

Formula Growth Alpha Fund Third Quarter 2018 Investment Results

Highlights:

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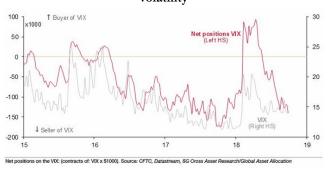
Dear Investors,

During the third quarter of 2018, the FG Alpha Fund ("the Fund") had a net return of US\$ -3.4% while the total return ("TR") of the S&P 500, the Russell 2000, and the HFRI Equity Market Neutral ("EMN") was US\$ +7.7%, US\$ +3.6%, US\$ -0.1% respectively. Since inception in January 2012, the FG Alpha strategy annualized a net return of US\$ +8.0% per year, with an annualized volatility of 6.9% and a low daily correlation to the S&P 500 TR of 0.2.

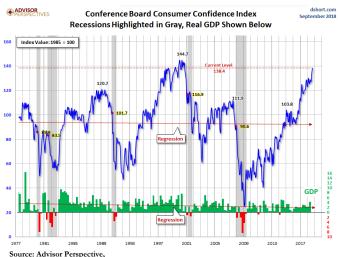
The US equity market was strong during the quarter while trade war and political uncertainty weighed on other regions. As economic growth remains robust and employment figures are reaching a record level in the United States, investors chose to ignore both the US tariff increases on Chinese Goods as well as the Federal Reserve's increases to interest rates. For the quarter, the information technology and healthcare sectors were strong, while the energy and material sectors were weak which in our opinion is mostly the result of the ongoing trade war. With the US equity market trading at a record high, the short volatility positioning in the market is also back at an all time high after being shaken earlier this year in February and March (based on the VIX data in the graph below). Consumer confidence levels are reaching an 18 year peak approaching its highest point in history (reached in 2000 - please refer to the graph below). Simply put, it was a tough quarter for hedge funds.

As we begin the fourth quarter, we strongly believe in our conservative positioning and are pleased to see it working well so far in October with the FG Alpha Fund up (estimated) while the S&P 500 and the Russell 2000 are down (net of fees as at October 15th). Please call us should you require additional information about October.

Net Positions on the VIX - Investors are Net sellers of volatility



US Consumer Index is near an all time high



Source: Advisor Perspectives, this is the source of the so



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Q3 Review: Fund Positioning & Quarterly Attribution

The third quarter was disappointing with the strategy giving back hard-earned gains for the year. While the FG Alpha strategy generally maintains limited net market exposure (typically between +10%/-10%), we attempt to remain dynamic and adjust positioning depending on the market opportunities. As an example, the net exposure of the strategy was approximately -10% in January 2018 after a strong upward move in US equity markets at the end of 2017. This market rally led us to crystallize gains on our long positions and add to interesting short positions causing our net market exposure to decrease in February. As the US equity market went through a correction in February and March, we took profits on our short positions and found new long opportunities, reversing our net market exposure back to approximately +5% at the end of March.

The third quarter proved to be a strong period for US equities, and we once again began taking profits on our longs and adding to our shorts. These tactics resulted in a net market exposure of -8.8% during the third quarter and a net beta exposure of -0.16. This positioning proved to be challenging given the strong US equity market in the third quarter. Adding to the difficulties associated with our positioning, our stock selection was weak across the board in Q3 with our Alpha long positions detracting a gross return of 1.1%, our Alpha short positions detracting 1.9% and our portfolio hedges detracting 1.3%. While no single position generated outsized losses, our stock picking statistics were weak for the quarter (batting average of 53% and slugging average of 0.6). These statistics are quite similar to other tough periods for the Alpha Fund like during the strong US equity rally in Q4 2017. Unfortunately during the third quarter, the expected catalysts of our long positions did not bear fruit during the period, while conversely momentum in our short book continued to drive the prices and valuations higher.

Below is an example of a contributor and a detractor to the FG Alpha Fund during the quarter. For more detail on attribution, please do not hesitate to call the office.

Neogen Corporation (NASDAQ: NEOG)

Neogen develops products for food and animal safety. We initiated a short position at approximately \$80/share as we believed certain headwinds were near on the horizon: weak dairy markets, weak agricultural prices, and weakness in the global animal protein sector. The stock was also trading at a significant, and we believed unwarranted, premium with a P/E of over 70x. As the stock continued to rise after initiating the position, and upon further analysis and discussions with management, our conviction level increased, leading us to take the position size to a larger level. The company reported Q3 results recently reporting a significant revenue miss, confirming our investment thesis. The stock subsequently sold off by over 30% leading the fund to cover the position while contributing 10 gross basis points in Q3.

WD-40 Company (NASDAQ: WDFC)

WD-40 engages in the development and sale of maintenance products, homecare and cleaning products, widely known for their cans of lubricant. We have been short WD-40 for some time as it is a low growth business that had historically benefitted from the declining price of oil, which of course is the primary input in the production a can of WD-40. Gross margins of the company had reached a level, well above management's long term target, which caused the valuation to expand significantly, peaking at over 40x earnings. With the price of oil rising, the US dollar strengthening and elevated transportation costs, we believe pressure could build on margins, leading to a compression of valuation, closer to a targeted 20x multiple. The short position cost the FG Alpha Fund 23 gross basis points in Q3 however we remain confident in our short thesis on the position and continue to hold.



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Outlook

As we start the fourth quarter, we are maintaining our defensive posture with a view of remaining nimble in the current stock market environment. It is very difficult to know what combination of elements will cause the economy and equity markets to turn and at what time. In our discussions with management teams we have observed a common theme of growing operational costs, which we believe may impact margins going forward (increases in labor costs, interest rate expense, and input costs such as oil, steel and freight). We are reviewing individual positions in the book and are continuing to meet with company management teams in order to ensure that our investment theses are correct and to identify new opportunities long and short. While we do not believe we can time the market perfectly, our fundamental bottom-up stock picking approach has historically helped us thrive in late economic cycles that tend to be characterized by low equity market returns and higher than usual volatility.

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On behalf of the team at Formula Growth, please allow us to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your continued support.

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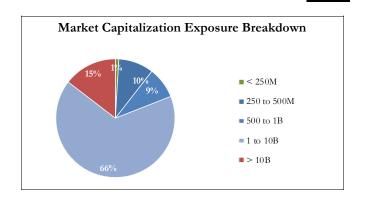


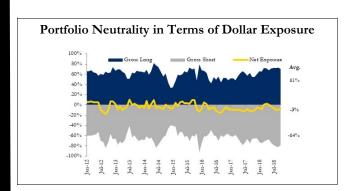
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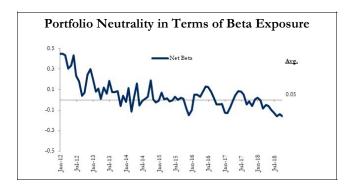


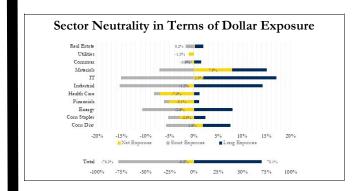
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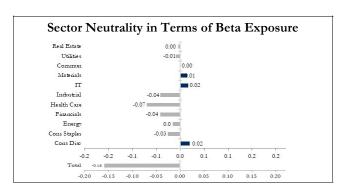
Market and Beta Exposure				
	Jun-30	Q3 Avg.	Sep-30	2018 Avg
Gross Long	72.4%	71.5%	70.1%	69.8%
Gross Short	(77.8%)	(80.3%)	(78.3%)	(74.5%)
Net	(5.4%)	(8.8%)	(8.2%)	(4.7%)
Total Gross	150.1%	151.8%	148.4%	144.3%
Net Beta	-0.12	-0.16	-0.16	-0.09

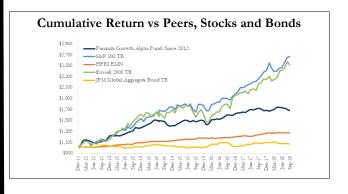


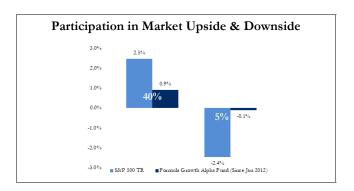












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Glossary of Terms

- <u>Alpha longs</u>: An investment strategy which involves taking long positions in stocks that are expected (in the opinion of the managers) to increase in value by more than 30% over approximately 12 to 18 months.
- Alpha shorts: An investment strategy which involves taking short positions in stocks that are expected (in the opinion of the managers) to decrease in value by more than 20% over approximately 12 to 18 months.
- Short positions: The sale of a borrowed security, with the expectation that the stock/security will fall in value and the repurchase will result in a positive investment result.
- <u>Pair trades</u>: An investment strategy whereby an initial investment is made in a stock/security either long or short with a corresponding direct offset, or hedge, against the primary risk of the initial investment.
- Hedges: Hedging is the practice of taking a position in one market or stock/security to offset and balance against the risk adopted by assuming a position in a contrary or opposing market or stock/security.
- <u>Correlation:</u> Correlation in the investment industry is a statistic that measures the degree to which two securities move in relation to each other. Correlation is computed into what is known as the correlation coefficient, which has a value that must fall between -1 and 1. A perfect, positive correlation means that the correlation coefficient is exactly 1. This implies that as one security moves, either up or down, the other security moves in lockstep, in the same direction. A perfect, negative correlation of -1 means that two assets move in opposite directions, while a zero correlation implies no relationship at all.
- <u>Sharpe ratio</u>: The ratio measures the excess return (or risk premium) per unit of deviation in an investment asset or a trading strategy, typically referred to as risk.
- Batting average: Number of positions on which we have a positive return divided by the total number of positions we held during the period.
- <u>Slugging average</u>: Average contribution of positions on which we have a positive return divided by the average contribution
 of positions on which we have a negative return for the period.
- <u>Upside/Downside Capture</u>: Upside market participation since inception is calculated as the average performance of the fund when the benchmark has a positive month while the downside market participation is calculated as the average performance of the fund when the benchmark has a negative month.
- HFRI Equity Market Neutral Index: The HFRI Equity Market Neutral Index consists of funds with net equity market exposure no greater than 10% long or short on average and it is denominated in U.S. dollar. Chicago-based Hedge Fund Research Inc. is a global leader in the creation of indexation and analysis of hedge funds.
- JPM Aggregate Global Bond Index: The JPM GABI consists of the JPM GABI US, a U.S. dollar denominated, investment-grade index spanning asset classes from developed to emerging markets, and the JPM GABI extends the U.S. index to also include multi-currency, investment-grade instruments. JP Morgan is a global financial services bank.



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