

AlphaCentric Premium Opportunity Fund

Quarterly Commentary 3Q2021



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September 30, 2021 — The AlphaCentric Premium Opportunity Fund (HMXIX) was able to sidestep the bulk of losses in September's equity sell off of -4.65% for the S&P, dropping just -1.86% to finish the third quarter up +0.11%, and standing at +4.55% for the year.

Fund Performance as of 9/30/21 (Annualized if greater than 1 year)

Inception Date: 9/1/11	QTD	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	Inception
Class I	0.11	4.55	8.87	16.68	9.46	10.90	10.90
S&P 500 TR Index	0.58	15.92	30.00	15.99	16.90	16.63	15.65

Inception Date: 9/30/16	QTD	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	Inception
Class A	0.04	4.39	8.64	16.41	9.07	-	9.07
Class C	-0.16	3.77	7.80	15.73	8.40	-	8.40
S&P 500 TR Index	0.58	15.92	30.00	15.99	16.90	-	16.90
Class A After Sales Charges	-5.71	-1.60	2.39	14.12	7.78	-	7.78

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

The maximum sales charge for Class "A" Shares is 5.75%. The Fund's Total Operating Expenses are 2.39%, 3.14%, and 2.14% for Class A, C, and I shares, respectively. Performance is historic and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with changing market conditions so that when redeemed, shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. To obtain the most recent month end performance information or the funds prospectus please call the Fund, toll free at 1-844-ACFUND (844-223-8637). You can also obtain a prospectus at www.AlphaCentricFunds.com.

Market Overview

The third quarter started the way the rest of 2021's quarters have, with new all-time highs in equities in July and August. Meanwhile, the volatility side of the equation saw VIX levels fall to their lowest levels of the year, hitting 15 in early July.

All may not have been well under the surface, however, as a -2% decline intra-month in July was followed by another roughly -2% drop over a few days in August, before seeing the first real signs of volatility all year in the final two weeks of September, with a few -2% days and the S&P 500 closing the month down nearly -5%.

Before September 20th, the S&P had been down more than 1% on just

11 out of 189 days, and not been down more than -4.1% at any point this year.

Fund Overview

The Fund was able to earn a portion of the S&P 500's upside in July (+0.93%) and August (+1.07%), while pivoting to a defensive mode and sidestepping the bulk of the downside in September (-1.86%).

Positioning during most of that time included Calls above the market and Puts below it.

The Fund's models have been solidly in the 'Up Market/Falling Volatility' quadrant for much of the year, and Q3 may have marked a shift in positioning for the rest of the year, if not longer.

Market Environments



Outlook

With commodity prices hitting their highest levels, a shipping crisis leaving

hundreds of container ships off our US coasts, and the end of September down move in stocks, there is plenty of worry on the continued longevity of this bull market.

At the same time, with economies around the world yet to fully re-open and plenty of stimulus sloshing around to push demand – there’s a real case for continued upside in equities.

Most telling may be bond markets, which sold off alongside equities in September, failing to act as a flight to safety or portfolio hedge. This could have something to do with commodity prices hitting their highest level ever on Bloomberg’s spot index, raising the spectre of inflation and a future of needed higher rates (bonds down).

Commodity Boom
Prices hit levels last seen during the China-led supercycle



Source: Bloomberg

These battling narratives and competing factors may manifest in some whipsaw, up-and-down type market movement to finish the year, pushing our models on the upper half of our four quadrants – where volatility is rising, and market either rising or falling. As such, the Fund will look to participate in that rising volatility a bit more, targeting Long VIX Futures, while potentially selling less Puts on the downside.

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Our target, meanwhile, will remain in place for participation in some of the market’s upside (approximately 30% to 40%), while attempting to hedge against a sharp -10% to 20% down move. These hedges typically won’t

kick in and contribute all that much on a run of the mill down month as seen in September or just a few days of being down a percent or so.

Will investors look to cash out profits from a very good 2021 in the 4th quarter, or try and keep the game going for a bit longer? Whichever way the wind blows, there appears to have been a shift away from the rally environment prevalent for the first eight months of the year, reminding investors that these markets can go down in a hurry, from time to time.

And for that reason, we will continue to smartly access equity upside with options so as to limit potential downside. **α**

Disclosure

The Performance shown before December 31, 2016 is for the Fund’s Predecessor Fund (Theta Funds, L.P.) The Fund’s management practices, investment goals, policies, objectives, guidelines and restrictions are, in all material respects, equivalent to the predecessor limited partnership. From its inception date, the predecessor limited partnership was not subject to certain investment restrictions, diversification requirements and other restrictions of the 1940 Act of the Code, if they had been applicable, it might have adversely affected its performance. In addition, the predecessor limited partnership was not subject to sales loads that would have adversely affected performance. Performance of the predecessor fund is not an indicator of future results.

S&P 500 Index is considered to be generally representative of the U.S. large capitalization stock market as a whole.

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Investing in the Fund carries certain risks. The value of the Fund may decrease in response to the activities and financial prospects of an individual security in the Fund’s portfolio. The Fund is non-diversified and may invest a greater percentage of its assets in a particular issue and may own fewer securities than other mutual funds; the Fund is subject to concentration risk. Credit risk is the risk that the issuer of a security will not be able to make principal and interest payments when due. The use of derivatives and futures involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risk associated with investing directly in securities. Fixed income securities will fluctuate with changes in interest rates. Lower-quality bonds, known as “high yield” or “junk” bonds, present greater risk than bonds of higher quality. The performance of the Fund may be subject to substantial short-term changes. There are risks associated with the sale and purchase of call and put options. These factors may affect the value of your investment.

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