

## Alpha Alternatives Fund - Snapshot

Morningstar Category: Alternative Strategies - Diversified  
 Inception Date: 01/02/2012

## Fund and Market Commentary

During May, the Bloomberg AusBond Cash benchmark returned 0.15%, while the Alpha Alternatives Fund outperformed by 0.95%. Given limited performance history no comment can be made about the Funds long-term performance.

Macro/CTA Index strategies performed positively over May with the hedge fund composite index returning 0.49%. Global developed equity markets were largely positive, while volatility was rather modest despite mounting political risks and the prospect of tighter monetary policy. In the United States (US), the Dow Jones and S&P 500 indices rose by 0.33% and 1.16% respectively, with the data from Bloomberg revealing that over 70% of companies in the S&P 500 beat their earnings forecast. On the back of this, the S&P 500 reached a record high on 26th of May at 2415.82. However, news of investigations into US President Donald Trump raised some concerns about a potential impeachment, as well as the administration's capability to enact pro-growth policies. The US Federal Reserve again left the federal funds rate on hold in May. In Europe, the United Kingdom's (UK) FTSE 100 index rose by 4.39% and Italy's MIB index gained 0.59%, while Germany's DAX was 0.23% lower. Emmanuel Macron won the French presidential election, bringing stability to European markets and the European Union. Following recent acts of terror within the UK including the Manchester bombing, there are fears of a further escalation in attacks leading to the national terror threat level being upgraded by one notch to "critical". In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 index climbed 2.36% and the Hang Seng Index jumped 4.25%, while China's Shanghai Composite fell 1.19%.

In commodity markets, prices of crude oil weakened during May, even though the major oil countries agreed to extend production cuts through March 2018 at the last OPEC meeting. The prices of Iron Ore continued to decline, reaching its lowest level since 2016 with rising stockpiles at Chinese ports contributing to oversupply. The Australian dollar stayed flat against the greenback, ending the month 0.33% lower at 74.50 US cents.

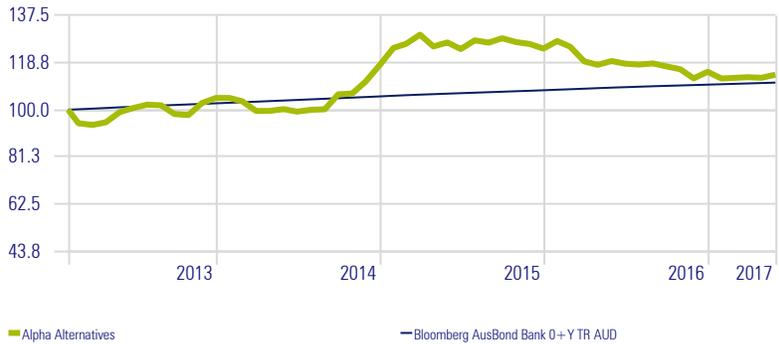
Considering the prospects for assets beyond short-term noise and volatility, our preference is to take a longer term approach to the markets. This does not mean we are not actively managing the Fund. To the contrary, the structure of our Fund is always reflective of our most current assessment of market 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
2017	-2.33	0.21	0.25	-0.21	1.10								
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: 6/02/2013 to 31/05/2017

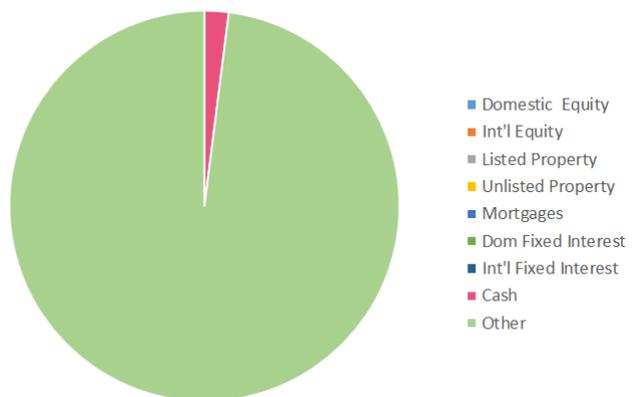


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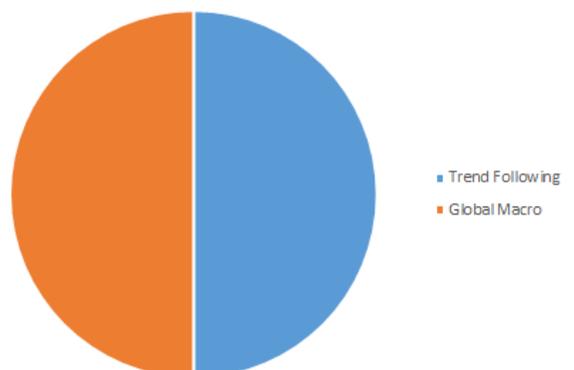
As of Date: 31/05/2017 Data Point: Return

	Month	Quarter	6 Mth	1Yr	2Yr pa	3Yr pa	4Yr pa	5Yr pa
Alpha Alternatives	1.10	1.14	1.31	-4.55	-5.20	4.37	3.57	
Bloomberg AusBond Bank 0+Y TR AUD	0.15	0.45	0.89	1.84	2.05	2.25	2.36	2.55

## 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.

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

**The Henderson Absolute Return Australian Equity Fund** is an actively managed portfolio of long and short positions in listed (or soon to be listed) companies (predominantly Australian companies) that seeks to provide investors with consistent, positive returns above the Benchmark through all cycles of the Australian equity market with little or no correlation to that market. The Fund aims to provide investors with a highly liquid investment opportunity, capital preservation and the delivery of long term equity market returns without the market volatility of a long only equity investment. The fund focuses on positive absolute returns in both rising and falling markets.

*Manager Style: Actively Managed, Market Neutral Australian Equity Strategy*

**Legg Mason Western Asset Management**, a Legg Mason affiliate, is one of the world's leading fixed income managers and provides investment services for a wide variety of global clients, with broad capabilities across the fixed income spectrum. By devoting all of its resources to fixed income, Western Asset adds unique value to this asset class through active management of fixed income portfolios, with a value-oriented investment approach that is supported by a team of fixed income specialists in every market sector. Legg Mason Western Asset Macro Opportunities Bond is an unconstrained, global macro fixed income alternative that seeks to maximize total return while being less correlated to traditional fixed income and equity markets. The fund focuses on long-term value investing and active management of duration, yield curve and volatility by identifying relative value among securities and sectors in global fixed income markets.

*Manager Style: Active Unconstrained Global Macro Fixed Income Alternative Strategy*

## 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)	29
Month End Price Date	31/05/2017
Month End Price	0.9943

## 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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