# Deuterium Global Dynamic Allocation Long/Short Fund

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# **Global Macro Hedge Fund Strategy**



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# **GDALS Identity and Offering**

The fund's objective is to generate positive returns, in all market conditions, over a rolling three-year period; by pursuing a policy of active allocation across asset classes and global markets according to a dynamic asset allocation model that is adjusted from time to time by short-term tactical asset allocation shifts in anticipation of changing market, fiscal and political conditions.

## **Key Characteristics**

## **Fund Vehicle**

0	Strategy:	Absolute Return Multi-Asset	Umbrella:	Deuterium UCITS ICAV
0	Style:	Systematic Global Macro with manager Odiscretion	Domicile:	Ireland
0	Target Return:	10-12% net	Regulatory Status:	UCITS V
0	Target Volatility	<10% annualised	Base Currency:	US Dollar
0	Target Sharpe Ratio	0	Dealing:	Daily
	Target bharpe Ratio	0	Priced:	Single, Swing
0	Target Correlation	Equity Beta <0.3	Share Class Currencies:	USD, EUR, GBP, CHF
0	Instruments	Equities, bonds, FX & futures		
0	Leverage (SoN*)	Expected 0-200%, 500% Max	Fees (clean)	SoFR with HWM**)
0	Capacity	\$5-10bn	Management Company:	Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited ("WMC")

\* SoN = Sum of Notionals

\*\* SOFR = Secured Overnight Financing Rate, the hurdle rate for USD share classes. Hurdle rates for EUR and GBP are ESTR and SONIA respectively. HWM = High Water Mark

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## Returns

#### **GDA USD Morningstar**







## Top 96% of mixedallocation peers over past year on Bloomberg (more than 5000 funds)

#### GDALS Global Macro Hedge Fund USD returns since Nov 22

Morningstar five-star rating in recognition of stellar returns – GDA USD

Trustnet five-crown rating in the top 10% of UK funds - GDA GBP



fund peers YTD on Bloomberg (about 200 funds)

**Top 95%** of

macro hedge

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Source: Bloomberg

## **GDALS Track Record USD**



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2022	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	3.6	-0.5	3.1
2023	3.9	-3.1	3.0	0.8	-1.0	4.3	4.0	-4.8	-5.5	-3.9	12.4	<u>e</u> )	9.0

#### Risk & Reward Profile: Source PRIIPs

Scenarios	if you exit after 1 year	if you exit after 3 years (recommended holding period)
Stress	<b>2,213 USD</b> -77.9%	<b>3,598 USD</b> -28.9%
Unfavourable	9,129 USD -8.7%	<b>10,321 USD</b> 1.1%
Moderate	11,074 USD 10.7%	13,526 USD 10.6%
Favourable	<b>12,385 USD</b> 23.9%	15,894 USD 16.7%



Source: USD F share class PRIIPs

Source: Deuterium, Morningstar

Performance is shown net of fund level fees and expenses. The above chart shows the net performance of the Global Dynamic Allocation Long/Short S USD share class from 1 November 2022 to 18 November 2022 and the net performance of the F USD share class from its launch on 18 November 2022 onward. The Morningstar macro trading USD index has been included for information purposes only. Morningstar macro trading USD is not a benchmark for the fund and the fund is not managed by reference to the Morningstar macro trading USD index nor does it seek to outperform the Morningstar macro trading USD index. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. The value of your investment can fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount you invested. The value of any foreign investments may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates.



## **GDALS Track Record EUR**



Morningstar Macro Trading USD in EUR

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Z	-0.6	-3.8	-4.4
2023	2.3	-1.0	0.8	-0.7	2.4	2.0	3.0	-3.5	-2.9	-3.7	8.7	G)	6.8

#### Risk & Reward Profile: Source PRIIPs

Scenarios	if you exit after 1 year	if you exit after 3 years (recommended holding period)
Stress	1,910 EUR -80.9%	3,056 EUR -32.6%
Unfavourable	8,510 EUR -14.9%	<b>10,531 EUR</b> 1.7%
Moderate	11,256 EUR 12.6%	13,838 EUR 11.4%
Favourable	14,855 EUR 48.5%	19,026 EUR 23.9%



Source: EUR F share class PRIIPs

Source: Deuterium, Morningstar

Performance is shown net of fund level fees and expenses. The above chart details the net performance of the Global Dynamic Allocation Long/Short S EUR share class from 1 November 2022 to 16 November 2022 and the net performance of the F EUR share class from its launch on 16 November 2022 onward. The Morningstar macro trading USD in EUR index has been included for information purposes only. Morningstar macro trading USD in EUR is not a benchmark for the fund and the fund is not managed by reference to the Morningstar macro trading USD in EUR index nor does it seek to outperform the Morningstar macro trading USD in EUR index. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. The value of your investment can fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount you invested. The value of any foreign investments may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates.



## **GDALS Track Record GBP**



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	숤	-1.3	-0.3	-1.6
2023	1.8	-1.6	1.1	-0.6	0.5	1.6	3.0	-3.5	-1.8	-3.2	7.8	e)	4.7

#### Risk & Reward Profile: Source PRIIPs

Scenarios	if you exit after 1 year	if you exit after 3 years (recommended holding period)			
Stress	<b>1,964 GBP</b> -80.4%	<b>2,977 GBP</b> -33.2%			
Unfavourable	<b>8,571 GBP</b> -14.3%	10,536 GBP 1.8%			
Moderate	<b>11,379 GBP</b> 13.8%	14,629 GBP 13.5%			
Favourable	14,878 GBP 48.8%	<b>19,719 GBP</b> 25.4%			



Source: GBP F share class PRIIPs

#### Source: Deuterium, Morningstar

Performance is shown net of fund level fees and expenses. The above chart details the net performance in GBP of the Global Dynamic Allocation Long/Short S USD share class from 1 November 2022 to 18 November 2022 in GBP and of the F USD share class until 19 December 2022 with the net performance of the GBP F share class from launch on 19 December 2022. The Morningstar macro trading USD in GBP index has been included for information purposes only. Morningstar macro trading USD in GBP index nor does it seek to outperform the fund and the fund is not managed by reference to the Morningstar macro trading USD in GBP index nor does it seek to outperform the Morningstar macro trading USD in GBP index. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. The value of your investment can fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount you invested. The value of any foreign investments may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates



## **GDALS Track Record CHF**



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	R	-1.9	-2.6	-4.5
2023	3.4	-1.3	0.7	-1.6	1.7	2.1	1.2	-3.1	-1.9	-4.3	7.4	9	3.8

#### Risk & Reward Profile: Source PRIIPs

Scenarios	if you exit after 1 year	if you exit after 3 years (recommended holding period)
Stress	<b>1,888 CHF</b> -81.1%	<b>3,051 CHF</b> -32.7%
Unfavourable	<b>8,586 CHF</b> -14.1%	<b>9,806 CHF</b> -0.7%
Moderate	11,286 CHF 12.9%	<b>14,312 CHF</b> 12.7%
Favourable	<b>12,728 CHF</b> 27.3%	16,693 CHF 18.6%



Source: CHF F share class PRIIPs

#### Source: Deuterium, Morningstar

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## **GDALS targeted portfolio exposures and betas to world equity index**

Major Bonds Long/Short Typical net: -50% to +50% Typical gross: 0% to 100% Backtested Beta: -0.01 Equities Long/Short Typical net: -25% to +75% Typical gross: 0% to 100% Backtested Beta: 0.09 Dollar vs Major Currency Typical net: -75% to +75% Typical gross: 0% to 100% Backtested Beta: -0.01 US Sector Long/Short Typical net: -20% to +40% Typical gross: 0% to 100% Backtested Beta: 0.03

**GDALS Portfolio** Typical gross: 75% to 200% Backtested Beta: 0.1

# GDALS net return Nov 22 to November 23 (+13.3%)\* compared to 10-year Hedge Fund and Equity Index annual returns

				~~~~			Average	Average
							Return in	Return in
Indices		100		23	. 1.	Correlation	months	months
Indices				N.S.	20/0	with MSCI	when MSCI	when MSCI
	Cumulative	Annualised	Annualised	Raw	% positive	World Equity	World is	World is
	Return	Return	Volatility	Sharpe	months	Index (Rho)	negative	positive
GDALS net monthly return index		*13.3%	13.1%	1.0				
Credit Suisse Global Macro Index	58.2%	4.5%	6.9%	0.7	64.8%	0.17	-0.3%	0.8%
Credit Suisse Long/Short Equity Index	64.6%	4.9%	6.6%	0.7	61.6%	0.37	-1.2%	1.4%
Credit Suisse Multi-Strategy Index	73.7%	5.4%	4.3%	1.3	72.0%	0.15	-0.2%	0.8%
Credit Suisse Hedge Fund Index	51.3%	4.1%	4.6%	0.9	66.4%	0.23	-0.6%	0.9%
Credit Suisse Managed Futures Index	53.3%	4.2%	9.7%	0.4	56.0%	-0.03	0.3%	0.4%
Credit Suisse Convertible Arbitrage Index	38.2%	3.2%	4.0%	0.8	61.6%	0.15	-0.3%	0.6%
S&P 500 INDEX	184.4%	10.6%	15.0%	0.7	66.4%	1.00	-3.2%	3.4%
MSCI ACWI Index	95.2%	6.6%	14.7%	0.5	62.4%	1.00	-3.6%	3.1%

Source: Deuterium, Morningstar, data as of 30 November 2023. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of your investment can fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount you invested.



## **Equity correlation and Beta targets** <= 0.3



## **Global Macro Portfolio Construction: 4 Baskets**

GDALS trades four unique portfolios. These portfolios utilize the same drivers as our long only product, making use of the same macroeconomic inputs and scoring systems with the long bias removed.

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Source: Deuterium

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## **PRIIPS Risk ranking, Leverage and VAR limits for GDALS**

PRIIPS Risk Level **4** Moderate Risk



PRIIPS annual Net Return Estimate in Moderate Markets > 10%

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Expected Leverage 100% to 400% with Maximum 500% Current Leverage 163%

Maximum VAR\* 20%Current VAR 10.9%Target Volatility\* <10%</td>Current Volatility 9.7%

\* 20 days 99%

\* Annual





## **Investment Process**

Our four-step process blends the power of large-scale quantitative analytics with fund manager expertise. The process is designed to be evidence-driven, systematic, dispassionate, seamless and transparent.



Source: Deuterium

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## 1. Models



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Key Macro Predictions mapped to their GDP Components

# Fundamental Macro and Financial Data

#### Producer Consumer 50 million data series are considered Consumption Production Consumer Confidence Factory Orders Personal Income Durable Goods ~800,000 data series used in our model Consumer Credit Exports processing Employment Imports Unemployment Inverse Initial Jobless Inverse ~100,000 series are retained in final models $\sim$ **Capital Spending** Price Each series is mapped for economic Investment CPI influence **Retail Sales** PCE Business Credit Core CPI Service Inflation House Prices Database updates are 4 times per hour Mortgage Applications Goods Inflation every hour Housing Starts PPI Existing Home Sales Core PCE New Home Sales PCE Services

Source: Deuterium

## 1. Model Projections





The process seeks to forecast, several months ahead, the key Macro Variables that drive asset prices.

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Source: Deuterium. For illustrative purposes only Forecasts are not a reliable indicator of future performance

## 2. Scores



Macro Models combine with Policy, Valuation and Price inputs to produce an overall market direction probability score (% chance the market will go up/down in the next 4 to 6 weeks).



The market scores outputs may be viewed as heat maps showing market forecasts in each country.



Source: Deuterium. For illustrative purposes only

## 3. Positions



Our Quant systems recommends long/short weights that reflect our equity, sector, bond, and currency scores.



- Equity market positions are set by scores with reference to liquidity and market cap
  - US sector positions are set by scores and implemented through our own market baskets built with ESG compliant shares



- Currency positions are set by scores of the major currency markets relative to the USD and to each other
  - Major sovereign bond positions are set by the scores, and can be implemented through futures, directly, and with options



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## **Manager Discretion**

Managers can choose to hold or delay implementation of positions for several reasons.



#### **Example considerations**

**Policy** responses (and policy mistakes) that can have market effects more rapid than can be captured in underlying data

**Negative** score in a market that could lead to contagion across global markets

**Timing** effects to reflect differences between scores across various regions in asset classes





#### When exercised

**Daily** real time, investment team discussions, aiming to make unanimous decisions. Lead Manager has ultimate decision-making authority

**Weekly** structured and minuted risk meeting sets GDA current macro view. The majority of trading takes place as a result of this weekly meeting

**Quarterly** Investment Summary (QIS) publication outlines model projections for the coming months. This can be distributed to clients

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Source: Deuterium. For illustrative purposes only

# **Portfolio Construction: Global Equity Long/Short**

#### **Model Universe and Instruments**

- Major indices of 18 countries
- Positions are implemented through equity futures and article 8 compliant shares

### What Drives Positioning?

- Primarily growth and inflation factors including consumption, investment, production and trade
- Valuations and trend

#### **Strategy Construction**

- To translate the eighteen model outputs into positions, each equity market's total score, whether positive or negative, is expressed as a percentage allocation, subject to risk constraints
- Equity scores are independent and at times a majority can express the same direction. If most scores are positive, the fund will have a high exposure to equities. The fund in general will not be more than -50% short due to risk limits, with manager oversight of final position sizing

Typical net range: -25% to +75%

Typical gross range: 0% to 75%

Source: Deuterium. For illustrative purposes only

Global Equity Long/Short example Basket Target Weightings Net Exposure % 0.01





# **Portfolio Construction: US Equity Sector Long/Short**

#### **Model Universe and Instruments**

- US indices for 11 equity sectors
- Positions are implemented through long exposures in article 8 compliant US sector shares and short US equity market futures.

#### What Drives Positioning?

- Primarily growth and inflation factors including consumption, investment, production and housing, as well as consumer and producer price inflation
- Monetary policy effects and valuations

#### **Strategy Construction**

- To translate the eleven model outputs into positions, the sectors are separated into long and short baskets, and each sector's total score is expressed as a percentage of its basket, subject to risk constraints
- Models generate relative performance scores for each sector compared to the overall equity index. The final long and short positions are beta adjusted to give the long and short baskets similar sensitivity to market movements, with final sizing subject to manager review

Typical net range: -20% to +40%

Typical gross range: 0% to 100%









# Portfolio Construction: Major Sovereign Bond Futures Long/Short

#### **Model Universe and Instruments**

- Major sovereign bonds or bond futures
- Positions generally are implemented through major bond futures

### What Drives Positioning?

- Primarily growth and inflation factors including investment, production, consumer and producer prices
- Monetary policy effects and valuations

#### **Strategy Construction**

- To translate the model scores into exposures, positive scores are set to a long position, negative scores to a short position. Position sizing is outlined by the bond scores
- Models are used to predict changes in yield for the most liquid maturity sovereign bonds, with sizing subject to manager review
- The fund will tend not to be short the bond market and long equities at the same time

Typical net range: -50% to +50% Typical gross range: 0% to 100%

Source: Deuterium. For illustrative purposes only

Major Bond Long/Short example Basket Target Weightings





# **Portfolio Construction: US Dollar vs Major Currencies**

#### **Model Universe and Instruments**

- USD versus currencies of 10 major countries
- Positions are implemented through currency futures and forwards

### What Drives Positioning?

- Primarily growth and inflation factors including consumption, investment, production and housing, as well as consumer and producer price inflation
- Monetary policy effects and valuations

### **Strategy Construction**

- To translate the eleven model outputs into positions, the USD model is used to set the direction of USD exposures, long or short the USD. If the USD is long, the non-USD currencies with the worst scores will have the largest short positions. If the USD is short, the non-USD currencies with the best scores will have the largest long positions, subject to risk constraints
- Models predict changes in the USD versus its major counterparts, and set currency positions subject to manager review

Typical net range: -75% to +75% Typical gross range: 0% to 100%

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## **Risk Management**

### **Embedded Risk Management**

- At the sub-portfolio level, positions are set with limits applied during this process to control volatility at the instrument level
- Each day, these sub-portfolios are subject to their back tests, measuring volatility, beta and other risk characteristics
- The team integrates the systematic portfolio recommendations at its discretion, targeting individual basket contributions to risk and overall portfolio volatility

#### **Proprietary Systems**

- Custom built systems ensure total transparency
- Data are available for all fund transactions
- Portfolio can be broken down by risk contributions, geography, VaR and liquidity

### **Risk Oversight**

- Weekly internal review by the Managers
- Quarterly risk report to the Fund Board







## **Investment Team**



## John Ricciardi

#### Lead Fund Manager and Head of Global Asset Allocation

Before joining Deuterium, John was the Head of Global Asset Allocation at Merian Global Investors. John cofounded Kestrel Investment Partners LLP in 2011, whose global asset allocation business was acquired by Merian in 2019. Prior to Kestrel, John's notable appointments were as Iveagh's Head of Asset Allocation between 2006 and 2011, where he launched the Iveagh Wealth Fund, and as Head of Global Asset Allocation for AllianceBernstein between 1996 and 2003.

John has also cofounded and built two successful asset allocation solutions businesses: Cursitor Management which was sold to Alliance Capital in 1996 and Bullrun Financial which was sold to Quantal International Inc. in 2010.



## Osman Ozsan Chief Investment Officer

In 2018, Osman founded Deuterium Capital Management, the investment manager of the Deuterium Global Dynamic Allocation Fund. In addition to his role on the GDA team, Osman also manages a private investment portfolio and a private equity pool for clients of the firm.

Osman has led an extensive international career in investment banking working at Barclays and UBS, trading interest rate and currency derivates, as well as debt instruments. Osman studied law at the University of Bristol before moving to graduate study in Finance at the Stern School of Business in New York.



## Vijay Modhvadia Managing Director

Vijay joined Deuterium in Dec 2021. Vijay has led an extensive international career in investment banking working at UBS Zurich, Credit Suisse, Barclays and HSBC Bank trading interest rates, government bonds and currency derivates.

Vijay has extensive experience in leading teams having been Head of G10 STIR at UBS and team leader at Barclays. Vijay has quantitative background with first class degree in Software Engineering and most recently completed courses in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning from MIT.



## **Data Science Team**



## Ravi Kishore Booka

#### Head Quant Analyst

Ravi is the Head Quant Analyst within the GDA team, a position he has held since Jan 2021 having joined Kestrel in September 2011 as the Chief Technology Officer. Ravi is responsible for the team's technology strategy and he plays a key role in developing systems to power both the investment process and the research effort. Ravi previously worked with John at Iveagh as technology consultant and was instrumental in developing the innovative tools that drove its investment process.

Ravi began his career as a software engineer with Intoto Software Ltd in India. Ravi has a BSc in Mathematics and Computer Science and an MSc in Electronics from Andhra University, India.



## Pramila Prasingu

#### Data Analyst

Pramila is a Data Analyst within the GDA team, a position she has held since November 2020 having joined Kestrel in August 2011 as a developer. Pramila is responsible for web administration and the data analysis that underlies the team's investment modelling capabilities. Pramila previously worked with John at Iveagh as intern and was instrumental in data processing.

Pramila began her career with Andhra Bank in India as Helpdesk Executive. Pramila holds a Master's degree in Computer Networks from Middlesex University.



## Sarath Kotamarthi

#### Quant Analyst

Sarath is a Quant Analyst within the GDA team, a position he has held since November 2020 having joined Kestrel in December 2012 as a consultant developer. Sarath is responsible for organising, analysing and reporting on non-macro-economic and financial market data in support of the team's investment modelling systems.

Sarath began his career with PC DOCTOR 24 in London. Sarath holds a BSc in Computer Science and a MSc in Computer Networking from London Metropolitan University.

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## **About Deuterium**

For professional investors only

- Deuterium Capital Management LLC ("Deuterium") managing more than \$1 billion in assets, as of 31-Dec-2022 including \$260 million in absolute return style, long/short, private fund assets, has launched the Deuterium Global Dynamic Allocation Long/Short ("GDALS"), its global macro hedge fund on the same UCITS, daily-dealing platform as the Deuterium Global Dynamic Allocation Fund ("GDA"), its long-only, multi-asset fund.
- **GDALS** Deuterium's Global Dynamic Allocation Long/Short Fund, looks to combine the best of quantitative macro fundamental analysis with decades of manager experience in a UCITS, daily dealing, **global macro hedge fund**.
- GDA The Deuterium Global Dynamic Allocation Long Only Fund, a UCITS, daily dealing, long only, multi asset fund with a ten-year track record has a 5-star Morningstar USD and 5-crown Trustnet GBP rating.

Source: Morningstar, Trustnet

# **Case Studies**



## Lead Manager Track Records

More than three decades of performance in multi-asset investing: John Ricciardi's long-term track records



John Ricciardi Partner and Lead Manager

35 years experience



Co-tounder of Cursitor and founder of Bullrun Financial, a pioneer of quantitative portfolio strategies



Sources: Bloomberg, Deuterium. The track records on this slide were achieved using prior versions of the modelling and allocation strategies used by the Fund. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments can go down as well as up and is not guaranteed.

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### Case Study Dec 2021 : Sell US Discretionary & Technology Sectors

#### In December 2021 Scores project high probability for losses in US Discretionary (-35%) & Technology (-30%) Sectors

December 11, 2021			
US Sector	Dec 21	Mar score - Dec score	
Consumer_Staples	-50%	13%	
Materials	27%	36%	
Energy	14%	0%	
Utilities	-27%	27%	
Telecommunications	-44%	33%	
Consumer_Discretionary	33%	-56%	*
Financials	89%	-78%	
Real_Estate	-17%	44%	
Information_Technology	57%	-100%	*
Industrials	69%	-25%	ŝ
Health_Care	-60%	0%	

US Equity Sector Direction Scores (+/- 100%)

December 11, 2021		8			
		Price Move			5
	Current	required to get			
US Sector	price	to target price	Buy	Sell	
Consumer Discretionary	1614.44	-35.3%		CDR	,
Consumer Staples	771.24	-6.8%			
Energy	430.61	27.8%	ENE		
Financials	647.84	-4.8%			1
Health Care	1565.37	-3.2%			
Industrials	888.50	-24.9%		IDS	1
Information Technology	3068.89	-30.0%		TEC	]_
Materials	552.89	-0.3%			
Real Estate	306.72	-12.9%			
Communication Services	266.26	-28.1%		тсо	2
Utilities	349.30	-14.3%			

US Equity Sector Valuation Targets



## CNBC John Interview

30<sup>th</sup> December 2021

https://youtu.be/7S5EjlePnmU



Source: Deuterium, Refinitiv.

## US Discretionary Sector drawdown (-36.5%)

## US Technology Sector drawdown (-32%)

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Source: Deuterium, Refinitiv.

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#### Case Study Dec 2021 : Sell US Discretionary & Technology Sectors

### Deuterium Long-only returns (+8.5%) vs World Equity (-0.4%) & US 10-year bond return (-17.8%)



Source: Deuterium, Bloomberg Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Refer to important disclaimers at the end of this presentation.



## **Case Study: Managing Through the Covid-19 Crisis**

In Mar 2020 The Team Extended Bond Durations, Stayed Overweight Equities Anticipating The Rebound, and Concentrated Positions In Technology, Communications and Discretionary Sectors



#### COVID-19 Crisis

To start 2020 the GDA models showed a strong upswing in the global cycles to come over the next quarters, leading the team to hold an overweight in equities. When the Covid-19 crisis was recognized as a pandemic in March, the team shifted US Treasury bond positions up to an equivalent of 100% 10 year Treasury duration. This underpinned portfolio performance during March in one of the most rapid and deep crashes in stock market history.

The team implemented proprietary short term liquidity and market monitors to assess the effects of central bank interventions and fiscal policy measures on global debt and consumption. This kept the portfolio overweight equities and concentrated positions in technology, communications and discretionary sectors.

#### The outcome

By Sep 2020 the fund had recovered to better its previous high in Feb 2020. This meant that the fund significantly outperformed the peer index with its Jan 2020 to Nov 2020 return of +6.4%. Adjusting the portfolio allocations for external shocks remains a core team competence.



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Source: Deuterium, Bloomberg as at 18/11/2020. Refer to important disclaimers at the end of this presentation.



## **Case Study: Discretionary Added Value 2018**

In Late 2018 the Managers Decided to Increase Equity Exposure, Ahead of the Fed Flip Flopping on Interest Rates



#### Fed Flip Flops

The US Federal Reserve (Fed) flipped from raising interest rates until December 2018 to cutting them between August 2019 and October 2019. The fund was able to benefit from this change in direction.

In the latter months of 2018, the team's models showed that worsening economic conditions would make it very difficult for the Fed to continue on its rate hiking path.

#### Manager Discretion

Was introduced because a judgment needed to be taken on human decision making within the Fed. Exposure to equities was increased.

#### The Outcome

The fund significantly outperformed peers during the twelve months to October 2019.



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## **Case Study: Avoiding the Crash of 2008**

In January 2008, The Lead Manager Reduced Equities Below 30%



#### Great Financial Crisis

When the great financial crisis hit in September 2008, the fund's lead manager was well prepared. He had only 27% allocated to equities. Consequently, the performance of the fund he was then managing held up well, while equity markets tumbled in one of the worst crashes in stock market history.

He was led to his cautious stance because his macro models had long been forecasting a global recession in 2008.

#### Manager Discretion

Was introduced because a judgment needed to be taken on human decision making within the Fed. Exposure to equities was increased.

#### The Outcome

The fund he was then managing significantly outperformed the market during the worst of the crisis, suffering a fall of only -1.0% during the period 1 September 2008 to 2 January 2009, compared to the -11.2% fall of the MSCI World Index (in GBP). Protecting against downside risk remains a key part of his investment philosophy to this day.



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