

NIKKO AM MULTI-STRATEGY FUND

Monthly Fact Sheet

31 March 2017



Investment objective

The objective of the Fund is to construct a portfolio of permitted investments that outperform the Fund's benchmark return over a rolling three year period after fees and expenses, before taxes.

Benchmark

Bloomberg NZBond Bank Bill Index plus 2.5% per annum.

Fund description

The Fund aims to provide investors with access to a multi-manager, multi-strategy investment programme designed to generate capital appreciation over the long term through a portfolio having a diversified risk profile with low volatility and a low correlation with traditional equity and fixed-income markets.

The Fund gains its investment exposure by investing into the Nikko AM Wholesale Multi-Strategy Fund. The Nikko AM Wholesale Multi-Strategy Fund invests into JP Morgan Alternative Asset Management Inc's Multi-Strategy Fund II, Ltd (MSF II).

Currency management

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

Management fees and other charges

Nikko AM does not charge a management fee to the Fund, nor does it charge a management fee for this Fund's investment into the Nikko AM Wholesale Multi-Strategy Fund. JPMAAM charge a management fee, payable monthly in arrears of 1.0% per annum of the net asset value of funds invested in MSF II, which is directly deducted from MSF II. Nikko AM may also recover expenses (including the Trustee fee) from the Fund up to a maximum of 0.25% per annum of the Fund's net asset value. An estimate of expenses as at the time of publication is 0.10% per annum. We act as distributor for JPMAAM in New Zealand and we receive a fee for arrangement of the investment of New Zealand funds in JPMAAM's investment vehicles. This fee is paid to Nikko AM NZ directly by JPMAAM and not from the Fund or MSFII. 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.

Buy/sell spread

Nil

Strategic asset allocation

	Target	Range
Nikko AM Wholesale Multi-Strategy Fund	100%	95% ↔ 100%
Cash pending investment with manager	0%	0% ↔ 5%

Refer to the SIPO for full details of permitted investments and restrictions.

Applications

Investments can only be made into the Fund once each month. The table below outlines the application dates for the next five months. Refer to the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) for further information on applications.

Application date	
The date the application money needs to be deposited to Public Trust application account (note that the PIP or custodial service may require the investment to be with them on an earlier date).	
12 May 2017	13 October 2017
13 June 2017	13 November 2017
14 July 2017	14 December 2017
15 August 2017	12 January 2018
13 September 2017	12 February 2018

Withdrawals

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. Refer to the PDS for further information on withdrawals.

Redemption request date	Redemption date
Redemption request submitted to Nikko AM NZ (note that the PIP or custodial service may require the notice to be with them on an earlier date)	Redemption from MSFII by the Nikko AM Wholesale Multi-Strategy Fund
17 July 2017	30 September 2017
20 October 2017	31 December 2017
15 January 2018	31 March 2018
16 April 2018	30 June 2018
16 July 2018	30 September 2018

Performance

(NZD returns; before tax, after fees and expenses)

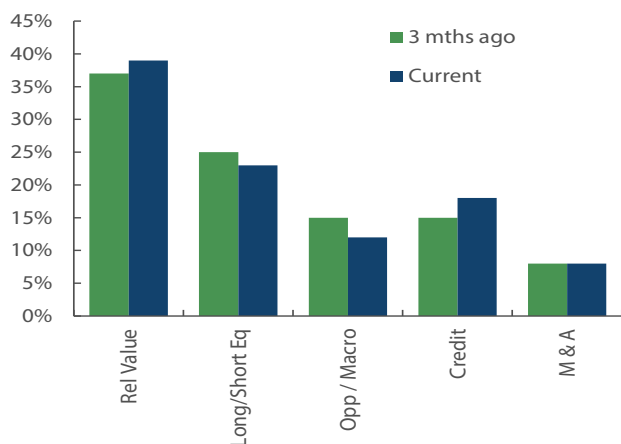
1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year
0.07%	1.76%	2.28%	5.62%
2 years (pa)	3 years (pa)	5 years (pa)	Inception (pa)*
2.01%			3.53%

* April 2014

Performance contribution by strategy

Strategy	Number of Funds	Latest month	Cal YTD
Relative Value	11	0.18%	0.22%
Long / Short Equities	9	0.56%	1.29%
Opportunistic / Macro	4	-0.04%	-0.03%
Credit	7	0.00%	0.22%
Merger Arbitrage / Event Driven	2	0.02%	0.14%
Portfolio Hedge	1	-0.01%	-0.03%

Portfolio composition by geography



Finalist – Alternative Sector

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Commentary

The **Relative Value** strategy was slightly negative for the month, but outperformed the underlying strategy index. Gains related to a Multi-Strategy Fund’s settlement with a bankrupt financial institution were offset by losses in Statistical Arbitrage. The biggest losses came from a pair of funds that employ a machine learning approach to trading US equities across market caps. Volatility-related strategies were mixed: a Volatility Arbitrage manager lost money on long volatility positioning, while a Volatility Event fund was able to make money in a challenging environment for the strategy.

The **Opportunistic/Macro** was up for the month and outperformed the underlying strategy index. The largest contributor was a Discretionary Macro manager that made money trading the US and European yield curves and in long US and European equity positions. These gains were partially offset by another Discretionary Macro fund that lost money in equities (long Japan and short Europe), currencies (long USD/EUR) and from its overall long volatility positioning.

The **Long/Short Equities** strategy was up solidly for the month and outperformed the underlying strategy index. The biggest contributor was a TMT specialist that continues to have success investing both long and short. On the long side, the biggest contributor was a pharmaceutical company that announced positive results from a Phase 3 study of a sleep apnea drug. On the short side, contributors included a telecom company that was downgraded and a technology company that announced sales would fall more than 50% in Q1. Other gains in Long/Short Equities came from global and non-US managers. In Europe, a manager made money across large and small cap companies. Among large caps, a German industrial machinery company rose on little news, a German defense contractor rose following the announcement of a joint venture and a UK-based insurance company was up on analyst upgrades. Gains in small caps were all in UK-based companies: an advertising agency rose on analyst upgrades, a building product manufacturer rose on strong earnings and a homebuilder was up on little news.

Merger Arbitrage/Event Driven managers were negative for the month. The only meaningful detractor was a Multi-Event Driven manager that lost money in energy-related positions.

The **Credit** strategy was lower during the month. The biggest detractor was a fund that is seeking to profit from mispricings in the debt of Puerto Rico. During the month, the Fiscal Control Board, which is charged with leading fiscal reform on the island, announced a plan which caused the GO debt of the commonwealth to sell off. Offsetting some of these losses were gains from a Litigation Finance manager and a positive development in a co-investment related to a bankrupt financial institution.

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