

Systematic Equity Markets Strategy

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Strategy summary

The strategy applies a long/short approach to global equity markets, with the objective to maximize returns through controlled volatility, while maintaining a very low correlation to traditional asset classes.

With a variable market bias, it aims to leverage trading opportunities between equity indices by trading index future contracts, ETFs and baskets of individual stocks. This strategy uses complementary signals which have been consistent and robust in the past and whose prospects are rationalizable.

Performance and risk statistics (since inception)

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Annualized return (USD) | 5.39% |
| Annualized volatility | 5.15% |
| Return/volatility | 1.04 |
| Sharpe ratio | 0.56 |
| Beta (predicted) | 0.12 |
| Beta (realized over last 12 months) | 0.19 |
| Skewness | 0.40 |
| Worst drawdown | -7.56% |
| Positive month ratio | 0.63 |
| Average of negative months | -1.03% |
| Average of positive months | 1.31% |
| Correlation to MSCI World | 0.12 |

Note: The inception date is January 1, 2018. All data are since inception except for the predicted beta, which is current.

Investment team

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Portfolio Manager
Experience: 18 years
Team member since 2011

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Portfolio Manager
Experience: 6 years
Team member since 2018

IT development

Eric Gagnon, B.Sc., BBA
Senior Software Developer
Experience: 23 years
Team member since 2023

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Software Architect
Experience: 14 years
Team member since 2012

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Senior Software Developer
Experience: 9 years
Team member since 2016

Michael Laplante
Software Developer
Experience: 2 years
Team member since 2022

Characteristics

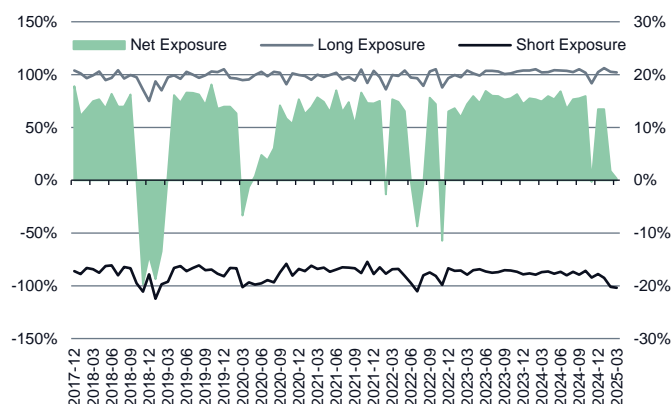
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|---------------------------|----------------|
| Beta | -0.3 to 0.3 |
| Maximum exposure by index | 15% |
| Short exposure to markets | 100% (+/- 20%) |
| Long exposure to markets | 100% (+/- 20%) |
| Volatility target | 4.5% to 7.5% |
| Currency hedging | 100% in USD |

Up and down-market performance (since inception)

| | UP MARKETS | DOWN MARKETS | ALL MARKETS |
|---|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| MSCI WORLD (NET) | | | |
| Number of months | 59 | 28 | 87 |
| Avg. monthly return (USD) | 2.99% | -3.21% | 1.00% |
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| Positive months ratio | 69% | 50% | 63% |
| Avg. monthly return (USD) | 0.59% | 0.15% | 0.45% |

Note: The average monthly return is calculated when the benchmark has a positive month or a negative month.

Net market exposure



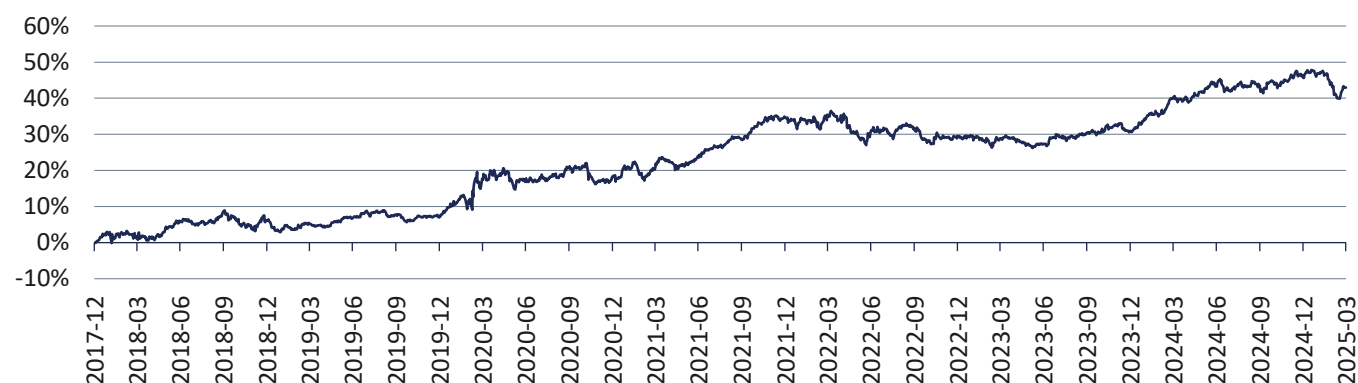
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Returns (USD)

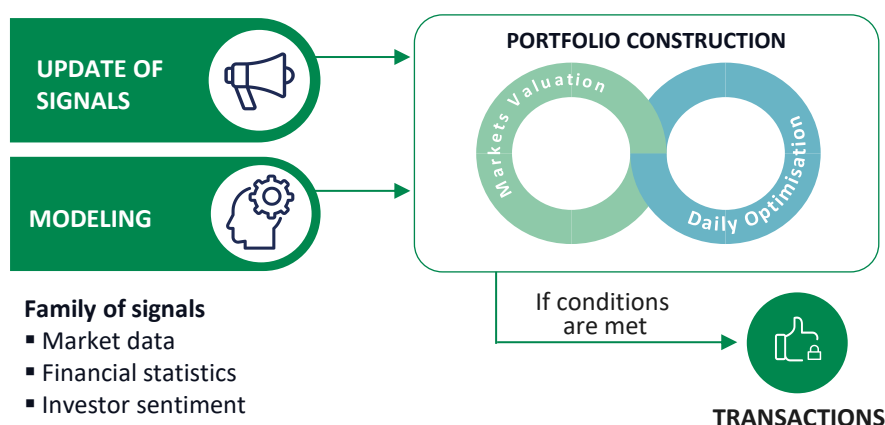
| In % | Jan. | Feb. | March | April | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | YTD |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2025 | 0.97 | -1.68 | -0.85 | | | | | | | | | | -1.57 |
| 2024 | 2.57 | 0.77 | 3.76 | -0.52 | 1.83 | 1.30 | -0.76 | 1.06 | -0.07 | 0.39 | 0.72 | 0.76 | 12.37 |
| 2023 | 0.16 | -1.30 | 0.83 | 0.43 | -1.59 | 0.45 | 1.97 | -0.16 | 0.76 | 0.63 | 1.27 | -1.39 | 2.00 |
| 2022 | -0.81 | 0.29 | 1.09 | -1.54 | -1.78 | -0.07 | 0.42 | 0.43 | -0.50 | -2.22 | 1.09 | -0.06 | -3.66 |
| 2021 | 1.54 | -1.21 | 1.70 | 1.21 | -0.54 | 1.86 | 1.66 | 1.63 | 0.25 | 3.02 | 1.68 | 0.10 | 13.61 |
| 2020 | 3.17 | 0.24 | 5.92 | 0.69 | -0.37 | -0.57 | 0.56 | 0.95 | 1.47 | 0.28 | -3.14 | 1.14 | 10.56 |
| 2019 | -2.19 | 0.25 | 1.41 | -0.87 | 1.50 | 0.44 | 1.66 | 0.19 | -0.75 | -1.55 | 1.21 | -0.21 | 1.02 |

Note: The inception date of the strategy is January 1, 2018.

Cumulative returns (USD)



Investment process



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