

## Alpha Alternatives Fund - Snapshot

Morningstar Category: Alternative Strategies - Diversified  
 Inception Date: 6/02/2013

## Fund and Market Commentary

During December, the Bloomberg AusBond Cash benchmark returned 0.15%, while the Alpha Alternatives Fund outperformed the benchmark by 2.19%. Given limited performance history no comment can be made about the Funds long-term performance.

Macro/CTA Index strategies produced gains in December with the hedge fund composite index returning 0.48%. Italy has voted against constitutional reform following a December referendum forcing the Italian Prime Minister, Matteo Renzi, to resign leading to fears that Italy may leave the Eurozone threatening economic stability. The news initially put downward pressure on European equity markets although they quickly recovered, with the monthly return for Italy's MIB index up by 13.61%, FTSE 100 rising 5.29% and Germany's DAX growing 7.9%.

Driven by investors' confidence in Trump's promises of economic stimulus, energy commodities and United States (US) equities continued to move higher over December with the Dow Jones returning 3.34% during the month, and the index falling just shy of 20,000 while the S&P 500 jumped 1.82%. The unemployment rate rose to 4.7%, from a nine-year low of 4.6% last month and non-farm payrolls increased by 156,000. The US Federal Reserve finally decided to hike the interest rate for the first time this year by 25 basis points to 75 basis points and it now foresees three rate hikes in 2017 compared with only two cited at the September meeting. In the Asian markets, Japan's Nikkei 225 index notched a gain of 4.4%, while Hang Seng Index and China's Shanghai Composite fell 3.46% and 4.5% respectively. The Australian Dollar (AUD) depreciated by 3.18% to end the month at 0.7236 United States (US) cents.

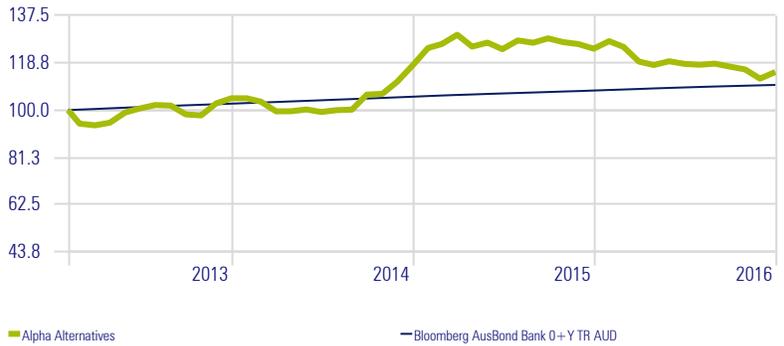
Considering the prospects for assets beyond short-term noise and volatility, our preference is to take a longer term approach to the markets. This does not mean we are not actively managing the Fund. To the contrary, the structure of our Fund is always reflective of our most current assessment of market risk. In structuring the fund, Alpha Fund Managers seek to select high quality managers and blend these managers to create portfolios that can achieve consistent, absolute and relative performances, irrespective of where we are in the market cycle.

## Alpha Alternatives - Monthly Returns (net of fees)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2016	2.41	-1.80	-4.66	-1.16	1.28	-0.87	-0.31	0.38	-0.99	-0.97	-3.15	2.34	-7.45
2015	5.89	1.28	2.91	-3.62	1.27	-2.07	2.80	-0.72	1.38	-1.18	-0.59	-1.46	5.66
2014	-0.01	-1.27	-3.73	0.04	0.71	-0.99	0.73	0.21	5.96	0.27	4.52	5.82	12.45
2013			-0.69	1.10	4.28	1.65	1.33	-0.24	-3.42	-0.41	4.84	2.02	
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## Investment Growth (net of fees) versus Benchmark

Time Period: 06/02/2013 to 31/12/2016

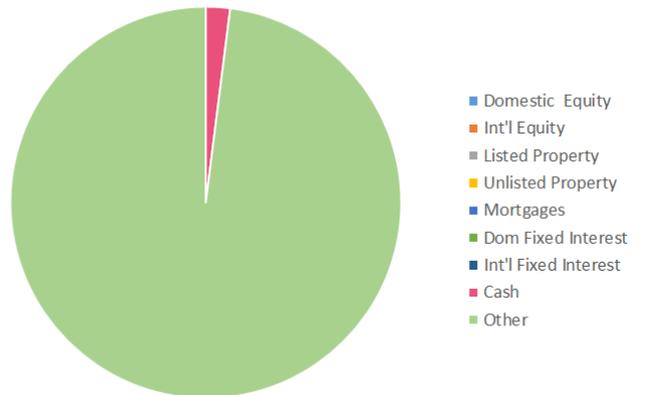


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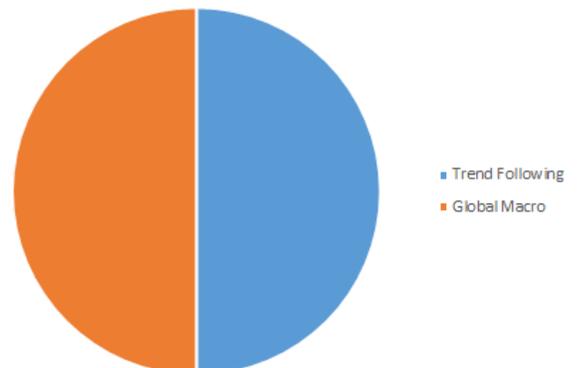
As of Date: 31/12/2016 Data Point: Return

	Month	Quarter	6 Mth	1Yr	2Yr pa	3Yr pa	4Yr pa	5Yr pa
Alpha Alternatives	2.34	-1.84	-2.74	-7.45	-1.11	3.22		
Bloomberg AusBond Bank 0+Y TR AUD	0.15	0.44	0.92	2.07	2.20	2.37	2.49	2.78

## Asset Allocation



## Strategy Allocation



## Investment Objective

The Alpha Alternatives Fund is designed for investors seeking strong long-term returns by investing in underlying strategies that provide exposure to a well-diversified portfolio of specialist absolute return investment managers. The Alpha Alternatives Fund will invest in equity long-short, relative value, event driven, global macro and managed futures. The Alpha Alternatives Fund will actively seek to take advantage of strategic country and asset allocation, as well as security pricing opportunities, by investing in a diverse range of securities across the globe. The composition and performance of the fund may differ significantly from its benchmark.

*Fund Style: Actively Managed and Broadly Diversified Global Hedge Fund*

## Current Manager Line-up

**H2O Force 10** is a global macro hedge fund strategy that aims to generate returns from long and short positions in various equity, fixed income, currency, and futures markets, primarily based on overall economic and political views of various countries and macroeconomic principles. The H2O strategy aims to provide not only risk-adjusted performance at portfolio level, but also transparency and daily liquidity.

*Manager Style: Actively Managed and Broadly Diversified Macro Hedge Fund*

**The AQR Wholesale Managed Futures Fund** is a trend-following strategy which uses proprietary quantitative models. The Fund provides long and short exposure to over 100 global developed and emerging markets in equities, bonds, commodities, and currencies (using futures, swaps, forwards and options). The strategy seeks to deliver systematic and risk controlled returns in a liquid form with low correlation to the returns of traditional asset classes. An efficient diversification of exposures is an explicit goal of this product.

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## About Alpha Fund Managers

**Alpha Fund Managers'** investment philosophy is based on the premise that there are particular investment managers that have the ability to consistently generate "alpha" over the medium to long-term, and through all financial market cycles irrespective of any style bias (growth vs. value, large cap vs. small cap, etc.). "Alpha" in this context is defined as an investment manager's unique ability to select a portfolio of securities that differs from and outperforms its benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis. In other words, it is an investment manager's ability to beat the index. Alpha Fund Managers' investment process is based on a balanced approach to quantitative and qualitative research and analysis techniques to assess and select the underlying investment managers in each Alpha Fund Series fund. Alpha Fund Managers seek to add value by selecting investment managers who demonstrate a high-level of investment conviction, unique investment processes and a proven record in managing risk and generating long-term "alpha" over full market cycle. Alpha Fund Managers then blend these managers to create portfolios that can achieve consistent, absolute and relative performance, irrespective of where we are in the market cycle.

## Investment Details

APIR Code	ETL0318AU
Ticker	19538
Net Assets (\$Mil)	25
Month End Price Date	31/12/2016
Month End Price	1.0044

## Purchase Information

Minimum Initial Investment	\$25,000
Minimum Balance	\$25,000
Minimum Additional Investment/Withdrawal	\$10,000
Buy-sell Spread	0.35%
Income Distribution	Yearly
Valuation/Unit Pricing	Daily
Management Fee	1.435%
Performance Fee	20.5% (net of GST and RITC)

For further information, please refer to the funds PDS.

## Manager Info

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There has been no material changes in the Fund's risk profile, strategy, key investment personnel or key service providers since the last monthly report.

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