

# 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.

12 April 2017	13 September 2017
12 May 2017	13 October 2017
13 June 2017	13 November 2017
14 July 2017	14 December 2017
15 August 2017	12 January 2018

## 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 date
Redemption request submitted to Nikko AM NZ	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	0.78%	0.36%	0.41%
3 months	2.40%	1.13%	1.27%
6 months	2.95%	2.34%	0.61%
1 year	6.52%	4.92%	1.60%
2 years (pa)	3.59%	5.40%	-1.82%
3 years (pa)	4.43%	5.64%	-1.21%
5 years (pa)	7.73%	5.50%	2.23%

\* S&P/NZX Bank Bills 90-Day Index plus 2.5% per annum prior to 1 July 2016

### Fund size

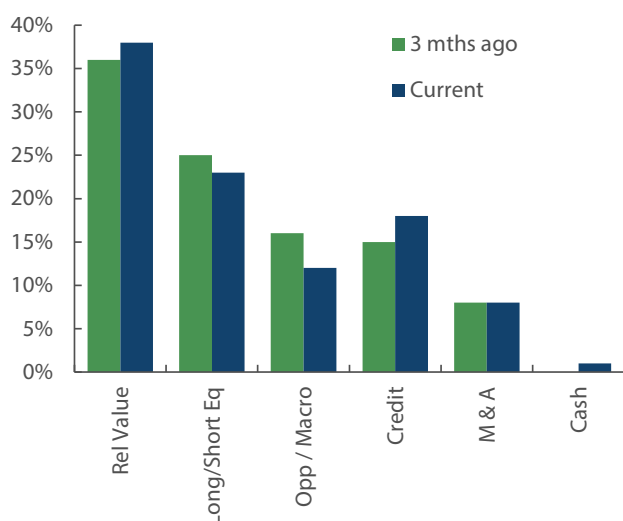
MSF II Ltd: US\$2 billion (JPMAAM fund)

Nikko AM Fund: NZ\$201 million

### Performance contribution by strategy

Strategy	Number of Funds	Latest month	Cal YTD
Relative Value	11	0.03%	0.03%
Long / Short Equities	9	0.72%	0.72%
Opportunistic / Macro	4	0.01%	0.01%
Credit	7	0.22%	0.22%
Merger Arbitrage / Event Driven	2	0.11%	0.11%
Portfolio Hedge	1	-0.02%	-0.02%

### Portfolio composition by strategy



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### Commentary

The Fund outperformed the index over the month of February.

The **Relative Value** strategy (February: +0.43% vs. HFRX Relative Value +0.62%) was up for the month, but underperformed the strategy index. Multi-Strategy managers were mixed. One fund made money in Chinese equities and short positions in shipping and offshore energy companies, while another manager profited from its systematic futures strategy. Offsetting these gains, however, was a Multi-Strat fund that lost money in long/short equity trades. Statistical Arbitrage managers, as a whole, were up with the biggest gains in a pair of funds that employ a machine learning approach to trading US equities across market caps. This manager made money in both short term and medium term applications of the strategy.

The **Opportunistic/Macro** strategy (February: -0.41% vs. HFRX Macro +1.18%) was down for the month and underperformed the strategy index. Discretionary Macro managers were mixed during the month with one fund losing money in fixed income, currency and commodity trades.

The **Long/Short Equities** strategy (February: +2.51% vs. HFRX Equity Hedge +1.17%) was up solidly for the month and outperformed the strategy index. Nearly all managers were up for the month with the biggest contributions coming from sector specialist funds in health care and technology, media and telecom (TMT). The health care specialist made money in a company that signed a large royalty agreement for a blood disorder treatment and a company which is partnering with a Japanese firm to develop a cancer treatment. The TMT specialist made money in a pharmaceutical company that began a Phase 2 clinical study to treat a symptom of Parkinson's disease and a software company that posted strong quarterly earnings. A Flexible Net manager made money in a tech solutions company and a hospital operator that each posted strong earnings. Lastly, an Activist manager profited from an engine manufacturer and a real estate company that also posted strong earnings.

**Merger Arbitrage/Event Driven** managers (February: +0.21% vs. HFRX Event Driven +1.55%) were positive for the month with no significant contributors or detractors.

The **Credit** strategy (February: -0.25% vs. HFRX Distressed +2.19%) was slightly lower during the month. Gains came from our Litigation Finance manager and a fund that is seeking to profit from mispricings in the debt of Puerto Rico. The Puerto Rico fund benefitted from the General Obligation bonds of the commonwealth which appreciated during the month. These gains, however, were offset by a Corporate-Distressed manager that lost money due to its overall short positioning, a short in a hospital operator and a long position in an energy company.

Finally, our **Portfolio Hedge** manager was negative as the S&P 500 rose +3.97% and VIX rose only modestly from 12.0 to 12.9.