.15% | 5.07%      | -2.92% |
| 2 years (pa) | 3.86% | 5.55%      | -1.69% |
| 3 years (pa) | 4.75% | 5.69%      | -0.93% |
| 5 years (pa) | 8.18% | 5.52%      | 2.65%  |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>ast}$  S&P/NZX Bank Bills 90-Day Index plus 2.5% per annum prior to 1 July 2016

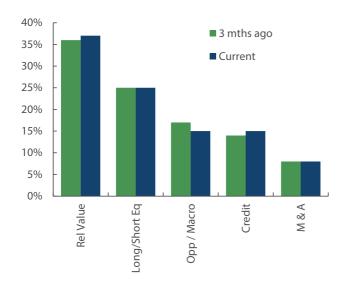
#### Fund size

MSF II Ltd: US\$2.3 billion (JPMAAM fund) Nikko AM Fund: NZ\$195 million

# Performance by strategy (absolute)

| Strategy                        | Number of Funds | Latest<br>month | Cal<br>YTD |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Relative Value                  | 10              | 0.36%           | 0.51%      |
| Long / Short Equities           | 9               | 0.60%           | -0.03%     |
| Opportunistic / Macro           | 6               | 0.03%           | -4.19%     |
| Credit                          | 6               | 0.15%           | 11.35%     |
| Merger Arbitrage / Event Driven | 2               | 1.50%           | 2.99%      |

#### Portfolio composition by strategy



# Commentary

The **Relative Value** strategy (December: +0.36% vs. HFRX Relative Value +0.83%) was up for the month, but underperformed the strategy index. An Asian-focused Multi-Strategy manager was a significant contributor with gains in a short position in Japan and, to a lesser extent, equity relative value trades in the US and Europe. Also contributing was a side-pocket consisting of a holding company for biotech and biopharmaceutical companies. The position was marked up for the quarter as one of the underlying companies was successfully IPO'd. Multi-Strategy funds were mixed with gains in one fund's book being partially offset by other managers. Another Multi-Strat had meaningful losses in a futures strategy that positioned short equities in the US and Europe.

The Long/Short Equities strategy (December: +0.60% vs. HFRX Equity Hedge +0.18%) was up for the month with several contributors. The largest contributor was a health care focused manager that made money in a specialty pharmaceutical company that received news of an accelerated FDA review for a new drug. A European focused manager made money in both its large and small cap strategies. Positions that contributed include a German cement company that traded up on analyst upgrades, an amusement park operator whose shares rose after the conclusion of a legal dispute and an industrial machine manufacturer that appreciated on positive preliminary 2016 results. Offsetting some of these gains were losses in a Global manager driven by a business analytics company that fell on weak guidance.

The **Opportunistic/Macro** strategy (December: +0.03% vs. HFRX Macro +0.48%) was flattish for the month and did not have significant contributors or detractors. Gains in a Discretionary Macro manager from fixed income, equity and commodity trades were offset by losses in a dedicated Commodities fund that liquidated during the month.

The **Credit** strategy (December: +0.15% vs. HFRX Distressed +1.87%) was slightly up for the month. Small gains in Corporate-Distressed, Structured Credit and Litigation Finance combined to offset losses in the General Obligation debt of Puerto Rico.

Merger Arbitrage/Event Driven managers (December: +1.50% vs. HFRX Event Driven +1.92%) were up for the month but underperformed the strategy index. The only meaningful contributor for the month was a Multi-Event Driven manager that made money in a Spanish engineering company, a hotel and resort operator and a Canadian gold miner.

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