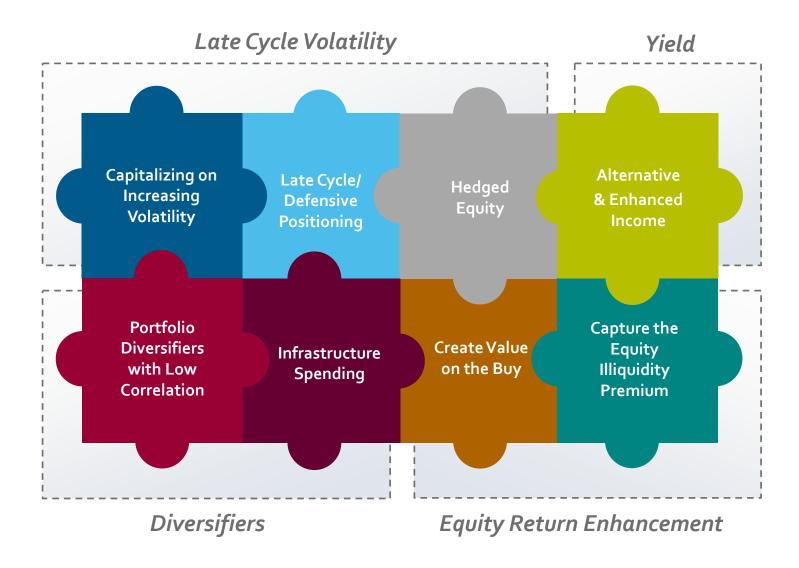
# Client Conversations & Primers

2018 GIMA Alternative Investment Themes



## GIMA 2018 Alternative Investments Themes



Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management Global Investment Manager Analysis (GIMA). Illiquidity premium is the extra yield investors expect to earn for giving up control to liquidate their capital for a certain period of time.

## GIMA 2018 Alternative Investments Themes

Theme	Implementation	Key Rationale	
Capitalizing on Increasing Volatility	Global Macro Managed Futures	Market volatility should increase across bonds, equities, currencies, and commodities, driven by Fed interest rate hikes, tighter financial conditions, increased credit and economic data volatility, decelerating growth, and higher oil prices.	
Late Cycle/ Defensive Positioning	Distressed Investing Real Estate Debt	In the current "late stage" economic cycle, consider strategies that capitalize on eventual distress and focus on managers that are positioned to provide support in a market downturn.	
Hedged Equity	Late Cycle Equity Long/Short	Equity long/short has been broadly supported on the long side by low correlations and relatively low dispersion. Should earnings dispersion and market volatility increase, equity long/short may also benefit from shorting/hedging and late-cycle factor and sector exposures.	
Alternative & Enhanced Income	Non-Traded Real Estate Structured Credit Sr. Sec. Direct Lending Value-Add Real Estate	equities, given lower return expectations and rising rate headwinds	

#### Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIMA

## GIMA 2018 Alternative Investments Themes

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Capture the Equity Illiquidity Premium	Small/Mid Market Buyout	In a high valuation and competitive environment, focus on small/mid market buyout firms that may be better positioned to deliver an illiquidity premium¹ due to lower valuations, pull various levers to drive growth, and have exposure to a larger opportunity set.	
Create Value on the Buy	Secondaries Co-Investments	Utilize the structural advantages of certain alternatives to create value through j-curve mitigation <sup>2</sup> , purchasing assets at a discount, and lower fees.	
Infrastructure Spending	Private Infrastructure	Investors should consider strategies that may enhance portfolio diversification and provide an inflation hedge while meeting the world's infrastructure needs.	
Portfolio Diversifiers With Low Correlation	Relative Value/ Trading Strategies	Given expectations for muted traditional public equity and fixed income returns and increasing volatility, investors should seek Relative Value and Trading Strategies that can produce attractive risadjusted results with low correlation to the broad equity market.	

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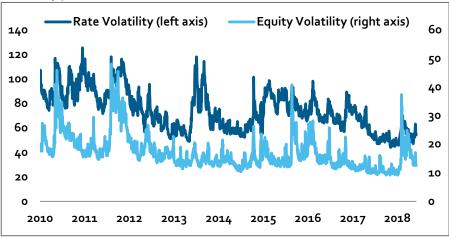
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## Market Environment

- Volatility remained at historically low levels during 2017 with the intra-year drawdown for the S&P 500 ranking as the lowest level (only -3%) in 38 years
- Conversely, despite a continuation of strong economic data, volatility surged in 1Q18 amid a backdrop of geopolitical concerns, higher interest rates due to inflation fears, and looming threats of trade war
  - YTD through May, the S&P 500 has experienced two ~10% intra-month drawdowns in 2018
  - Improving global growth, late-cycle inflationary pressures, and impact from the recent tax reform (which significantly increased the Federal Deficit) have acted as catalysts for the Fed to continue rate hikes in 2018
  - Although the recent increase in volatility has been more equities-related, if rates and inflation normalize as expected, this could lead to an increase in volatility more broadly across capital markets (i.e., including fixed income, currencies, and commodities)

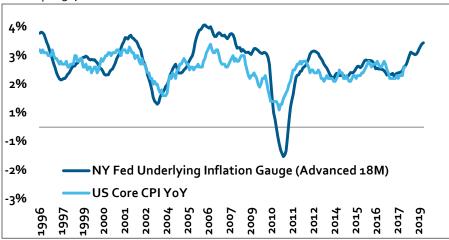
### Equity Volatility<sup>1</sup> Vs. Rate Volatility<sup>2</sup>

As of May 31, 2018



### NY Fed Underlying Inflation Gauge and Core CPI

As of April 30, 2018

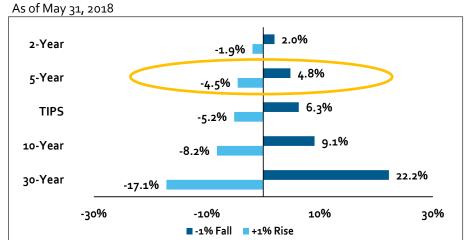


Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, BofA, Federal Reserve, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. (1) Equity volatility represented by the VIX Index. (2) Rate volatility represented by the Merrill Lynch Option Volatility Estimate (MOVE) Index; FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIMA.

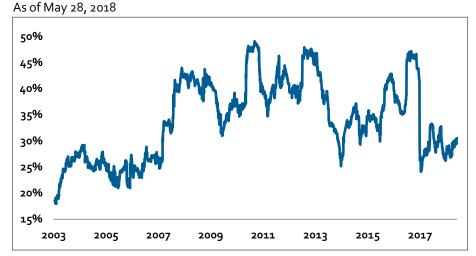
## **Market Environment**

- Correlations had remained elevated since the financial crisis; however, monetary policy (tightening) and global economic growth (expanding) are diverging, leading to a market characterized by lower correlations between asset classes and regions
  - Global cross-asset & regional correlations notably declined in 2017 and, despite a recent uptick due to headline-driven volatility, remain at low levels, supporting active management
- Improved conditions across correlations (lower) and volatility (higher) are conducive to active management; additionally, should the market begin to experience more pronounced valuation and earnings dispersion, that would also support active management
- Muted traditional equity and fixed income return expectations may lead to increased capital rotation into alternatives; as the market has moved beyond a "melt-up" environment to start the year, alternatives will have the opportunity to provide investors with attractive risk-adjusted results throughout 2018

### Total Return Impact of a 1% Rise/Fall in Interest Rates



### Global Cross-Asset & Regional Correlation Index (6-month)



Source: FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIMA.

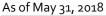
## Capitalizing on Increasing Volatility

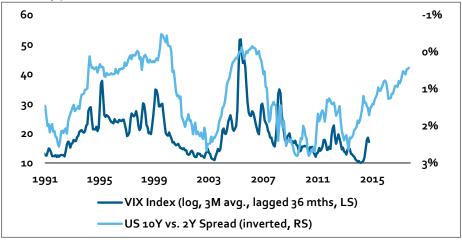


## Managed Futures & Global Macro

- Managed Futures and Global Macro may deliver uncorrelated returns in an environment characterized by interest rate normalization and capital markets volatility (across bonds, equities, currencies, and commodities)
  - Managers that trade globally and across asset classes can provide potentially higher returns with lower volatility during market drawdowns
- Managed Futures, which exploits trends in currencies, rates, and commodities, have generally benefitted during periods of heightened volatility
  - In the short run (as was evidenced in February), Managed Futures may not always act as a hedge for long equity. Although CTAs have historically demonstrated low-to-no correlation over longer periods of time, over the short term, these strategies may become highly correlated to equities
- Global Macro, which primarily focuses on broad moves based on systemic risk (including changes in global economic policies and capital flows), could provide higher returns during periods of increased dispersion in fixed income, currencies, and regions

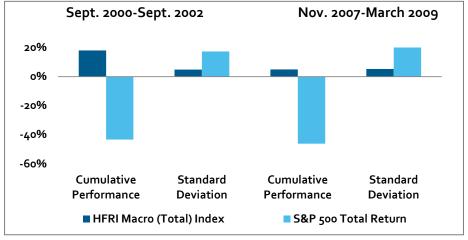
### Flatter Yield Curve Points to Rise in Volatility





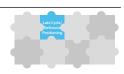
## Global Macro Strategies Can Potentially Provide Higher Returns

As of March 2009



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIMA

## Late Cycle/Defensive Positioning



### **Distressed Investing**

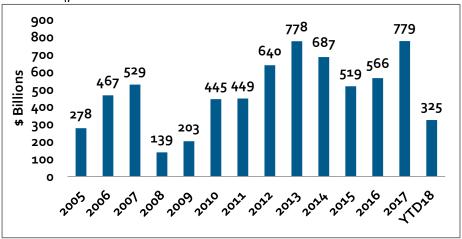
- Over-levered balance sheets, combined with slow global growth, have historically been followed by periods of default
- High yield and leveraged loan issuance has reached record levels post crisis with a spike in lower quality
- Invest in managers that seek control or non-control positions in distressed credit
- Favor illiquid managers with dry powder ready to deploy in the event of credit market dislocations when raising capital tends to be difficult

### **Real Estate Debt**

- Cumulative commercial mortgage loan maturities through 2022 totaling \$1.8 trillion are projected to require financing. Insufficient capital exists for refinancing transitional properties
- Traditional lenders have generally exited the transitional commercial real estate loan business and currently focus on stabilized properties
- Floating rate private real estate debt provides support in a rising rate environment and an attractive riskadjusted return profile due to built-in support against the first loss position of equity

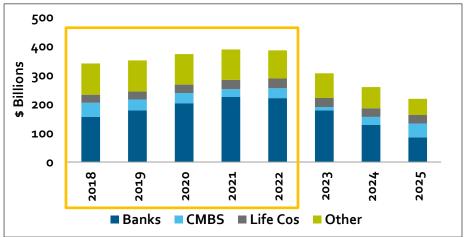
#### US High Yield and Leveraged Loan Issuance





#### **CRE Loan Maturities**

As of September 30, 2017



Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIMA, Morgan Stanley & Co. Research, S&P LCD; Federal Reserve, Trepp

## **Hedged Equity**

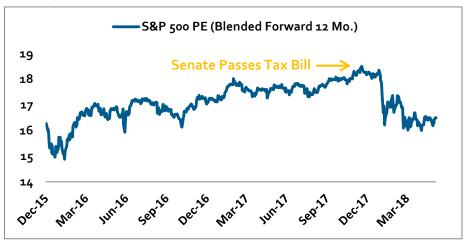
## Hedged Equity

## Late-Cycle Equity Long/Short

- S&P 500 P/E multiples peaked in December 2017 with the passage of the tax bill and market sentiment for equities became more optimistic to start 1Q18 as the equity market reached extreme levels in terms of being overbought
- Equity long/short funds also reached near highs in gross leverage (since 2005) going into 2018
- Equity long/short managers that have proven to be highly adaptable (e.g., varying net exposure and positioning) may deliver strong risk-adjusted returns due to increased volatility and dispersion
  - During 1Q18, equity volatility increased, leading to a normalization in intra-year drawdowns (the equity market experienced two intra-month ~10% drawdowns YTD)
- Given that late-cycle inflationary pressures are likely to increase throughout 2018, we have a preference for equity long/short funds with late-cycle factor (value-oriented) and sector biases (industrials, energy, financials, discretionary, and select technology industries that focus on capex beneficiaries, etc.)

#### S&P 500 Forward P/E Ratio

As of May 31, 2018



### Factor Sensitivity (Beta) of US Sectors

As of May 31, 2018

	Value	Growth	Quality	Momentum
Financials	0.79	-1.28	0.61	-0.30
Technology	-1.76	2.00	-0.28	1.03
Cons. Disc.	0.87	-0.68	0.23	-0.47
Cons. Staples	0.33	-0.41	1.15	-0.56
Energy	1.04	-0.73	-3.10	-0.21
Health	-0.89	1.22	-0.33	0.45
Industrial	0.08	-0.36	0.05	-0.08
Materials	0.16	-0.15	-0.86	0.06
Real Estate	0.24	-0.10	0.90	-0.38
Telecom	1.25	-0.98	0.64	-0.82
Utilities	-0.65	0.23	2.41	-0.02

Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley & Co. Research; Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIMA. Drawdown is the peak-to-trough decline during a specific period.

## Alternative and Enhanced Income

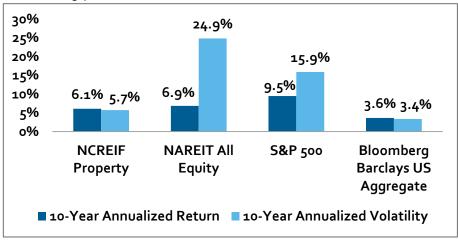


#### Non-Traded Real Estate & Structured Credit

- Improving global growth and inflation has led to rising rates, which has negatively impacted prices of longer-duration bonds and publicly listed REITs
- However, underlying real estate property fundamentals remain relatively strong due to continued economic and employment growth leading to solid demand, strong cash flow, low vacancy rates, and healthy transaction volume
  - Along with serving as a potential inflation hedge, Non-Traded Real Estate strategies offer attractive, consistent income with a significantly lower volatility profile than public REITs, low correlation to US stocks and public REITs, and a negative correlation to US bonds
- Along with continued strong Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities (CMBS) demand, structured credit funds can also benefit from opportunistic Asset-Backed Securities (ABS) and Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLOs) positions that may provide greater support in a rising rate environment due to the floating-rate nature of the underlying securities

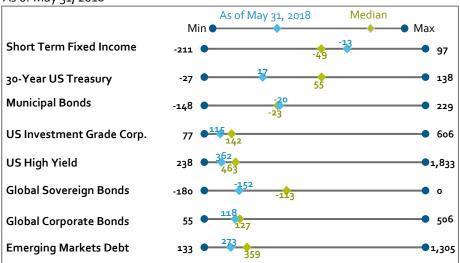
## Private Real Estate Performance and Volatility Vs. Stocks and Bonds

As of March 31, 2018



### Yield Spreads Vs. Past 20 Years

As of May 31, 2018



Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIMA. Reported returns and volatility are based on data from the above-mentioned indices. The NAREIT All Equity and S&P 500 indexes reflect total returns.

## Alternative and Enhanced Income



## **Senior Secured Direct Lending**

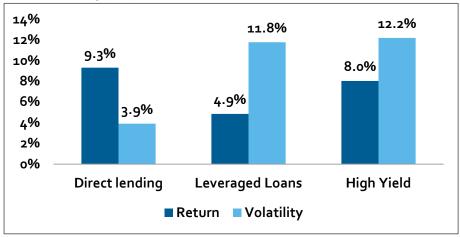
- The bank retrenchment from lending, coupled with record levels of private equity dry powder and the impending loan maturity wall, create supply/demand imbalance in the middle market
- In addition to outperforming leveraged loans and high yield, privately negotiated loans have delivered equal or lower loss rates over the market cycle
- We prefer managers who invest at the top of the capital structure, with moderate leverage, that have invested through the cycle and have experience in company workouts

### Value-Add Real Estate

- Consider value-add real estate in high growth and liquid property markets, which targets in-place cashflowing properties and has attractive current yields
- Select sectors such as senior housing and multi-family whose growth is driven by projected long-term demand growth and constrained supply
- Value-add strategies that invest in non-major US markets with strong population and employment growth, and local economies tied to growth industries such as education, healthcare and technology

#### 10-Year Annualized Returns

As of December 31, 2017



### Property Values by Market

As of April 30, 2018; indices = 100 at December 31, 2006



Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIMA; Cliffwater Research, S&P/LSTA Leverage Loan Index, Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index. RCA; IPD and AEW Research. RCA changed their methodology for calculating their Commercial Property Price indices in September 2017.

## Capture the Equity Illiquidity Premium

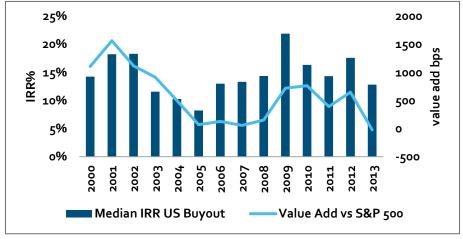


### **Small/Mid Market Buyout**

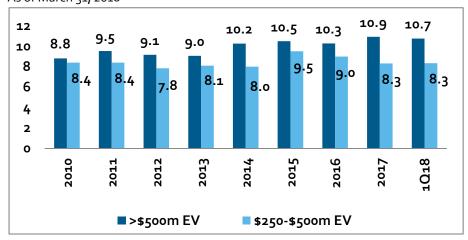
- Including the global financial crisis, US buyouts delivered an illiquidity premium every year since 2000, except 2013
- Even in the worst vintage year since 2000, buyouts still delivered an 8% median internal rate of return (IRR) (14% for top quartile)
- In a richly priced and competitive environment driven by significant amounts of dry powder, larger-cap managers may potentially face challenges in deploying capital
- Focus on smaller, middle-market buyout firms that are better positioned to deliver an illiquidity premium due to lower valuations, the ability to pull various levers to drive growth and exit, as well as those that have exposure to a larger opportunity set

### US Buyout Illiquidity Premium vs S&P 500 mPME





## Purchase Price Multiples by LBO Transaction Size (Enterprise Value) As of March 31, 2018



Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIMA, Thomson ONE's Cambridge Associates; S&P Leveraged Buyout Review 4Q 2017; mPME represents public market equivalent. Vintage year returns beyond 2013 are not meaningful. Illiquidity premium is the extra yield investors expect to earn for giving up control to liquidate their capital for a certain period of time. Internal rate of return (IRR) is the interest rate at which the net present value of all the cash flows (both positive and negative) from a project or investment equal zero. Internal rate of return is used to evaluate the attractiveness of a project or investment.

## Create Value on the Buy

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#### **Secondaries**

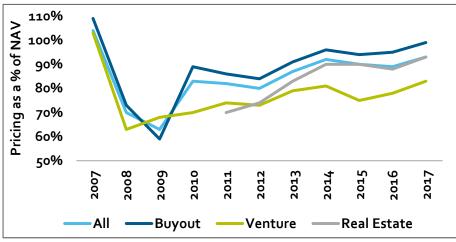
- Managers typically purchase limited partnership (LP) interests at a discount to NAV, creating immediate value as well as mitigating the j-curve effect¹
- Secondaries reduce blind pool risk and add diversification by vintage year, geography, and industry type
- Institutional LPs have traditionally utilized secondaries for liquidity and rebalancing their private equity/real estate exposure and general partners (GP) are increasingly using secondaries as a tool to help restructure their funds. As a result, the secondary market volume has grown from \$25 billion in 2011 to \$40 billion in 2015 and \$58 billion in 2017
- Market corrections offer the opportunity for secondary players to take advantage of price volatility

#### Co-investments

- Co-investments offer lower fees than the traditional "2 and 20" and therefore a lower cost of access to private equity strategies with potentially stronger returns
- Co-investments offer diversification to GPs that an investor may not otherwise access

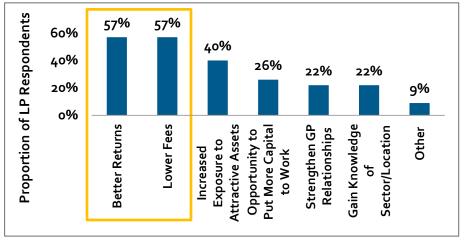
### Secondary Pricing Over Time

As of January 30, 2018



## LPs' Motivations for Co-Investing Alongside a Fund

As of December 31, 2017



Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIMA, Greenhill Cogent; Preqin Investor Interviews, December 2017. (1) The J-curve effect refers to a "J" shaped section of a time-series graph in which the curve falls into negative territory and then gradually rises to a higher level than before the decline.

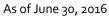
## Infrastructure Spending

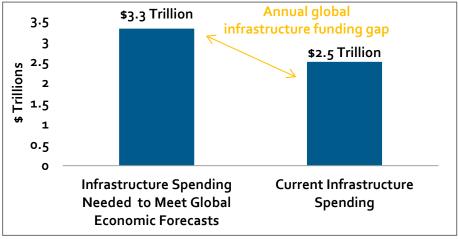
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### **Private Infrastructure**

- It is estimated that \$3.3 trillion is required annually through 2030 to support projected global economic growth forecasts. Based on most recent data of current spending, the world spends only \$2.5 trillion to address infrastructure needs, thus presenting a funding gap
- Since the global financial crisis, global governments' investments in infrastructure as a % of GDP—a primary source of infrastructure spending—have declined steadily
- There is a growing opportunity set for private capital providers to address the infrastructure spending need growing throughout the world
- Infrastructure may enhance portfolio diversification as well as offer an attractive cash flow profile. It may also potentially act as an inflation hedge

### Annual Infrastructure Spending Worldwide





#### 10-Year Correlation Matrix

As of September 30, 2017

	Private Infrastructure	S&P 500	Bloomberg Barclays Agg.
Private Infrastructure	1.00	0.64	-0.14
S&P 500	0.64	1.00	-0.29
Bloomberg Barclays Agg.	-0.14	-0.29	1.00

Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIMA; United Nations, McKinsey & Co. "Bridging Global Infrastructure Gaps"; Thomson ONE, Bloomberg Private Infrastructure data sourced from Thomson ONE's Cambridge Associates benchmarking data base.

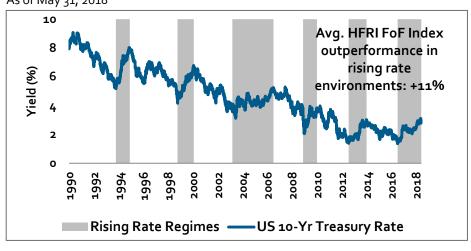
## Portfolio Diversifiers With Low Correlation



## Relative Value/Trading Strategies

- Bond yields remain relatively low by historical standards (as measured by 10-year sovereign bond yields across the US, UK, Japan, and Germany)
- Further, QE suppressed volatility post-GFC (Jan 2010–Dec 2017) resulting in elevated risk-adjusted returns for a 60/40 portfolio versus long-term historical averages; as rates and volatility continue to normalize, investors in balanced 60/40 portfolios should consider using alternatives as a lower correlation portfolio diversifier as bonds may not provide the same level of portfolio diversification
  - In 1Q18, declining cross-asset correlations and rising equity volatility provided the backdrop for relative value managers to exhibit their ability to preserve capital
- Preference for nimble Relative Value strategies that seek to take advantage of security and sector dispersion
  - For investors seeking better risk-adjusted returns relative to fixed income, target funds with volatility in the mid-single-digit range and relatively low-to-no correlation and/or beta to equities

#### Alternatives' Outperformance in Rising Rate Environments As of May 31, 2018



## Sharpe Ratio of a 60% S&P 500 / 40% Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Portfolio

As of May 31, 2018



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIMA. Long-run correlations calculated from 1/31/90. Efficient frontier, Time period: 7Y; Alternatives represented by relative value hedge funds on the GIMA platform. Note: (1) Managed futures data incepted in April 30, 2007.

### **Alternative Strategy Definitions**

**Convertible Arbitrage** is a market-neutral investment strategy often employed by hedge funds. It typically involves taking a long strategy in a convertible arbitrage and a short position in the underlying common stock, in order to capitalize on pricing inefficiencies between the convertible and the stock.

Credit Long/Short This strategy consists of a core holding of long credits hedged at all times with varying degrees of short sales of bonds and/or index options. Some managers maintain a substantial portion of assets within a hedge structure and commonly employ leverage.

Distressed Credit involves directly working with a company that has filed for bankruptcy or has a significant chance of filing for bankruptcy in the near future to extend it credit on behalf of the hedge fund. This credit can be in the form of bonds or even a revolving credit line. The distressed firm usually needs a lot of cash to turn things around; if more than one hedge fund extends credit, then none of the funds are overexposed to the default risk tied to one investment. This is why multiple hedge funds and investment banks usually undertake the endeavor together.

**Equity Long/Short** This strategy consists of a core holding of long equities hedged at all times with varying degrees of short sales of stock and/or index options. Some managers maintain a substantial portion of assets within a hedge structure and commonly employ leverage.

Equity Market Neutral Equity market neutral strategies employ sophisticated quantitative techniques of analyzing price data to ascertain information about future price movement and relationships between securities, select securities for purchase and sale. These can include both factor-based and statistical arbitrage/trading strategies. Factor-based investment strategies include strategies in which the investment thesis is predicated on the systematic analysis of common relationships between securities. In many but not all cases, portfolios are constructed to be neutral to one or multiple variables, such as broader equity markets in dollar or beta terms, and leverage is frequently employed to enhance the return profile of the positions identified. Statistical arbitrage/trading strategies consist of strategies in which the investment thesis is predicated on exploiting pricing anomalies which may occur as a function of expected mean reversion inherent in security prices; high frequency techniques may be employed and trading strategies may also be employed on the basis of technical analysis or opportunistically to exploit new information the investment manager believes has not been fully, completely or accurately discounted into current security prices. Equity market neutral strategies typically maintain characteristic net equity market exposure no greater than 10% long or short.

**Event Driven** Investment managers in this strategy maintain positions in companies currently or prospectively involved in corporate transactions of a wide variety including but not limited to mergers, restructurings, financial distress, tender offers, shareholder buybacks, debt exchanges, security issuance or other capital structure adjustments. Security types can range from most senior in the capital structure to most junior or subordinated, and frequently involve additional derivative securities. Event-driven exposure includes a combination of sensitivities to equity markets, credit markets and idiosyncratic, company-specific developments. Investment theses are typically predicated on fundamental characteristics (as opposed to quantitative), with the realization of the thesis predicated on a specific development exogenous to the existing capital structure.

**Global Macro** This is a hedge fund strategy that bases its holdings—such as long and short positions in various equity, fixed income, currency, and futures markets—primarily on overall economic and political views of various countries (macroeconomic principles).

Hedge Fund of Funds This strategy tracks investment managers who trade a broad range of strategies in which the investment process is predicated on movements in underlying economic variables and the impact these have on equity, fixed income, hard currency and commodity markets. Managers employ a variety of techniques, both discretionary and systematic analysis, combinations of top down and bottom up theses, quantitative and fundamental approaches and long and short term holding periods. Although some strategies employ relative value techniques, macro strategies are distinct from relative value strategies in that the primary investment thesis is predicated on predicted or future movements in the underlying instruments, rather than realization of a valuation discrepancy between securities. In a similar way, while both macro and equity hedge managers may hold equity securities, the overriding investment thesis is predicated on the impact movements in underlying macroeconomic variables may have on security prices, as opposed to equity hedge, in which the fundamental characteristics of the company are the most integral to the investment thesis.

Managed Futures Funds These funds primarily trade liquid global futures, options, swaps, and foreign exchange contracts, both listed and over-the-counter. A majority of these funds follow trend-following, price-momentum strategies. Other strategies included in this category are systematic mean reversion, discretionary global macro strategies, commodity index tracking, and other futures strategies. More than 60% of the fund's exposure is invested through derivative securities. These funds obtain exposure primarily through derivatives; the holdings are largely cash instruments.

**Relative Value** Investment managers in this strategy maintain positions in which the investment thesis is predicated on realization of a valuation discrepancy in the relationship between multiple securities. They employ a variety of fundamental and quantitative techniques to establish investment theses, and security types range broadly across equity, fixed income, derivatives or other security types.

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It should be noted that the majority of hedge fund indexes are comprised of hedge fund manager returns. This is in contrast to traditional indexes, which are comprised of individual securities in the various market segments they represent and offer complete transparency as to membership and construction methodology. As such, some believe that hedge fund index returns have certain biases that are not present in traditional indexes. Some of these biases inflate index performance, while others may skew performance negatively. However, many studies indicate that overall hedge fund index performance has been biased to the upside. Some studies suggest performance has been inflated by up to 260 basis points or more annually depending on the types of biases included and the time period studied. Although there are numerous potential biases that could affect hedge fund returns, we identify some of the more common ones throughout this paper.

Self-selection bias results when certain manager returns are not included in the index returns and may result in performance being skewed up or down. Because hedge funds are private placements, hedge fund managers are able to decide which fund returns they want to report and are able to opt out of reporting to the various databases. Certain hedge fund managers may choose only to report returns for funds with strong returns and opt out of reporting returns for weak performers. Other hedge funds that close may decide to stop reporting in order to retain secrecy, which may cause a downward bias in returns.

Survivorship bias results when certain constituents are removed from an index. This often results from the closure of funds due to poor performance, "blow ups," or other such events. As such, this bias typically results in performance being skewed higher. As noted, hedge fund index performance biases can result in positive or negative skew. However, it would appear that the skew is more often positive. While it is difficult to quantify the effects precisely, investors should be aware that idiosyncratic factors may be giving hedge fund index returns an artificial "lift" or upwards bias.

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Precious metals are speculative investments, which may experience short-term and long term price volatility. The value of precious metals investments may fluctuate and may appreciate or decline, depending on market conditions. Unlike bonds and stocks, precious metals do not make interest or dividend payments. Therefore, precious metals may not be suitable for investors who require current income. Precious metals are commodities that should be safely stored, which may impose additional costs on the investor.

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