

- ◆ Positive absolute return of 0.8% net during the quarter despite the strategy's average negative market exposure of 4.5% during the quarter;
- ◆ The strategy exhibited an annualized volatility of just 5.5% and a negative correlation compared to U.S. equity markets;
- ◆ Neutral posture will be maintained until significant changes arise to the U.S. outlook (positive or negative) or the Fed's stimulus package.

Formula Growth Alpha II Fund

1st Quarter 2013 Results

Dear Investors,

Quarterly Review

The stock market had a strong first quarter with the S&P 500 and Russell 2000 increasing 10.6% and 12.4% respectively. The US markets continued to rally fueled by the easy money policies of the central banks and hopes for a 2nd half acceleration in the world economy. During the quarter the fund chose to maintain a neutral posture with markets approaching all time highs, we felt and continue to feel that the risk reward equation is much more balanced than in prior quarters. As well, some downside risks appear to be forming should the much expected economic acceleration not materialize in the second half of 2013. For the quarter the fund generated a gross return of 1.3% and 0.8% net despite having an average negative net exposure for the quarter of -4.5%. We chose during the quarter to eliminate all market risk and sectoral exposures and focus on stock picking as evidenced by our negative correlation to the SP 500 of -0.9% as well as our annualized volatility well below that of the market at 5.5% vs. 10.3% for the S&P 500 and 12.3% for the Russell 2000.

We entered the quarter with a balanced view of the risk and reward available in the U.S. stock markets. On the positive side, an ever aggressive Fed continues to force investors into taking on additional risk as their traditional investment alternatives become less attractive in a low rate environment. This has resulted in an expansion of the earnings multiple across equity markets making many names less attractive on the long side due to less upside return potential. On the negative side, the exuberant equity

Relative Return Analysis

	Q1			Inception-to-Date		
	Alpha II	S&P500	R2000	Alpha II	S&P500	R2000
Statistical Analysis						
Period Gross Total Return (US\$)	1.3%	10.6%	12.4%	29.0%	28.3%	30.8%
Annualized Deviation of Daily Returns	5.5%	10.3%	12.3%	8.1%	12.3%	16.3%
Sharpe Ratio	0.7	4.7	4.9	2.6	1.5	1.4
Correlation		(0.9%)	9.7%		45.0%	47.6%
Up Market Analysis						
Number of Up Days	35	37	39	180	169	160
Largest Daily Gain	0.7%	2.5%	2.8%	2.7%	2.5%	2.9%
Fund % Up Capture		(6.9%)	(1.3%)		39.9%	25.4%
Down Market Analysis						
Number of Down Days	25	23	21	130	141	150
Largest Daily Loss	(1.1%)	(1.8%)	(2.2%)	(1.6%)	(2.5%)	(3.2%)
Largest Draw Down from Peak	(3.0%)	(2.8%)	(3.9%)	(6.5%)	(9.9%)	(12.9%)
Fund % Down Capture		(27.9%)	(14.1%)		18.1%	7.9%

markets have yet to be matched with equally exciting economic data; the U.S. economy continues to grow but at a slowing rate of 1-2%, Europe continues to be in a difficult economic stretch and China's growth seems to have bottomed after the leadership change. For the market to continue to move higher, the economy must improve drastically in the 2nd half of the year, and while there are reasons to believe that this is the case (housing, wealth effect and domestic energy production) should the economy fail to deliver in the 2nd half there could be significant downside to equity valuations. We are therefore comfortable maintaining our neutral posture heading into Q2 and to add value through stock selection.

Portfolio Positioning

We began the quarter with net exposure of 2.0% and a net beta of 0.21. As the markets continued to rally throughout Q1, we steadily reduced our exposure and finished the quarter with net exposure of -9.9% and a net beta of 0.0. The average net exposure over the quarter was -4.5% with an average net beta of 0.11. We gradually reduced our exposure as markets continued to lift and our company specific checks continued to confirm that the economy had yet to accelerate from its 1 to 2% low growth levels. We chose to protect our investors from un-expected downside and volatility by increasing our hedge book from 37.9% at the begging of the quarter to 47.2% at quarter end.

Market and Beta Exposure

	Dec-31	Q1 Avg.	Mar-31
Gross Long	67.0%	70.0%	65.4%
Gross Short	(65.1%)	(74.5%)	(75.3%)
Net	2.0%	(4.5%)	(9.9%)
Total Gross	132.1%	144.5%	140.7%
Net Raw Beta	0.21	0.11	0.01

Strategy Breakdown

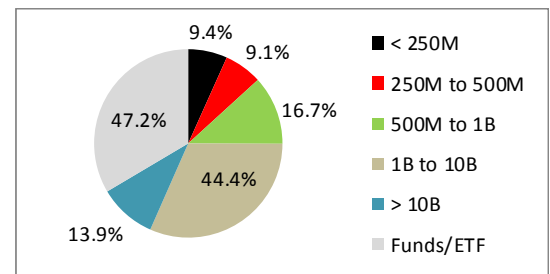
	Dec-31	Q1 Avg.	Mar-31
Pair Trade	15.9%	17.2%	18.5%
Hedge	37.9%	44.4%	47.2%
Alpha Long	57.2%	60.5%	56.0%
Alpha Short	21.1%	22.3%	19.0%

The Alpha long book remained relatively constant during the quarter with an average of 60.5%. Our Alpha short book began at 21.1%, peaked on the 20th of February at 27% and ended the quarter at 19% as several money making shorts were covered in the back half of the quarter. Our Pair Trading book increased from 15.9% at the beginning of the quarter to 18.5% at quarter end as we added a new paired position.

Positions (Period End) and Returns by Market Cap

	# of Longs	# of Shorts	Total	Q1	2013 YTD
< 250M	8	0	8	2.6%	2.6%
250 to 500M	9	1	10	1.3%	1.3%
500M to 1B	12	3	15	0.9%	0.9%
1B to 10B	18	18	36	1.5%	1.5%
> 10B	2	4	6	(0.0%)	(0.0%)
Funds/ETF	0	6	6	(4.7%)	(4.7%)
Total	49	32	81	1.3%	1.3%

Market Cap Breakdown (Period End)



Quarterly Portfolio Attribution

Strategy Attribution		
	Q1	2013 YTD
Pair Trade	0.6%	0.6%
Hedge	(4.7%)	(4.7%)
Alpha Long	6.1%	6.1%
Alpha Short	(0.4%)	(0.4%)

During the quarter, 28 individual names contributed over 10 bps to total return with 8 of these being new positions initiated during the quarter. The Alpha Long book contributed 6.1% on gross exposure of 60.5%, roughly inline with the S&P 500 returns. The Alpha Short book had an excellent quarter losing only 0.4% on average exposure of 22.3%, significantly outperforming index returns. The Pair Trading Book contributed 0.6% on average net exposure of 17.2% while our Hedge Book lost 4.7% on average net exposure of 44.4%.

The major contributors to first quarter performance were the Financial Sector which added 1.2%, the Consumer Discretionary Sector which added 1.0% and the IT Sector which added 0.7%. On the negative side of the ledger the Energy Sector cost us 1.4%.

Net Exposure				Attribution					
	Dec-31	Q1 Avg.	Mar-31		January	February	March	Q1	2013 YTD
Cons. Discr.	(2.1%)	(2.7%)	(5.3%)	Cons. Discr.	0.5%	(0.3%)	0.8%	1.0%	1.0%
Cons. Staples	(2.4%)	(2.8%)	(2.8%)	Cons. Staples	0.1%	(0.0%)	(0.1%)	0.1%	0.1%
Energy	5.1%	(0.2%)	(3.2%)	Energy	(0.2%)	(1.2%)	(0.1%)	(1.4%)	(1.4%)
Financials	(0.6%)	(1.4%)	(1.7%)	Financials	0.2%	0.8%	0.2%	1.2%	1.2%
Health Care	1.8%	2.2%	1.8%	Health Care	0.1%	(0.2%)	0.1%	(0.0%)	(0.0%)
Industrials	(5.4%)	(4.2%)	(3.8%)	Industrials	(0.1%)	0.8%	(0.3%)	0.4%	0.4%
IT	6.3%	6.1%	7.8%	IT	1.0%	(1.2%)	1.0%	0.7%	0.7%
Materials	(0.3%)	(0.7%)	(1.5%)	Materials	(0.0%)	(0.3%)	0.0%	(0.4%)	(0.4%)
Telecom.	(0.1%)	(0.4%)	(0.8%)	Telecom.	(0.0%)	(0.0%)	(0.1%)	(0.1%)	(0.1%)
Utilities	(0.4%)	(0.4%)	(0.5%)	Utilities	(0.0%)	0.0%	(0.0%)	(0.0%)	(0.0%)

Financials

The Financial Sector was our best performing sector in Q1 adding 1.2% to total return. We had an average net exposure of negative 1.4% and ended with a net exposure of -1.7%. Financials were a strong contributor in the market during Q1 fueled by an improving U.S. housing market and a reduced perception of tail risks driven by central bank actions which led a continued improvement in company valuations. Our top contributor in Q1 was Radian Group, a mortgage insurer in the US, which added 102bps and Genworth Financial, an insurance company, which added 50bps. There were no losses above 10bps in the quarter. We will continue to maintain a neutral posture and attempt to add value through security selection.

Consumer

The Consumer Discretionary Sector was our second best performing sector in Q1 adding 1.0% to total return. We had an average net exposure of -2.7% and ended with a net exposure of -5.3%. The Consumer discretionary sector was a solid contributor in the market during Q1 driven by a continued recovery in consumer spending, an improving labor market and an improving housing market. Our top contributors in Q1 was ValueVision Media, a home shopping and e-commerce marketing

company, which added 114 bps. Our biggest loss was in ITT Educational Services, a for profit school in the US which contributed -43 bps. We will continue to maintain a neutral to negative posture towards the consumer sector as the group is pricing in a robust recovery to pre-crisis levels in consumer spending which has yet to materialize.

Energy

The Energy Sector was our worst performing sector in Q1 subtracting 1.4% to total return. Our defensive posture in the sector of -3.2% and a net beta of 0 was predicated on our concern around limited oil price upside in the near term and our neutral view of the market in general, this hurt us in a rising stock market environment as the Energy Index rose 11.7% in the quarter. Our top contributor in the quarter was Halcon Resources which added 55bps to returns. The largest negative contributor was Northern Oil and Gas which lost 83bps in the quarter despite being confident in the long term value of the name, part of the position was eliminated in the quarter in order to limit the losses in this holding.

IT

The IT Sector contributed 0.7% to total return in the quarter. The returns were driven by several winners on the long side with five names contributing more than 10bps in the quarter, the biggest winner was Move Inc. a new position in the quarter which added 51 bps to total return, the biggest loss in the quarter came from VeriFone Systems which lost 76 bps after reporting very disappointing earnings and as a result we sold the majority of the position.

2nd Quarter Outlook

We entered the 2nd quarter with a neutral portfolio posture. We continue to be concerned that downside risks are still prominent given the following two scenarios. Firstly, markets may be vulnerable to any disappointing economic numbers as the Central Bank's ability to counteract a slowing economy or any deflationary expectations are diminished significantly after several years of massive monetary intervention. Secondly, should economic and labor markets improve considerably, stock market participants will begin to worry about a potential withdrawal of monetary stimulus which will be difficult to accomplish given the trillions in liquidity which would be removed. This removal will most likely not happen without any major market dislocations. The positive scenario for stocks would be a continued muted recovery in the U.S. economy with inflation and unemployment remaining close to current levels. We will continue to stay true to our process, limiting volatility and providing our investors with downside protection while continuing to add value for our investors through our stock picking process.

Thank you for your confidence,

Formula Growth

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