

Emerging Markets Currency Alpha Strategy



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BENEFITS

- FX Market is extremely large and liquid
- Low or negative correlation to equities, bonds, and other alternative investments

BACKGROUND

- Strategy commenced trading February 2008
- Aims to profit from short and medium term currency moves

INVESTMENT APPROACH

- Systematic (Technical, Fundamental) and Discretionary (Market Information) investment style
- Active risk management embedded throughout
- MCM's GVI³ adapts strategy to current market environment
- Best execution with independent TCA

EMERGING MARKETS CURRENCY ALPHA STRATEGY⁴

Description	Absolute Return – Currency Alpha – Emerging Markets
Investment Style	Active Currency Management
Region	Emerging Markets
Instruments	FX (Spot, Forwards and NDFs)

Structural Details

Vehicles Offered	Managed Account and Bank Platforms
Liquidity	Managed Account: Client specified
Investment Manager	Mesirow Currency Management
Regulators	FCA (UK) / SEC (US) / CFTC (US) / SFC (HK) / CCAF (MC)

\$124.9B currency assets²

30+ currency professionals

15+ portfolio management average years' experience

20+ trading average years' experience

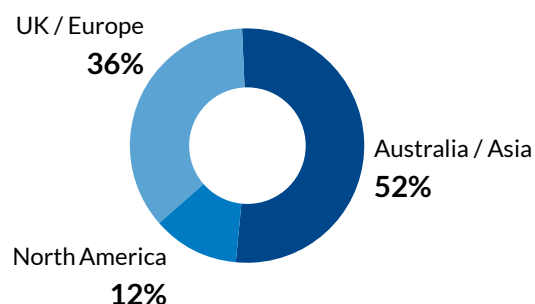
4 global office locations

24 hours trading capabilities

\$450B annual trading volume

20+ panel of bank counterparties

GLOBAL INSTITUTIONAL CLIENT BASE²



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PERFORMANCE DATA⁴

	MTD	QTD	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	7-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Gross of Fees	0.46%	-2.46%	-11.04%	-12.62%	-2.69%	-2.69%	3.86%	5.59%	7.26%
Net of Fees	0.30%	-2.95%	-11.93%	-14.37%	-4.70%	-4.67%	0.81%	2.42%	3.75%

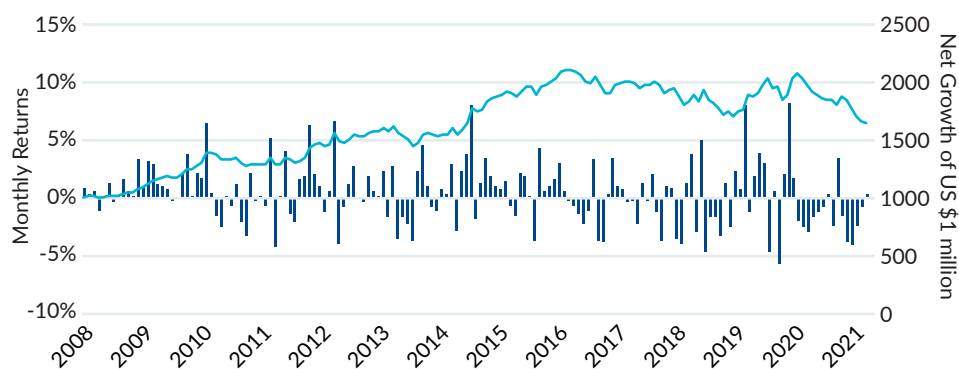
JUNE 2021 STATISTICS⁴

	Gross	Net
Maximum Daily Gain	1.29%	1.28%
Positive Trading Days	50%	41%
Average Positive Day Return	0.41%	0.49%
Maximum Daily Loss	-0.98%	-0.99%
Negative Trading Days	50%	59%
Average Negative Day Return	-0.37%	-0.32%

SUMMARY STATISTICS

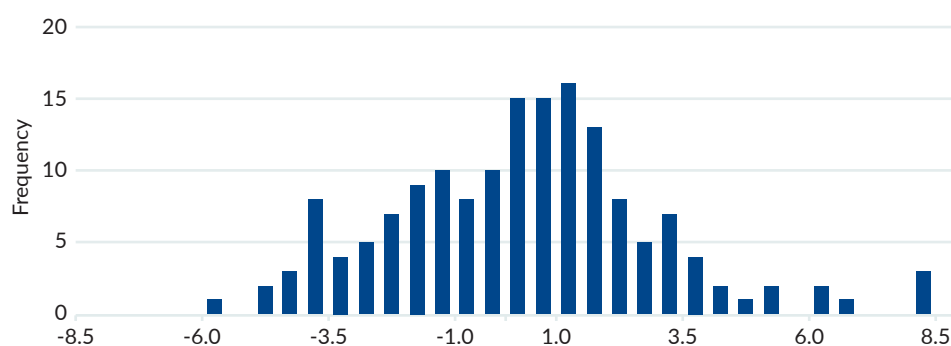
(Since February 2008)⁴

	Gross	Net
Annualized Risk	9.75%	9.06%
Sharpe Ratio	0.69	0.36
Skewness	0.56	0.41
Kurtosis	0.83	0.53
Sortino Ratio	1.42	0.69
% Months Positive	59%	58%

EMERGING MARKETS CURRENCY ALPHA – MONTHLY PERFORMANCE DATA
Net Monthly and Cumulative Performance

Source: Mesirow

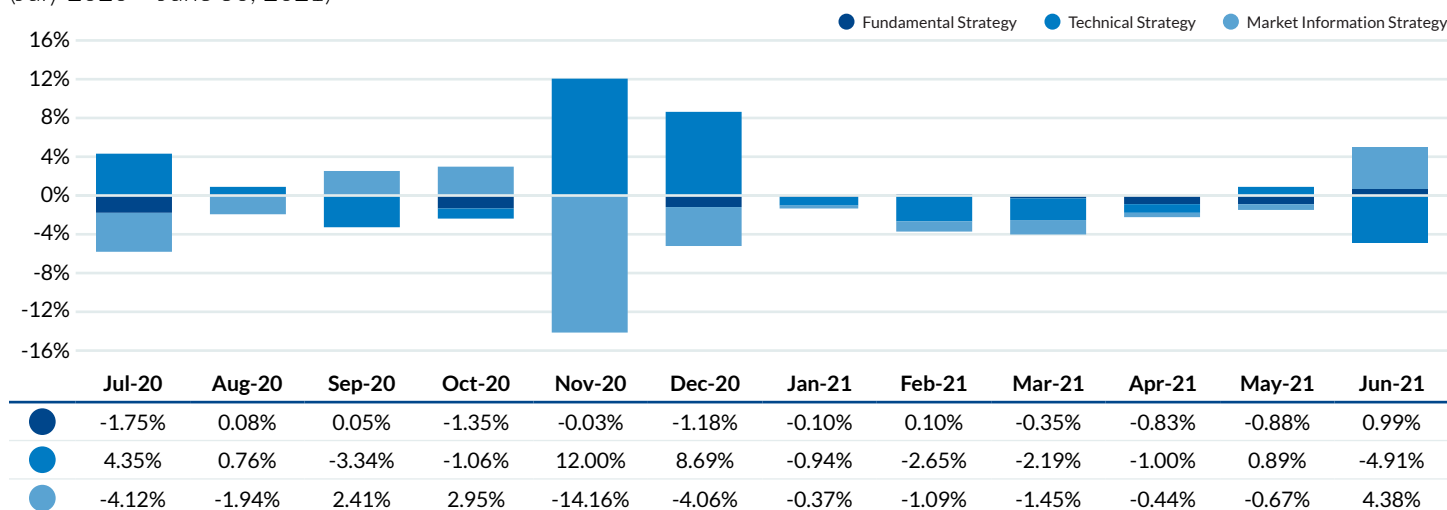
Net Monthly Return Frequency



Source: Mesirow

EMERGING MARKETS CURRENCY ALPHA – COMPONENTS OF GROSS RETURNS – STRATEGY CONTRIBUTION

(July 2020 – June 30, 2021)



*For full performance see monthly performance data

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EMERGING MARKETS CURRENCY ALPHA – MONTHLY PERFORMANCE DATA⁴

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
Gross Performance (%)													
2008	-	1.19	0.51	0.91	-1.14	0.32	1.64	-0.29	0.25	2.11	0.90	0.18	6.73
2009	4.22	1.44	4.04	3.82	1.54	1.46	1.11	-0.11	-0.05	2.74	4.91	0.18	28.24
2010	2.26	2.34	8.20	0.79	-1.44	-2.37	0.20	-0.51	1.27	-2.02	-3.07	2.31	7.73
2011	-0.14	0.17	-0.52	5.35	-4.03	0.18	4.24	-1.28	-1.91	1.80	2.00	7.45	13.51
2012	2.61	1.37	-1.38	0.93	8.40	-4.89	-0.67	1.34	3.66	0.05	-0.24	2.35	13.78
2013	0.84	0.25	3.10	-1.52	3.12	-3.59	-1.58	-2.11	-3.56	2.46	4.72	1.25	3.02
2014	-0.59	-0.94	0.90	0.53	3.04	-2.70	2.55	4.59	10.24	-1.66	1.39	4.25	23.06
2015	2.56	1.44	1.04	1.94	-0.63	-1.59	2.72	2.53	0.22	-3.49	4.61	0.88	12.65
2016	1.50	2.18	3.99	0.85	-0.14	-0.66	-1.30	-2.04	-0.96	3.49	-3.50	-3.62	-0.54
2017	0.44	3.59	1.22	0.83	-0.19	-0.07	-2.17	1.53	-0.12	2.14	-1.12	-3.36	2.54
2018	1.21	1.03	-3.38	-3.75	1.47	3.80	-2.83	5.22	-4.53	-1.48	-1.45	-3.04	-7.96
2019	1.41	-2.36	2.44	0.92	8.25	-1.12	2.05	4.07	2.95	-4.48	0.80	-5.45	9.06
2020	2.14	8.35	2.08	-1.78	-2.38	-2.87	-1.51	-1.10	-0.88	0.54	-2.20	3.46	3.35
2021	-1.42	-3.64	-3.99	-2.27	-0.66	0.46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-11.04
Net Performance (%)													
2008	-	0.83	0.28	0.59	-1.16	0.16	1.25	-0.36	0.06	1.54	0.59	0.00	3.84
2009	3.24	1.03	3.10	2.92	1.10	1.03	0.75	-0.22	-0.17	2.06	3.80	0.00	20.19
2010	2.15	1.75	6.42	0.50	-1.48	-2.54	0.03	-0.68	1.10	-2.18	-3.24	2.13	3.65
2011	-0.30	0.02	-0.70	5.19	-4.20	0.02	4.08	-1.45	-2.08	1.64	1.83	6.29	10.26
2012	1.95	0.97	-1.24	0.61	6.58	-4.04	-0.84	1.10	2.80	-0.13	-0.40	1.86	9.24
2013	0.53	0.08	2.35	-1.69	2.69	-3.49	-1.76	-2.27	-3.72	2.29	4.56	1.08	0.27
2014	-0.77	-1.09	0.74	0.36	2.87	-2.87	2.37	3.68	8.05	-1.84	1.24	3.38	16.82
2015	1.91	1.03	0.70	1.42	-0.63	-1.56	2.19	1.89	0.04	-3.66	4.29	0.57	8.26
2016	1.07	1.62	3.05	0.56	-0.24	-0.75	-1.46	-2.22	-1.13	3.33	-3.67	-3.79	-3.86
2017	0.27	3.43	1.04	0.67	-0.37	-0.24	-2.33	1.35	-0.28	1.97	-1.29	-3.51	0.53
2018	1.03	0.88	-3.55	-3.91	1.30	3.65	-3.00	5.05	-4.68	-1.65	-1.62	-3.20	-9.79
2019	1.24	-2.51	2.28	0.75	8.08	-1.28	1.87	3.90	2.79	-4.66	0.64	-5.62	6.91
2020	1.97	8.20	1.67	-1.95	-2.54	-3.04	-1.69	-1.26	-1.05	0.37	-2.36	3.29	1.06
2021	-1.58	-3.79	-4.17	-2.44	-0.82	0.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-11.93

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3. The GVI is an internal proprietary model utilizing one month at-the-money (ATM) volatility for G10 currencies, including crosses plus BIS liquidity report weightings.

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