



MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

August 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION

Base Currency: AUD
Entity Type: Registered Managed Investment Scheme
PMs: Marcel von Pfyffer (CIO)
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Launch date: NOV 2016
Benchmark: 0% (Absolute Return)
Fees: 1.26% base and 10.125% performance fee ("PF").

The PF is calculated on the excess return and is accrued monthly in the unit price and paid monthly.

Domicile: Australia
Close of Financial Year: 30th June
Unit Pricing: Weekly

APIR: EVO0006AU platforms
 EVO0005AU direct
ISIN: AU60EVO00063 platforms
 AU60EVO00055 direct

ARSN: 614 078 812
Fund Responsible Entity: Quay Fund Services Ltd AFSL No. 494 886
 ABN 84 616 465 671

Fund Administration: APEX Fund Services (Australia)

Fund Custodian: AET Corporate Trust Pty Limited

Prime Broker: Interactive Brokers
(for the underlying fund).

Auditors: Grant Thornton

NAV: \$14,482,637.11

Unit Price: 0.9348

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The Fund returned +0.87% for the month, compared with -0.72% for the Credit Suisse Global Macro Index. The HFRX Absolute Return Index returned +0.37% for the month.

Our stance is negative towards US equities; negative on Australia; optimistic on Europe and negative on emerging markets. Our econometric models can locate value in Europe and Japan, but the unfolding of the impacts of rising inflationary expectations in the US will have manifold effects through 2018. We are of the view that the US dollar and continued expected rises in US interest rates will eventually lead to more defaults in lower-quality sovereign and corporate bonds.

PERFORMANCE (Inception NOV-2016)	Arminius Capital GMMMA Fund	HFRX (USD) ABSOLUTE RETURN INDEX	CREDIT SUISSE GLOBAL MACRO (USD) INDEX	MSCI World Index	S&P/ASX200 XJO (AUD)
1 Month	0.87%	0.37%	-0.72%	1.14%	0.63%
3 Months	-1.52%	0.51%	-2.27%	4.47%	5.12%
Calendar YTD	-3.63%	1.36%	-1.64%	4.43%	4.19%
1 Year	-3.70%	2.21%	2.63%	11.96%	10.59%
Cumulative Since Inception NOV 2016	3.43%	4.84%	9.71%	27.71%	18.84%

Arminius Capital GMMMA Fund (Inception NOV 2016) Returns are net of fees

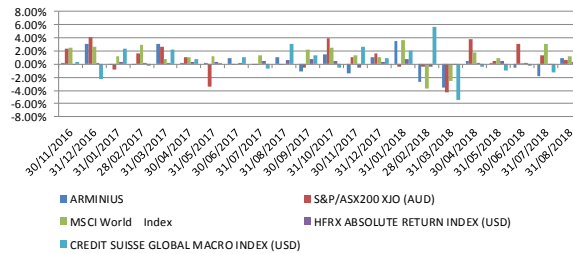
%	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	CY
2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	INCEPTION=>		0.08%	3.06%	3.14%
2017	-0.02%	-0.14%	3.14%	0.02%	0.06%	0.94%	-0.08%	1.07%	-1.15%	1.47%	-1.36%	0.99%	4.96%
2018	3.47%	-2.66%	-3.50%	0.46%	0.22%	-0.58%	-1.80%	0.87%					-3.63%

Returns for the fund are calculated as of the last valuation day of the month (generally a Friday), whereas the index returns are calculated as of the last trading day of the month. Index returns are provided for comparative purposes only and the Benchmark used to manage the fund is 0% (absolute return).

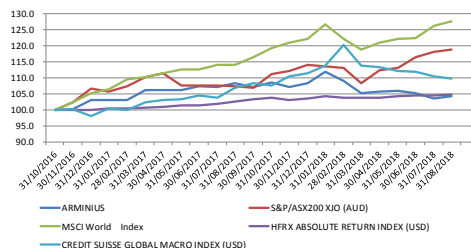
FUND OBJECTIVES: The Arminius Capital GMMMA Fund invests by purchasing units in an underlying wholesale hedge fund, being the "Arminius Capital ALPS Fund", which provides investors with exposure to all asset classes in the global macro universe. As such, there may be some degree of difference between the performance returns of the underlying wholesale fund and this fund due to differing fees, expenses and fund inflow effects. Arminius' aim is to provide smooth positive annual returns with lower volatility and lower risk than concentrated single market/asset class exposure. Our absolute return investment methodology utilises a combination of fundamental, momentum and quantitative inputs. As an absolute return fund, the objective is to preserve the capital base across every 3 year rolling period.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY: Arminius uses econometric modelling based on macro-economic indicators alongside fundamentals pertinent to each individual instrument within each asset class. Momentum is taken into account only once the fundamental value of each instrument has been ascertained. Low volatility and risk management is complemented by frequent re-balancing and equal weighting, according to what each hedging sub-strategy dictates.

Monthly Performance since Inception November 2016



Cumulative Performance since Inception (Base 100 = 31 October 2016)



**FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTARY:**

The Fund returned +0.87% in August, compared to -0.72% for the Credit Suisse Global Macro index and +0.37% for the HFRX Global Macro Index. The ASX200 did +0.63% while the US S&P500 price index rose by 3.03% in August, setting new records. In contrast, the continuing march toward a trade war drove Chinese markets down: Shanghai fell by -5.25% and Shenzhen by -7.94%. For the year to date, the Chinese markets are down 17.6% and 23.6% respectively.

The Stoxx 600 European price index fell by -2.39% in August, partly because of the impact of the Turkish currency crisis on those European banks which have Turkish exposures but also driven down by the Italian stock market falling -8.76% during August. (All figures are in the currency of each market.)

Italy's stock market is proving to be as robust as Italy's infrastructure. A monthly collapse of equities approaching -9% (in four weeks!) was only eclipsed by the tragic loss of 43 souls when a bridge collapsed that most first world countries would take for granted to be able to stand freely. This incident is sadly representative not only of the state of Italy's infrastructure but also their political and fiscal position. Immediately after the bridge collapsed, the government petitioned Brussels for an increase to the EU's limit of their budget deficit, citing "infrastructure spend needs". This despite the fact that private and publicly listed companies operate and allegedly maintain a large part of Italy's "infrastructure". Whatever the Italian translation of "political opportunism" is, insert here. We continue to watch Italian bond spreads vs their European counterparts for signs of distress in European bond markets. Given that Signore Mario Draghi will move on from his position at the ECB later this year, it will be of interest to market participants to see how a non-Italian (most likely German) head of the ECB will treat the Italian debt market as the European central bank winds down its bond purchase program.

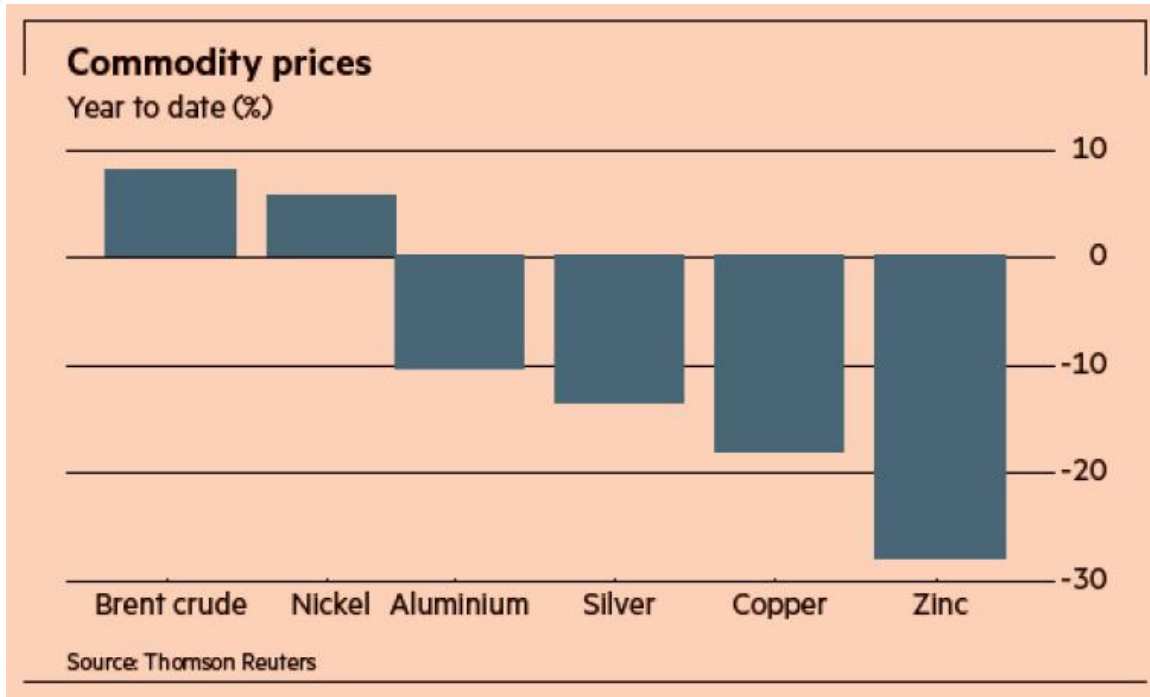
Performance of MSCI stock indexes



Source: FactSet

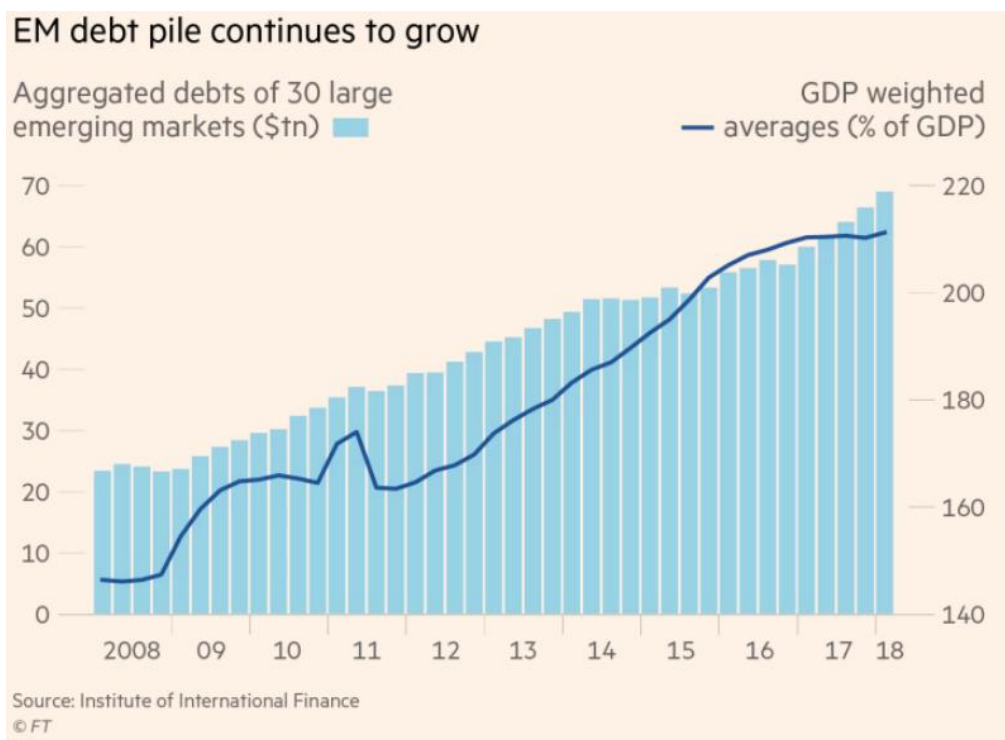
The chart above shows the performance of the US share market versus the rest of the world. The US has consistently outperformed the rest of the world throughout 2018, and very strongly since May. European markets have been flat, and the ASX is almost the only other equity market to rise this year. Emerging markets have almost all fallen below their year-start levels.

There are two broad factors behind the fall in the emerging markets. The first is the slide in commodity prices (caused by slower economic growth in China), which has reduced countries' export income and companies' revenues.



The second is the relentless rise in the indebtedness of the emerging economies – both corporate debt and government debt – as shown in the chart below. At the time of the GFC, the emerging economies were carrying relatively little debt, so they were barely affected by the insolvencies of so many US and European banks. Now, however, they are learning the lessons which they should have learned from the GFC.

The rise in US interest rates has raised the cost of servicing the debt, while the tightening of global liquidity has limited borrowers' options for re-financing the principal. The result is a series of currency crises, starting in Turkey and Argentina, and spreading rapidly as Western investors pull their money out of any country which might be at risk. The mechanism is much the same as in the Asian crisis of 1997-98, except that the players are different. (Countries like China and Thailand did learn their lesson.)





To repeat the analogy we used in last month's report, global financial markets are like the Australian bush after a hot, dry summer. You know that there is going to be a bushfire – you just don't know whether it will start today, next week, or next month.

The US and European economies are not directly affected by currency crises in emerging markets, but they will be indirectly affected via trade and lending and investment, just as they were in 1997-98. These indirect effects will be much worse if the US-China trade war intensifies.

In Australia, a good results season pushed the share market higher in August, except for the Materials, Energy, and Financials Sectors. Resource stocks reacted negatively to falling commodity prices: recent statistics indicate that the Chinese economy was slowing down even before The Donald decided to start a trade war. On top of all this, African swine fever has broken out in several Chinese provinces: because China's four hundred million or so pigs are the main source of meat, the spread of this disease will have far worse consequences than the outbreaks of BSE ("mad cow disease") ever had in the West.

The banking sector faces major hurdles in both the short and the long term. The weakness in house prices and housing starts implies an increase in bad loans (although far short of previous downturns), which will damage profits and may lead to some dividend cuts in 2019 and 2020. The revelations of the Hayne Royal Commission have made it inevitable that the banks will be subject to more restrictive regulation – only the details and timing are unknown.

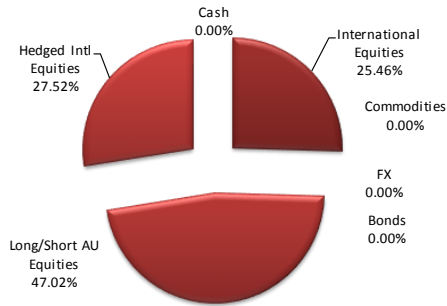
Therefore, although the Australian economy is in surprisingly good shape, and the Australian share market and currency has gotten cheaper lately, we are still vulnerable to further declines, whether they are triggered by a trade war, a US correction, or contagion from the emerging markets.



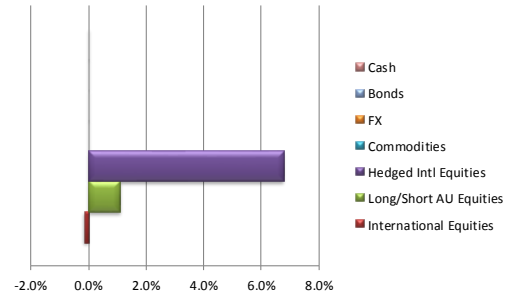
UNDERLYING FUND DATA

Important Note: The data on this page (unless otherwise referenced) specifically refers to the underlying fund. There may be some degree of difference between the performance returns of the underlying wholesale fund and this fund due to differing fees, expenses and fund inflow effects.

Underlying Fund's Exposure at month's end as % of NAV



Underlying Fund's Monthly Asset Class average returns of individual constituents per SAA in domestic market currency



- There have been no changes to the risk profile of the Fund during the month.
- There has been no material change to the Fund's strategy during the month.
- There has been no change to key individuals at Arminius.
- This report is made for information purposes only, reflecting Arminius' interpretation of a specific historic period, source referenced from the prime broker "Interactive Brokers" proprietary reporting software "PortfolioAnalyst". All other data is sourced from FACTSET and Hedge Fund Research Inc.


GLOBAL FINANCIAL MARKETS – MONTHLY DATA

EQUITIES	31-Jul-18	31-Aug-18	ROR	COMMODITIES	31-Jul-18	31-Aug-18	ROR
EUROPE				Energy			
Germany DAX (TR)	12805.5	12364.1	-3.45%	Crude Oil WTI (NYM \$/bbl) Continuous	68.76	69.80	1.51%
Switzerland SMI (PR)	9174.3	8973.6	-2.19%	Brent Crude (ICE \$/bbl) Continuous	74.25	77.42	4.27%
STOXX Europe 600 (EUR)	391.6	382.3	-2.39%	NY Harbor ULSD (NYM \$/gal) Continuous	2.14	2.24	4.95%
FTSE 100	7748.8	7432.4	-4.08%	NY Harb RBOB (NYM \$/gal) Continuous	2.08	2.00	-4.01%
France CAC 40	5511.3	5406.9	-1.90%	Natural Gas (NYM \$/btu) Continuous	2.78	2.92	4.82%
FTSE MIB	22215.7	20269.5	-8.76%	Precious Metals			
Netherlands AEX	574.3	558.4	-2.76%	Gold (NYM \$/ozt) Continuous	1233.60	1206.70	-2.18%
Belgium BEL 20	3899.0	3740.7	-4.06%	Silver (NYM \$/ozt) Continuous	15.56	14.56	-6.44%
OMX Stockholm 30	1615.6	1658.2	2.63%	Industrial Metals			
Norway Oslo All-Share	1017.7	1028.9	1.10%	Aluminum (LME Cash \$/t)	2061.00	2112.00	2.47%
Ireland ISEQ	6832.0	6773.9	-0.85%	High Grade Copper (NYM \$/lbs) Continuous	6213.00	6019.00	-3.12%
Spain IBEX 35	9870.7	9399.1	-4.78%	Nickel (LME Cash \$/t)	13770.00	13010.00	-5.52%
Cyprus CSE General	75.9	73.7	-2.90%	Iron Ore 62% CN TSI (NYM \$/mt)	64.35	67.16	4.37%
AMERICAS				Zinc (LME Cash \$/t)	2630.00	2504.00	-4.79%
S&P 500	2816.3	2901.5	3.03%	Agricultural			
DJ 30 Industrials	25415.2	25964.8	2.16%	Com (CBT \$/bu) Continuous	3.87	3.65	-5.56%
DJ 65 Composite Average	8548.0	8707.6	1.87%	Soybeans (CBT \$/bu) Continuous	9.19	8.44	-8.22%
NASDAQ Composite	7671.8	8109.5	5.71%	Wheat (CBT \$/bu) Continuous	5.54	5.46	-1.49%
Russell 1000	1560.4	1610.7	3.23%	Cotton #2 (NYF \$/lbs) Continuous	0.90	0.82	-8.23%
S&P TSX	16434.0	16262.9	-1.04%	Sugar #11 (NYF \$/lbs) Continuous	0.11	0.11	0.47%
Brazil Bovespa	79220.4	76677.5	-3.21%	Indices			
Argentina Merval	29287.3	29293.5	0.02%	GS Commodity (CME) Continuous	465.10	468.70	0.77%
Mexico IPC	49698.0	49547.7	-0.30%	PowerShares DB Commodity Index Tracking Fund	17.25	17.38	0.75%
ASIA				db x-trackers SICAV - db x-trackers DB COMMODITY BO	15.63	15.27	-2.30%
S&P ASX 200	6280.2	6319.5	0.63%	10 YEAR SOVEREIGN YIELDS			
Nikkei 225	22553.7	22865.2	1.38%	US	2.98%	2.85%	-0.13%
Hang Seng	28583.0	27888.6	-2.43%	UK	1.34%	1.43%	0.09%
Korea KOSPI	2295.3	2322.9	1.20%	Europe	0.45%	0.33%	-0.12%
FTSE Strait Times	3319.9	3213.5	-3.20%	Australia	2.65%	2.52%	-0.13%
Taiwan TAIEX	11057.5	11063.9	0.06%	Belgium	0.75%	0.71%	-0.04%
New Zealand NZX 50 (TR)	8922.1	9313.2	4.38%	Canada	2.30%	2.23%	-0.07%
Shanghai SSE Composite	2876.4	2725.3	-5.25%	Denmark	0.40%	0.30%	-0.10%
China Shenzhen A Share	1648.2	1517.3	-7.94%	France	0.74%	0.69%	-0.05%
India S&P BSE SENSEX	37606.6	38645.1	2.76%	Germany	0.45%	0.33%	-0.12%
FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI	1784.3	1819.7	1.98%	Greece	3.86%	4.36%	0.51%
Indonesia JSX	5936.4	6018.5	1.38%	Ireland	0.91%	0.86%	-0.05%
FOREIGN EXCHANGE				Italy	2.78%	3.22%	0.44%
AUD/USD	0.744	0.718	-3.48%	Japan	0.11%	0.10%	-0.01%
EUR/USD	1.174	1.161	-1.09%	Netherlands	0.54%	0.45%	-0.09%
JPY/USD	111.483	110.902	-0.52%	New Zealand	2.73%	2.53%	-0.20%
GBP/USD	1.315	1.296	-1.41%	Norway	1.88%	1.74%	-0.14%
CHF/USD	1.014	1.033	1.84%	Portugal	1.76%	1.92%	0.17%
USD/CAD	0.770	0.766	-0.45%	Spain	1.41%	1.47%	0.06%
EUR/GBP	0.893	0.896	0.32%	Sweden	0.61%	0.50%	-0.11%
EUR/AUD	1.578	1.617	2.48%	Switzerland	0.03%	-0.07%	0.10%
USD/CHF	0.990	0.969	-2.14%				
GBP/AUD	1.767	1.802	2.00%				
CBOE Volatility Index	12.83	12.86	0.23%				

ROR = Rate of Return

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