

Factsheet 31 December 2020

NIKKO AM WHOLESALE MULTI STRATEGY FUND

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

Performance

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years (p.a)	5 years (p.a)	10 years (p.a)
Wholesale ¹	3.16%	6.74%	8.23%	5.14%	4.45%	6.55%
Benchmark ²	0.27%	0.82%	3.66%	4.47%	4.64%	5.12%

1. Returns are before tax and before the deduction of fees

2. Current Benchmark: Bloomberg NZBond Bank Bill Index plus 3.0% per annum. No tax or fees

Applications and Redemption Schedule

Application and redemption requests can be made on a daily basis and they will be processed within 12 working days.

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.

Overview

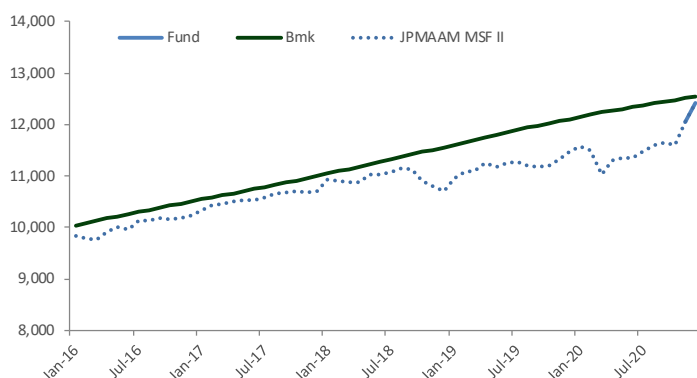
The fund provides access to a multi-manager, multi-strategy investment fund designed to generate returns over the long term.

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

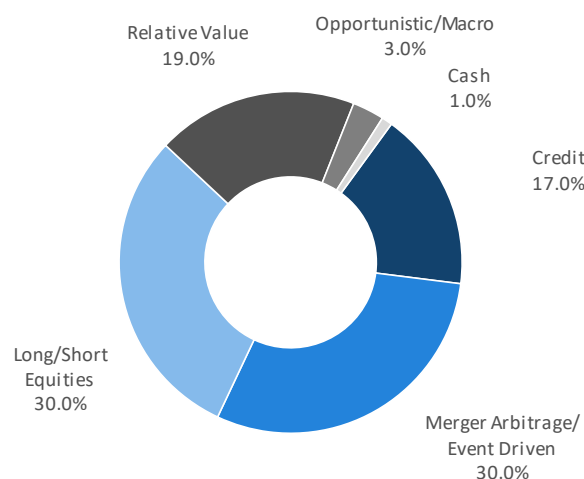
Objective

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}



Strategy Allocations (by value of fund)



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

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

Equity and credit markets extended their strong performance through December and the end of 2020. Overall, global equities rose 4.3% in December in USD terms according to the MSCI World Index. Global fixed income returns were mixed with corporate credit outperforming government bonds.

The **Relative Value Strategy** continued to have strong performance in December. Gains were driven overwhelmingly by warrant volatility arbitrage trading, for which elevated levels of volatility and increased SPAC market activity has offered significant opportunities for active investors. Geographically, the strategy experienced its strongest gains in its North American positions and by asset class, Equity and Credit trades performed the best. Financials and Information Technology were the strongest contributing sectors.

The **Macro/Oppportunistic Strategy** was positive in December, with trades in APAC and Europe outweighing some losses in North American trades. By sector, the strategy saw gains from its Equity and Commodity trades. The **Long/Short Equity Strategy** was positive in December, benefitting from market tailwinds and alpha opportunities resulting from continued dispersion. By sector, the strategy saw gains primarily from trades in Information Technology, Communication Services and Healthcare. By geography, gains in North American and European trades provided the strongest performance. Notable drivers for the strategy included a position in the New York Times Company and Fate Therapeutics, a biopharmaceutical company that develops programmed cellular immunotherapies for cancer and immune disorders. The **Merger Arbitrage/Event Driven Strategy** delivered the highest contribution for December with positive returns from all managers and the strongest performance coming from the fund’s tactical allocation to SPACs. By Geography, North American positions provided the strongest gains while, trades in financials were the strongest contributors by sector. By security, gains came from FinServ and LiveOak SPACs who made business combination announcements during the month. The **Credit Strategy** positive in December with gains attributed to North American positions primarily in asset backed securities. By security, gains came from a position in the HY municipal bonds of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority.

There continues to be three key areas of focus where we find interesting returns with limited downside. Long/Short Equity remains a core allocation, in which we are focused on strategies with lower levels of net equity exposure to maintain the fund’s low beta profile. In credit, we focus on yield based strategies with structural benefits to help manage risk either through structural subordination or valuation protections. Lastly, we maintain significant exposure to less correlated strategies with natural downside protection but upside optionality such as SPACs and convertible bond arbitrage.

Performance Contribution by Strategy

Strategy	No. of funds	Cal YTD
Relative Value	1	5.34%
Long / Short Equities	5	5.05%
Opportunistic / Macro	1	-0.18%
Credit	2	1.34%
Merger Arbitrage / Event Driven	4	3.06%

Information shown in the table above is for the month prior to the date of this fact sheet

Key Fund Facts

Distributions

Generally does not distribute

Buy / Sell spread: 0.00% / 0.00%
Strategy Launch: June 2008
Strategy size: \$27.4m

Hedging JPMAAM hedges all currency exposure back to NZ dollars.

Estimated annual fund charges

Wholesale: None

Management fee to JPMAAM 2.20% p.a. includes underlying JPMAAM fund expenses and underlying manager fees.

Compliance

The Fund complied with its investment mandate and trust deed during the month.

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