

Overview

Macro Economic Environment

- Low (real) growth rates in a new regime of great power competition & new world order
- Higher nominal world with sustained fiscal deficits, debt burden & higher rates
- <u>Elevated market pricing</u> in the US vs. RoW
- Creates uncertainty & dispersion → requires adaptability → offers opportunities

Hedge Fund Update

- Trends, themes
- Outlook

HF Trade Examples

Idiosyncratic trade examples

Access to Hedge Fund and Credit portfolios

- Alpinum Alternative Investments Fund
- Alpinum Credit Fund

Alpinum – A recognized Swiss institutional asset manager

QUALIFIED INVESTOR FOCUS

- Family offices
- · Wealth managers
- Banks, insurance companies
- Pension funds

SPECIALIZATION ACROSS ASSET CLASSES



Credit investments



Direct lending



Hedge funds

OFFERING

- Award-winning funds
- Customized portfolio solutions
- Investment consulting
- Expert access worldwide

GROWTH STORY

- Successful spin-off of a wellestablished FO in 2014
- Today: Well-recognized, 100% privately owned Credit & Alternative Investment Boutique

INSTITUTIONAL SETUP

- FINMA-authorized asset manager
- Focus on performance | Top outsourcing Partners
- Responsible investing | UN PRI signatory
- One-stop shop across asset classes & solutions





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Year of independence

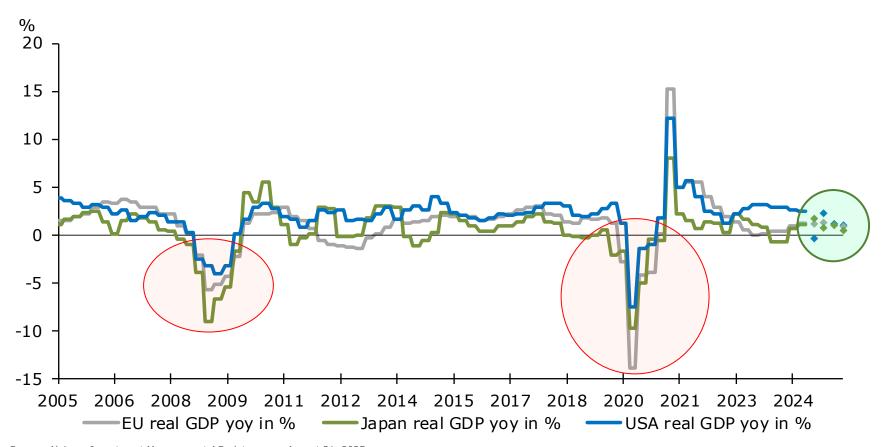
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Economic Environment Facts, Outlook, Geopolitics

GDP growth below potential ahead | No shock

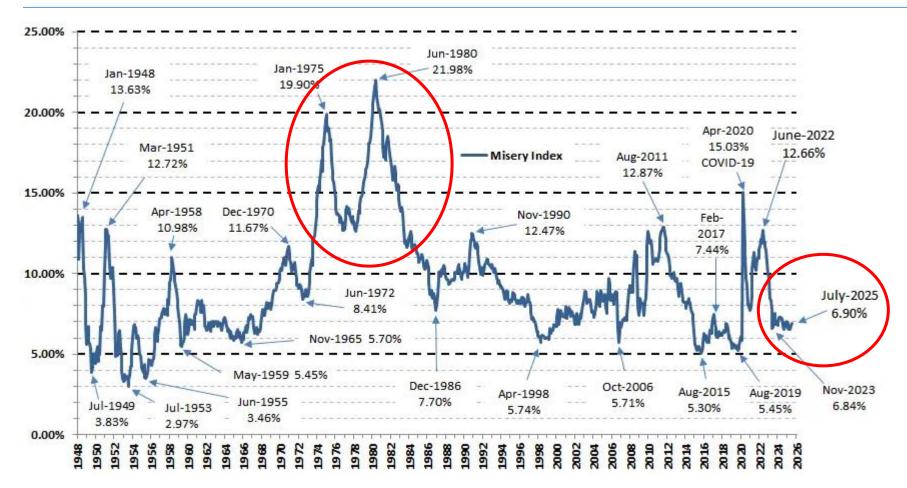
GDP - USA, EU, Japan

No shock wave: Soft economic growth outlook with risk of a mild US recession



Source: Alpinum Investment Management AG, data as per August 31, 2025

US Misery Index | No "economic hardship"

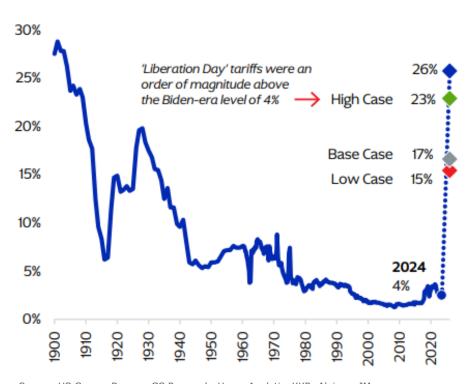


Index: Degree of perceived economic hardship due to unemployment & cost of living → Unemployment rate + inflation rate

Disruptor: Trade tensions are front and center

Tariffs may settle around at a weighted average rate of 17%. While tariff negotiations remain fluid, it is also clear that they became embedded features of industrial and geopolitical strategy

US effective tariff rate in %

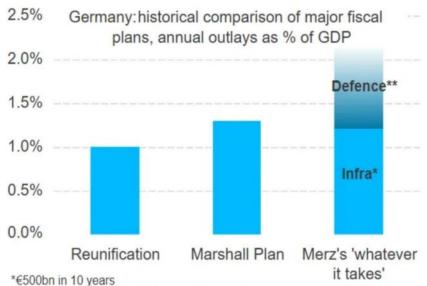


Source: US Census Bureau, GS Research, Haver Analytis, KKR, Alpinum IM



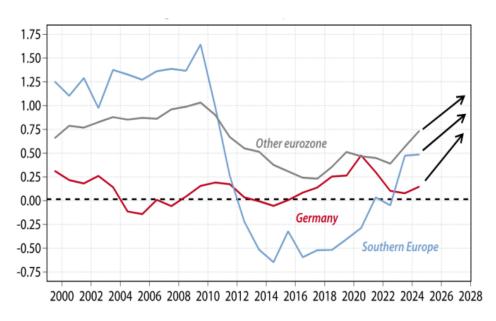
RoW: Europe synchronized public spending

German major fiscal spending plan



**Virtually uncapped. At €400bn in 10 years (i.e. meeting a 3% NATO target), annual defence spending would be ~0.9% of GDP

General government net fixed capital formation



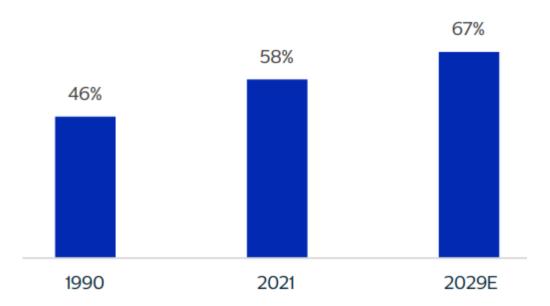
Source: Gavekal, Alpinum Investment Management AG

RoW: Asia is a secular growth region

Intra-Asia trade continues to accelerate and remains a secular investment theme

Supply chains decouple from traditional Western dependencies and regional demand ramps up

Trade that is within Asia in %



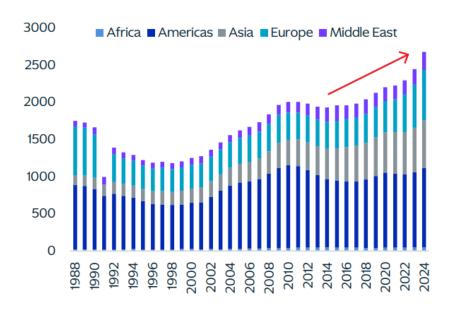
Source: KKR, Bloomberg, Alpinum IM

Change: High secular investments in defense & AI

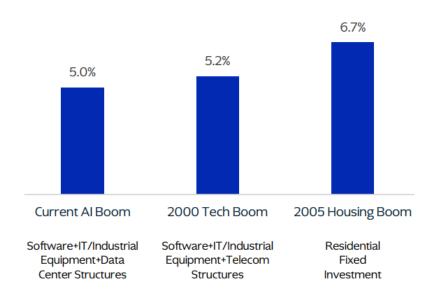
Sustained spending trends: Private spending in "AI" and public spending in defence

Two pillars of economic growth keeps economy going, while offering multiple investment themes

Military expenditure by region, USD bn



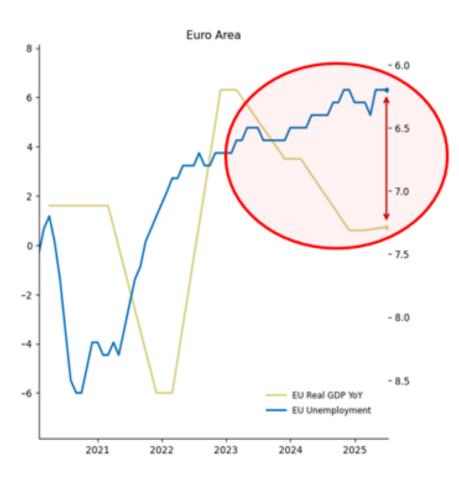
Investment spend as a % of US GDP



Source: GS, SIPRI, Bloomberg, KKR, Alpinum IM

Disruptive: Don't rely on historical (data) relationships

Real GDP YoY vs. unemployment rate

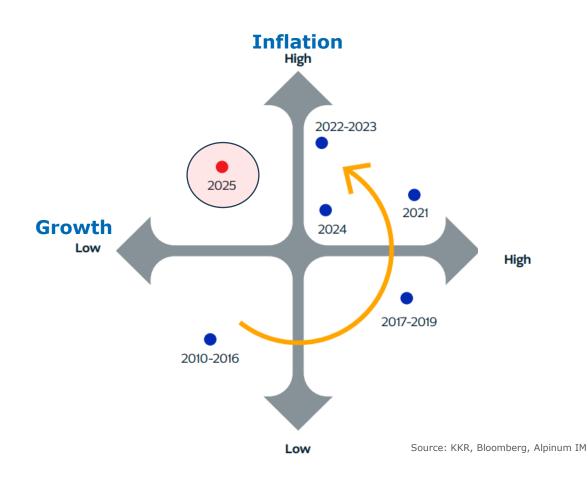


- EU-Unemployment rate (blue line inverse graph) at lowest level in 25 years, while economic growth rate has collapsed (yellow line).
- Equity markets at all-time high levels despite low or no economic growth in the short-term.
- Hence, naive interpretation and reliance on historical data and relationships leads to dismal asset allocation decisions.

Source: Alpinum IM; data as per 30.09.2024

Inflation-/growth regime when fiscal spending is elevated

Sustained fiscal deficits & geopolitics lead to higher inflation and lower (real) growth



Disruptive macro environment asks for adaptability

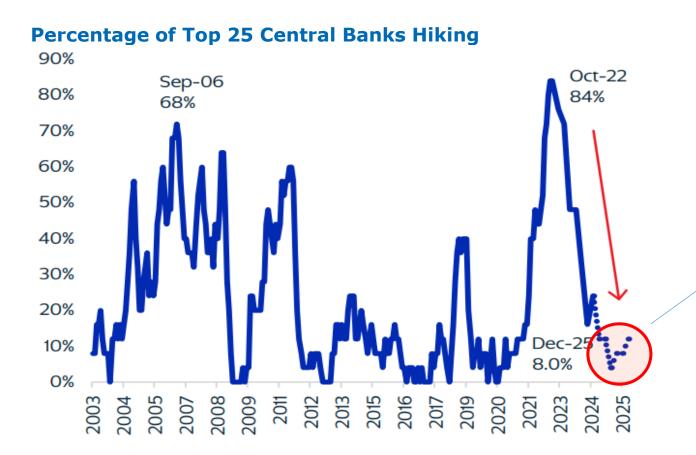
Macro	Consequences, challenges
Geopolitical change	Less globalization, trade barriers = reshaping supply chain, lower productivity, higher inflation → direct "cost" of change to society
Corporates	Bear higher capital costs, AI integration → need to adapt
Market	Consequences, challenges
Stock market	New trends/markets, high valuation → high dispersion
Bonds	"Higher for Longer" → new interest rate regime

Investment Style	Consequences
Dispersion	Differentiating price development (regions, sectors, corporates)
Selection	Fundamental analysis gets more importance/weight
Agility	Agility & adaption is needed; dynamic management, open minded

Market Environment Source for trade identification for (HF-) Investors

More central bank easing ahead for now

Monetary easing cycle still goes on



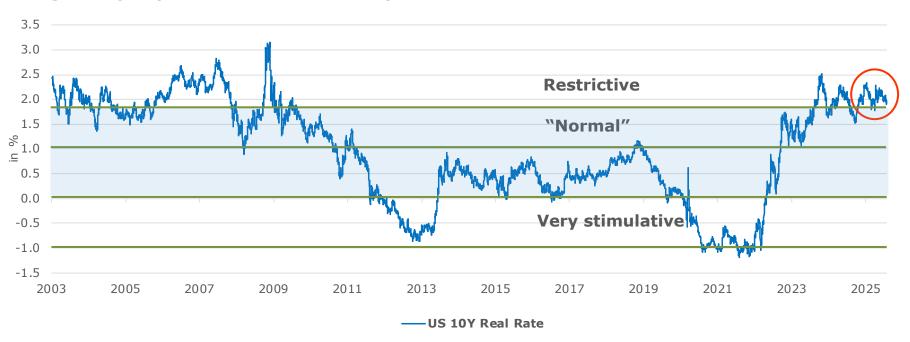
Trade implementation

- Interest rate curve
- Term premia
- RV rates
- FX
- Duration
- Linkers
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Source: Alpinum Investment Management AG, data as per August 31, 2025

Outlook "rates" - Real rates

Long-term perspective: Real rates of 10-year US Treasuries

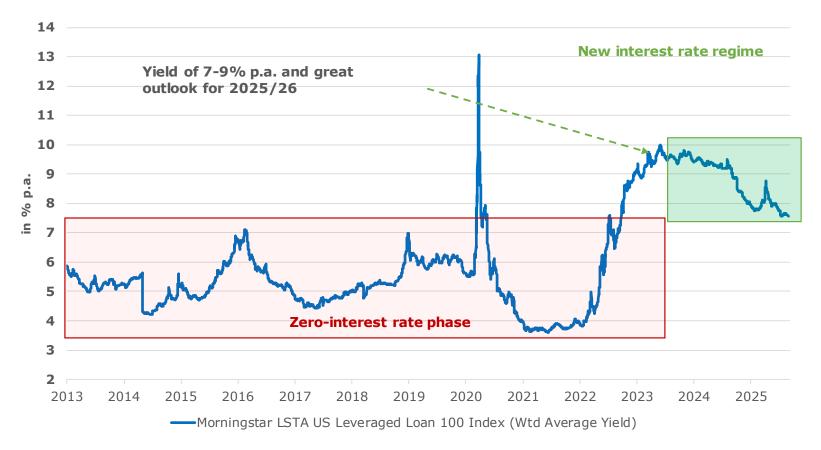


- Real interest rates at 2% appear restrictive compared vs last 10 years, but can be regarded as normal with a 20-year perspective.
- Room to cut for FED...

Source: Alpinum IM; data as per 31.07.2025

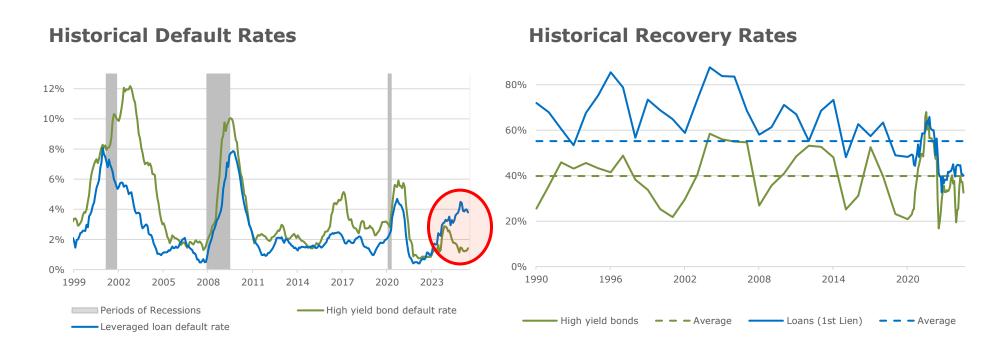
New rates regime: Loans yield 7-9% p.a.

Most attractive yields in more than 10 years



Source: Alpinum IM, data as per 31.08.2025

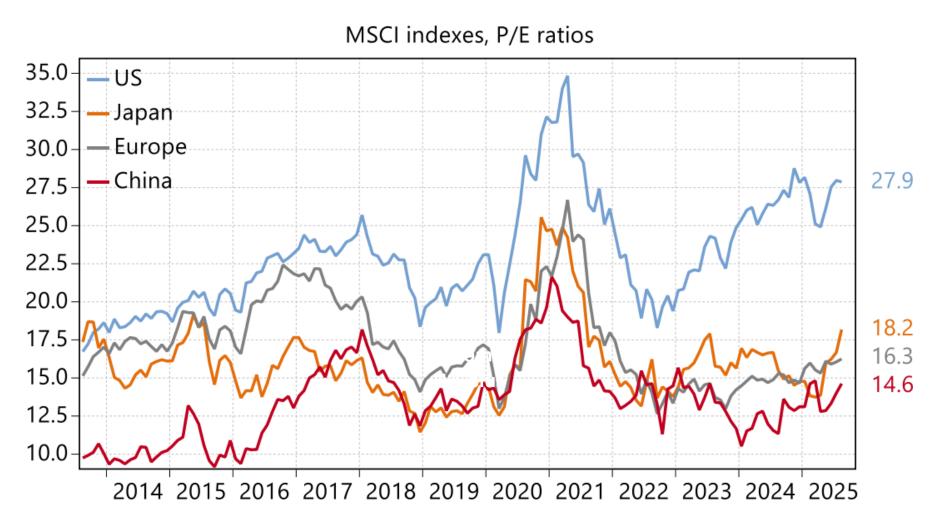
Default rates increased, but no crisis level



- "Default rates" rose, but no systemic crisis ahead like 2008 with 8-10%.
- Loan default rates up, while HY bond defaults at lower level due to higher quality/ratings.

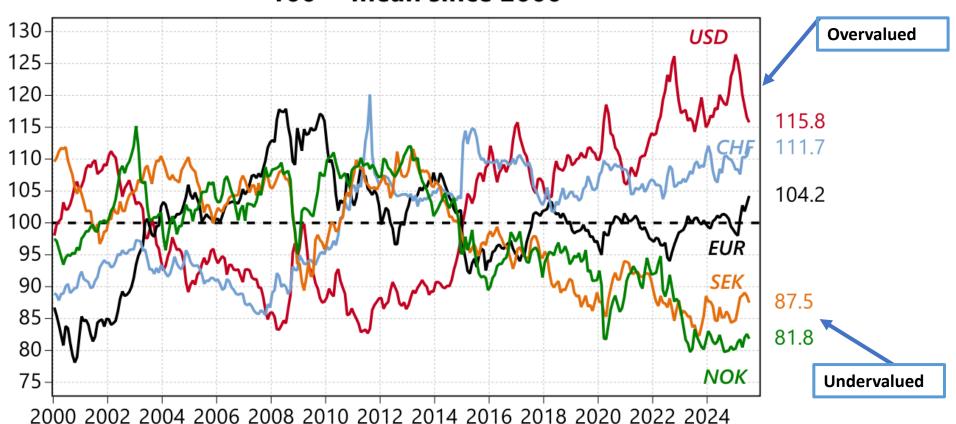
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Equities: RoW has more attractive valuations vs. US



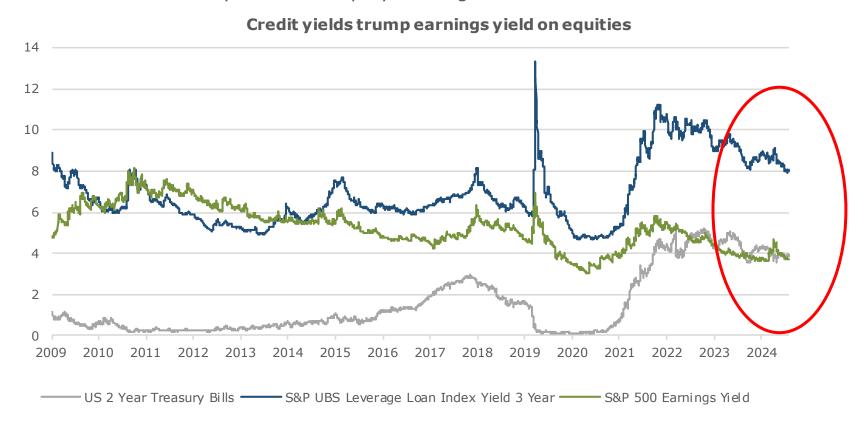
FX: USD appears overvalued

Real Exchange Rates (BIS based on relative consumer prices) 100 = mean since 2000



"Loans" trump equities...

Yields: Loans > Money Market > Equity earnings

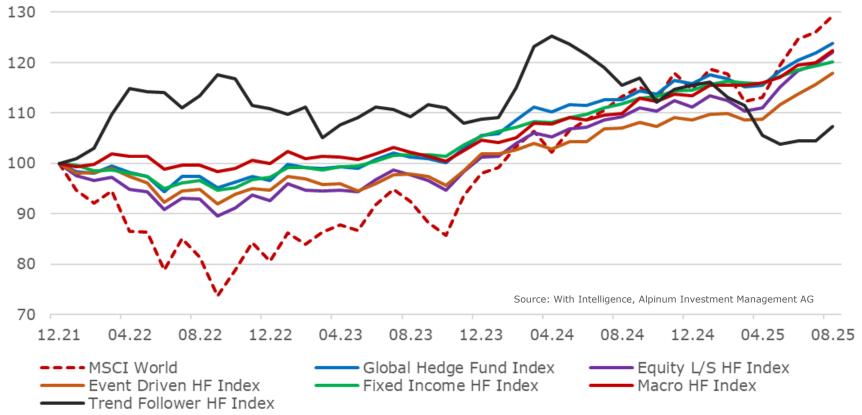


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HF Trends, Themes, Trades

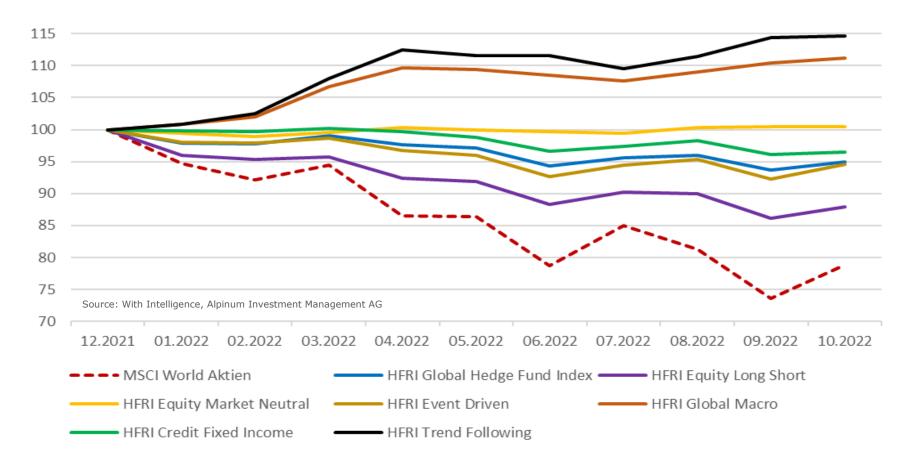
HF sub-strategies performance since 2021

- Different strategies with diverging return pattern
- Protection in times of stress, while generating attractive returns in the long run



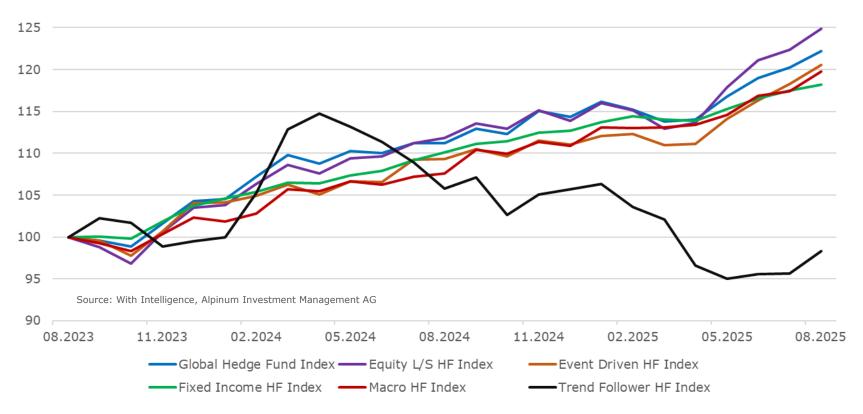
HF strategies acted in 2022 as portfolio stabilizer

- HFs show strong diversification benefits, especially during times of crisis
- CTAs and macro strategies performed best, followed by "market neutral"



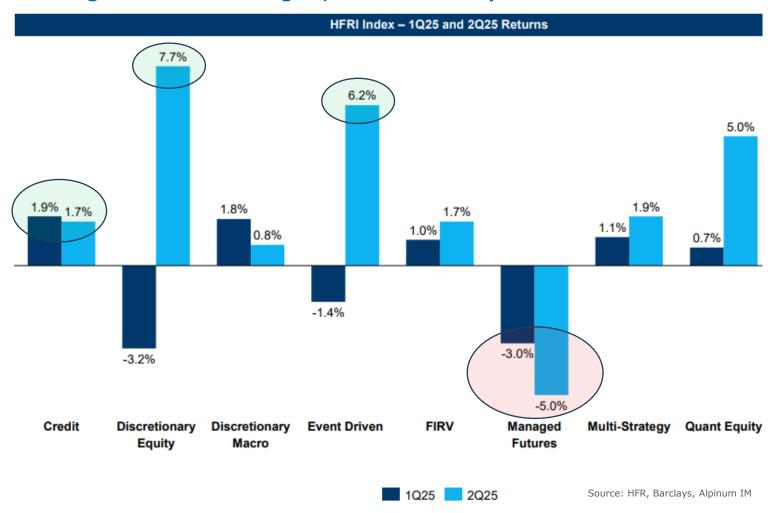
HF sub-strategies performance last 24 months

- Equity L/S in the lead, driven by net long bias
- Event Driven in pole position should uncertainty fade and M&A pick up
- CTAs suffered in fast changing (whipsawing) markets and lack of clear trends

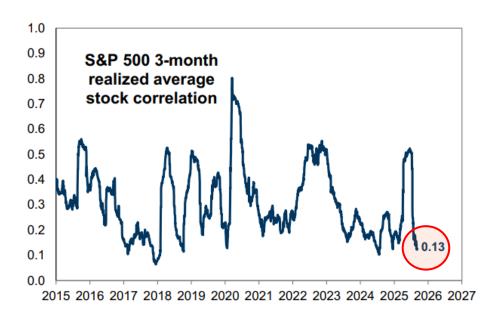


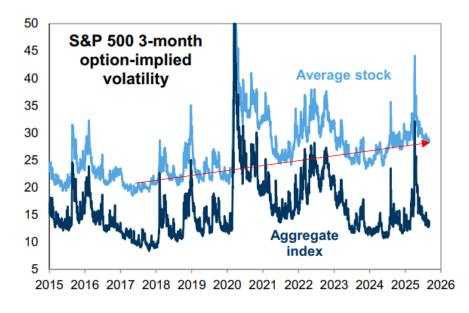
Hedge fund strategies with strong performance YTD

All hedge fund sub-strategies, but CTAs with positive returns YTD



Stock correlation & volatility drive HF returns





- Low stock correlation is an appealing environment for active managers in general
- High volatility is benign for hedge funds as the opportunity set increases

Stock market dispersion at elevated levels

CBOE Dispersion index



Source: Bloomberg – Index measures expected dispersion of the SPX over next 30 calendar days via options (VIX methodology)

- Active managers not only need volatility, but also dispersion
- Dispersion has reached an elevated level as compared to the last 10 years

Hedge fund opportunity set and outlook

	Conviction Level over 6 Months			
Hedge Fund: Strategies	Underweight	←	Neutral	Overweight
Equity Long-Short				
Credit Long-Short				✓
Event-Driven - Corporate Actions			☑	
Global Macro				

- **Equity LS:** Higher nominal world, fiscal stimulus, deregulation and AI investments support equity markets, challenged by ATH valuations. Differentiation and fundamental analysis (idiosyncratic factors) get more weight.
- **Credit LS:** Muddle through macro economic scenario avoids a major credit cycle and high default rates. However, many companies suffer below the surface, leading to a wealth of long and short investment ideas. Support from high nominal interest rates.
- **Event-Driven:** M&A activity is expected to pick up in Q4 2025 and 2026. Low real GDP growth and the passing of "peak uncertainty" lead companies to pursue new or previously postponed growth initiatives.
- Macro: Macroeconomic and geopolitical developments lead to secular trends in FX (i.e., weaker USD or higher precious metals), absolute and relative interest rate moves (i.e., increased inflation expectations; steepeners), and rising fiscal deficits that lead to higher/diverging credit risk premia on both an absolute and relative basis.
- CTAs: Suffer during times of low volatility and whipsawing markets (trend-following strategies prefer clear directional moves/trends; faster models overreacted to noise or unreal trends in H1 2025).

Example Trades

Global Macro: Example Trade in FX

Global Macro Fund - Background

Manager used to be bearish on the USD since a while.

He tries to avoid crowded or obvious trades – finds more value (cheaper optionality) in more exotic currency pairs.

Trade

- Portfolio with a range of USD currency pairs: against Nordic currencies or Emerging Market Currencies, such as BRL, MEX or Czech Krona
- 2/3 implemented via options to create convexity

P&L

 The manager generated close to +10% P&L with the currency book in H1 2025.

Broken "Safe-Haven Model"

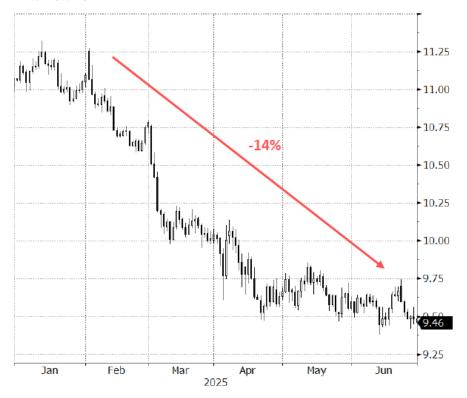
US administration seeks weaker USD



Currency Pair Chart

USD/SEK Chart

JAN-JUN 2025



Equity L/S: Example trade "fundamental short"

European mid-cap long-short manager

Short Example: Yubico, a Swedish cybersecurity company.

Investment Case: Overhyped hardware tech company, "single-product company", not much investment into R&D; competitors quick & larger budgets, like Thales and Cisco. Only 13% of revenues recurring (subscription).

Cracks started in Q4 2024 with slowing orders, earnings miss in Q2 2025 with declining sales of -19%, implosion of margins from 21% to 4%. Additionally, insider selling in Dec 2024 of CEO.

Price Chart



Source: Bloomberg, Alpinum Investment Management AG

Timing, P&L:

- Short 1: Manager started to short in August 2024 on Q2 results. Too early – Fund cut losses.
- Short 2: Re-shorted in September & October
- <u>Total gain:</u> +70 Bps for the Fund.

Credit: Long Trade Example

Trade implementation



Ohla absolute performance since 07/2022:

Income: >20%Capital gain: >20%Total Return: >50%

Source: Bloomberg, Alpinum Investment Management AG

Investment rationale

Ohla is a Spanish construction and infrastructure company with worldwide operations.

Company suffered since 2019 and generated negative EBITDA during several quarters due to legacy projects and weak execution processes. A debt restructuring was imminent.

But liquidity was high - company was in a net cash position & backlog was increasing quarter after quarter.

Even in a restructuring scenario the odds of a very low haircut & access to collateralized assets was very high.

Debt restructuring in 2021: Company announced a maturity extension, debt haircut, an increase in the coupon and collateral security to approve the plan.

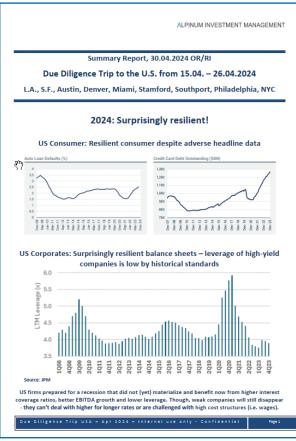
No interest payments where skipped and debt haircut was substantially above market prices.

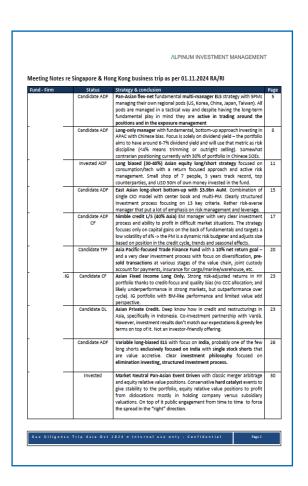
Initial exposure in 2022: After the bond restructuring, in July 2022, a 1st position was built up at 82 to take advantage of deleveraging, bond buyback programs and step-up coupons.

Today: Trade has evolved well with a return >50% thanks to capital gain and constant coupon income.

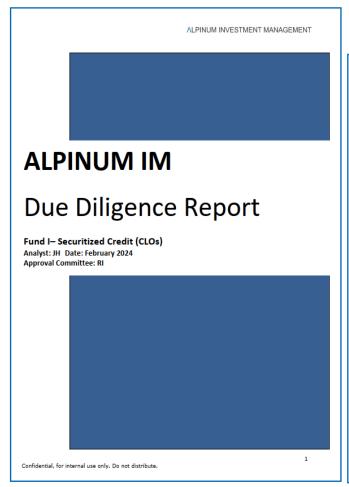
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Detailed Due Diligence Report



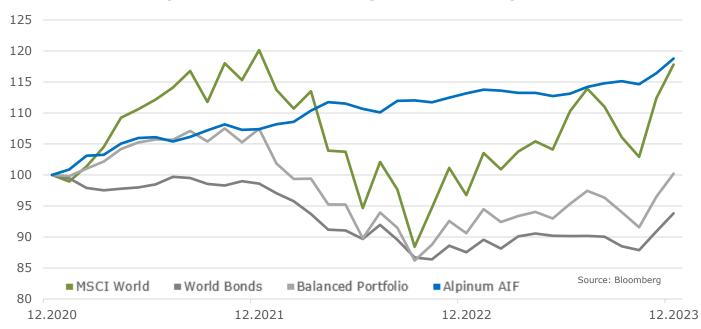
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Alpinum Alternative Investments Fund

Advantages of Hedge Funds – Case study Alpinum AIF

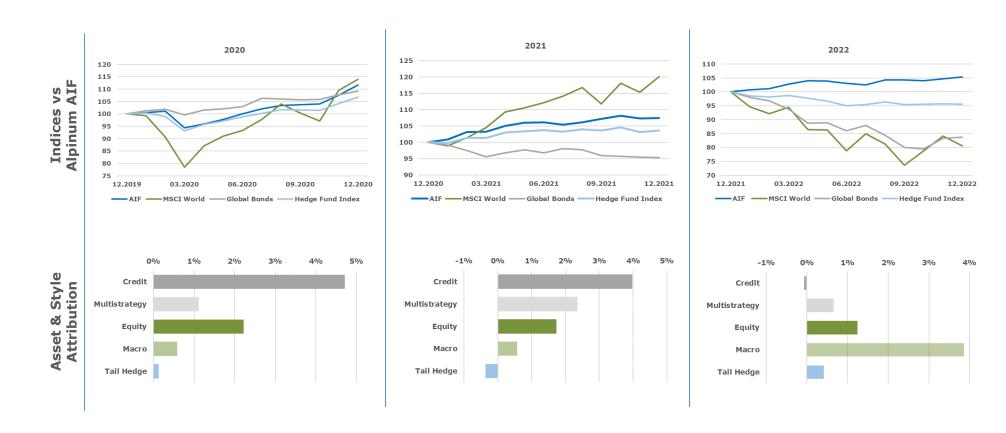
Stable performance with Hedge Funds: Example 2021 to 2023



Stable performance with Hedge Funds

- Alpinum AIF: +19% vs. +18% MSCI World, but only 15% of volatility vs. equities
- Access to non-traditional return sources
- Decorrelated strategies

Portfolio – Case study during volatile period

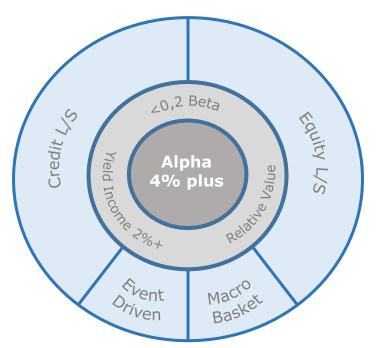


Source: Alpinum Investment Management AG; data from 02.03.15 - 31.08.2025

AIF - Investment Focus

Credit L/S

- Alpha: Relative value (arbitrage), trading and distressed debt allocations
- Carry & Convexity



Equity L/S

- Combination of trading and fundamental oriented strategies
- Focus on market neutral and low beta strategies
- Alpha: Idiosyncratic stock selection and sector specialization

Event Driven

- Catalyst, non-beta driven strategies
- Idiosyncratic risks such as M&A, ETF/Index arbitrage

Macro Basket

 Discrectionary macro strategies across all major asset classes and tail hedging strategies





Alpinum Investment Management

AIF - Highlights

- Access to non-traditional income streams
- Alpha centric portfolio with dedicated capital preservation focus
- Low correlation to equity and credit market
- Active and opportunistic investment style
- Investment alongside the most talented and sophisticated experts globally
- Excellent diversifier; serves well as core building block for any portfolio

Target Return over investment cycle: $\sim 7\%$ p.a.

Target 12-M rolling drawdown: -2% in negative markets

Sharpe Ratio (since launch): 1.3

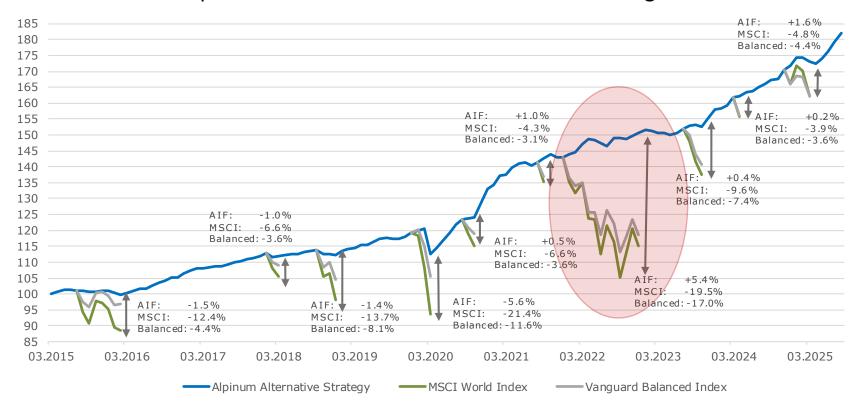
Volatility (since launch): 3.5% p.a.

HFM European Hedge Fund (Performance Award): Best-in-Class HFM Multimanager Award 2019

Hedge Funds Review European (Performance Award): Best niche FoHF Award 2019

Return generation with disciplined risk budgeting

Alpinum – Alternative Investments Fund with high resilience



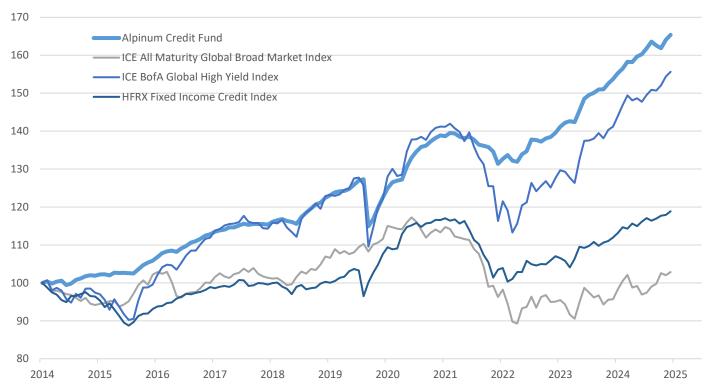
Source: Alpinum Investment Management AG data from 27.02.15 - 31.08.2025 (Estimates) in USD

Alpinum Credit Fund

Strong performance of Alpinum Credit Fund

The Credit Fund is designed to generate **attractive income** with a **low-risk profile**. It has successfully achieved this objective and has grown to a size of USD 570 million with **outstanding risk adjusted returns**.

Total Return since launch vs. Bond indices





Source: Bloomberg, Alpinum IM; A-class USD. Disclaimer for MorningStar Rating: Please note that the Fund already received the 5-Star MorningStar rating in 2017. In 2019, MorningStar decided that SICAV-SIF structures would no longer be included in its rating system, which is why the fund cannot be found in the MS database anymore.

Alpinum Credit Fund – Investment Focus

- Credit income focus: Stable yield income
- Cap on duration risk: Protection from rising rates
- Low default risk: High quality credit exposure, no concentration risk

Short term corporate bond exposure:

- Senior Loans and short-term HY Bonds
- Typical allocation 60-70%



Alternative income sources:

- · Goal: Stabilizing of portfolio
- Low/no correlated yield income
- Typical allocation 10-20%

Opportunistic income:

- · Goal: Increase target return
- Typical allocation 10-20%

Credit Fund - Highlights





- Global fixed income portfolio with low default risk & low interest rate sensitivity
- **High coupon income** of Cash + 2-3% p.a.
- Investment alongside the most talented and sophisticated experts globally
- Opportunistic investment style combined with an absolute return mindset
- Suits well as a core fixed income allocation

Target Return in USD over full cycle:

Maximum 12-M rolling drawdown:

Volatility (since launch):

Morningstar Rating (August 2017 - February 2019):

Investors Choice (Performance Award):

~ 5% p.a. (now: 8% p.a.)

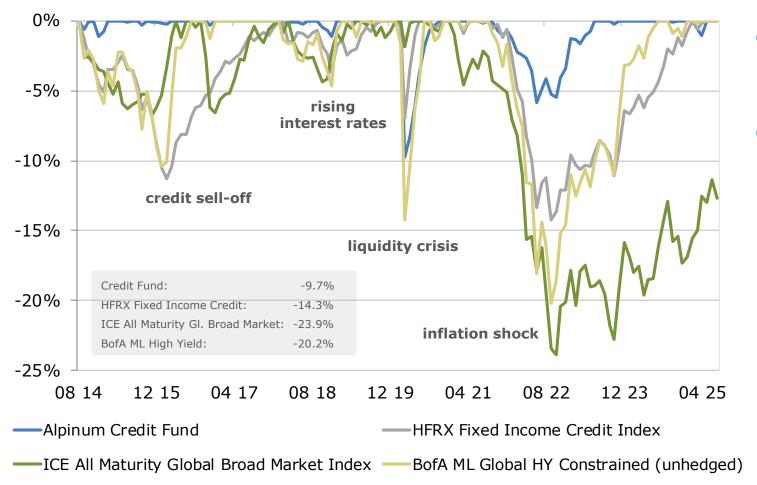
-2% in negative markets

4.1% p.a.

EMEA - \$ 500m/1bn - Long Term Performance

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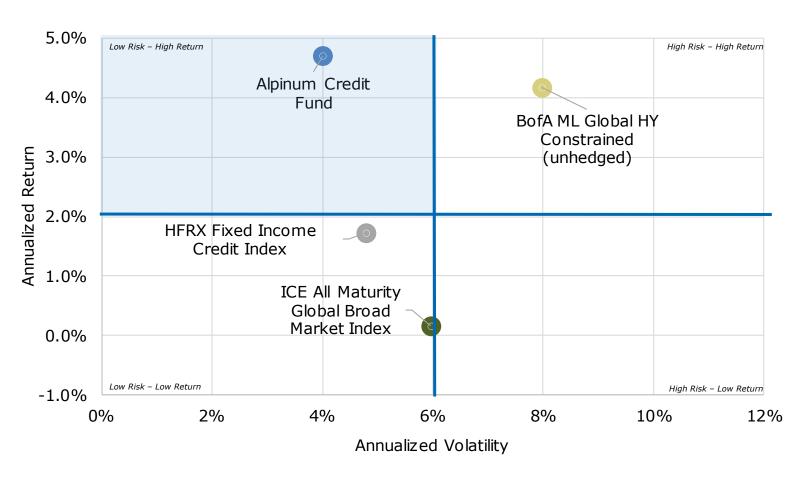
Credit Fund - Maximum Drawdown



- Diversification leads to a lower maximum drawdown profile
- Absolute return mindset in combination with an active (risk) management helps minimizing drawdowns

Source: Alpinum Investment Management AG Data from 01.08.14 - 31.07.2025 in USD

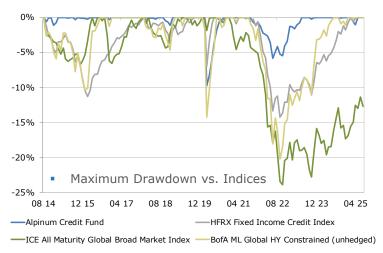
Credit Fund - Risk-Return Relationship

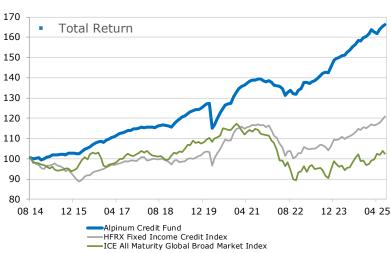


Source: Alpinum Investment Management AG data since fund launch; from 01.08.14 – 31.07.2025 in USD

Alpinum DNA: Lower Risk - Attractive Returns

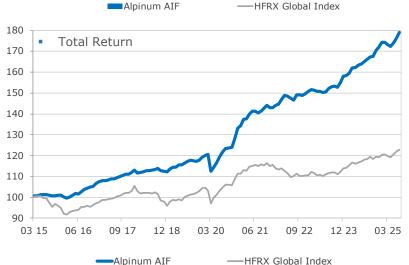
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ALPINUM ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS FUND





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