

Oct 2018

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Commentary

Our September commentary closed with the observation that October started with two down days and wondered if investors would “buy the dip” as we’ve grown accustomed to them doing. The answer was a resounding **NO** as markets around the world moved to risk-off mode and US indices dropped anywhere from 7% (S&P 500) to 11% (Russell Small Cap) even with the benefit of a month-end rally. 9 of 11 US industry sectors posted losses. The Vanguard Total World index was down 8%. Most gains achieved through September were wiped out. A rough month has made this a rough year. US equities continue to be the best performers but have lost their shine, at least for the moment. And with interest rates on the rise, bonds were no safe haven as US Treasury bonds extended losses (long-term USTs are down more than 8% this year).

The LongRun strategies all experienced losses in October. Absolute Return (AR) was down 7% even after adding 25% to bonds. Aggressive Growth (AG) lost “only” 4% thanks to the almost 5% gain in Latin America (ILF). Tax-Managed Growth (TMG) was hit hardest, down more than 8% with its broad US exposure. The Volatility Strategy went to cash early in the month but shrank almost 4% on the way out.

As I mentioned in one of two mid-month updates, there wasn’t any new news that can be isolated as the cause of October’s bad behavior. Major indices were at or near all-time highs in September. Trade war threats have been in and out of focus all year. Interest rates have been moving higher all year. The economy is growing and unemployment has been dropping. Mid-term elections have long been highlighted on the calendar. Third quarter corporate earnings have had some negative surprises (e.g. Amazon) but generally have been viewed positively as more than 70% of reporting companies beat expectations. Sometimes the tight cause-and-effect narrative we want is simply not there. Instead, we must accept that sellers were simply more eager than buyers.

Responding to this decline, AR has shifted to 100% cash for November and AG is two-thirds in bonds and cash. TMG is slower moving by design (to be tax efficient) and has not made any changes to its portfolio. We monitor a wide range of tactical portfolios and a large number have made the move to cash. As we’ve seen in the past, this “risk-off” shift can look either brilliant or really stupid. We faced a similar scenario going into the Presidential election in 2016. Now we have mid-term elections this Tuesday. Will Democrats take the House? Will Republicans maintain control? In either case, how will the markets respond? As was the case in 2016, this event may trigger portfolio adjustments if the outcome is viewed as good news for the markets.

“I like people admitting they were complete stupid horses’ asses. I know I’ll perform better if I rub my nose in my mistakes. This is a wonderful trick to learn.” - Charlie Munger

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LongRun Monthly Strategy Review



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Selected Asset Class Returns for Trailing Twelve Months (%)

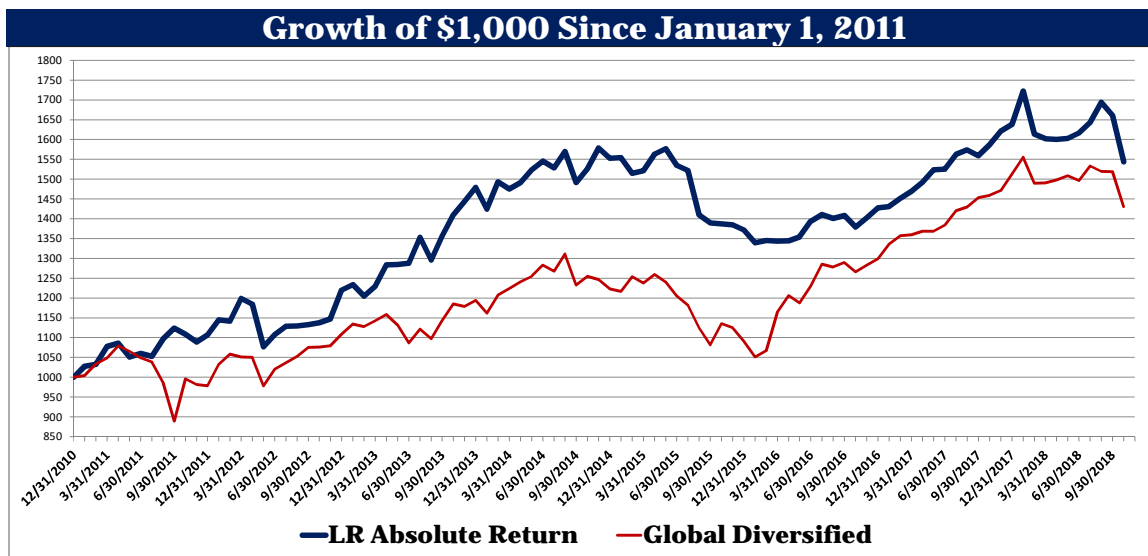
	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	YTD	TTM
US Equity														
SPY S&P 500	3.1	1.2	5.6	-3.6	-2.7	0.5	2.4	0.6	3.7	3.2	0.6	-6.9	2.7	7.2
MDY Mid Cap	3.7	0.2	2.8	-4.4	1.0	-0.4	4.1	0.4	1.7	3.2	-1.1	-9.6	-3.1	0.7
IWM Small Cap	2.9	-0.4	2.6	-3.8	1.2	1.0	6.2	0.6	1.7	4.3	-2.3	-11.0	-0.7	1.8
QQQ NASDAQ 100	2.0	0.6	8.8	-1.3	-4.1	0.5	5.7	1.1	2.8	5.8	-0.3	-8.6	9.6	12.5
IYR Real Estate	2.6	-0.1	-3.0	-6.7	3.8	0.2	3.4	4.1	0.8	2.4	-2.8	-2.4	-0.8	1.6
XLB Materials	1.0	2.1	4.0	-5.3	-4.2	0.1	2.1	0.3	2.9	-0.8	-1.8	-9.2	-11.9	-9.2
XLC Communications									-2.2	1.5	-0.4	-6.0	-7.0	-7.0
XLE Energy	1.8	5.3	3.6	-10.8	1.7	9.5	3.0	0.6	1.6	-3.5	2.4	-11.3	-5.2	1.6
XLF Financials	3.5	1.9	6.6	-2.9	-4.2	-0.4	-1.0	-1.8	5.1	1.4	-2.2	-4.7	-4.7	0.5
XLI Industrials	4.2	2.1	5.4	-3.9	-2.7	-2.8	3.1	-3.4	7.4	0.2	2.2	-10.9	-6.5	-0.5
XLK Technology	1.4	0.5	7.0	-0.4	-3.7	0.1	6.8	-0.3	2.1	6.6	0.0	-8.0	9.5	11.6
XLP Staples	5.6	2.2	1.6	-7.6	-0.9	-4.1	-1.6	4.6	4.0	0.4	1.0	2.0	-1.3	6.5
XLRE Real Estate	2.9	-0.4	-1.9	-6.8	3.8	-0.6	2.2	4.5	1.0	2.4	-2.6	-1.6	-0.1	2.4
XLU Utilities	2.7	-6.1	-3.1	-3.9	3.8	2.0	-1.1	2.8	1.6	1.3	-0.6	2.0	4.6	0.9
XLV Healthcare	2.9	-0.6	6.6	-4.5	-2.9	1.1	0.2	1.7	6.6	4.3	3.0	-6.8	8.5	11.0
XLY Discretionary	5.1	2.5	9.2	-3.5	-2.4	2.4	2.0	3.6	1.8	5.1	0.5	-10.1	7.7	15.9
XME Metals & Mining	0.9	14.8	1.5	-2.3	-5.5	2.7	7.3	-4.5	1.3	-5.5	0.9	-10.5	-14.8	-1.4
Int'l Equity														
DXJ Japan	0.9	2.1	1.8	-5.4	-2.0	2.3	-3.1	-0.8	3.0	-1.4	5.7	-9.3	-9.6	-6.8
EEM Emerging Mkts	-0.4	3.8	8.3	-5.9	0.5	-2.8	-2.6	-4.5	3.5	-3.8	-0.6	-8.8	-16.4	-13.5
EFA Developed Int'l	0.7	1.4	5.0	-4.8	-0.8	1.5	-1.9	-1.6	2.9	-2.2	1.0	-8.1	-9.4	-7.5
EPP Asia Pac ex Japan	1.8	3.2	3.6	-3.7	-2.6	1.4	0.9	-1.4	1.9	-1.9	-1.2	-8.2	-11.1	-6.7
FXI China	0.5	2.0	14.1	-10.4	0.0	-0.7	-0.5	-6.8	1.5	-2.8	1.0	-8.2	-13.8	-11.6
ILF Latin America	-4.0	5.8	13.9	-3.2	-0.2	-2.3	-14.5	-4.1	11.3	-8.3	4.0	4.8	-2.1	-0.5
VGK Europe	-0.1	1.5	5.6	-6.2	-0.4	2.2	-2.4	-1.3	3.4	-2.8	0.1	-7.9	-10.0	-8.6
Fixed Income														
AGG Aggregate Bond	-0.2	0.5	-1.1	-1.0	0.7	-0.9	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-2.4	-2.0
EMB EM Bonds	-0.3	1.2	-0.6	-2.2	0.6	-2.1	-0.8	-1.5	2.6	-2.3	2.0	-2.5	-6.8	-5.9
HYG US High Yield	-0.4	0.3	0.1	-0.9	-0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	1.7	0.7	0.5	-2.0	0.5	0.4
LQD US IG Corporate	-0.1	1.2	-1.2	-2.2	0.6	-1.6	0.5	-0.5	1.3	0.0	-0.1	-2.1	-5.2	-4.2
TLT US 20+ Treasury	0.7	1.6	-3.3	-3.0	2.9	-2.1	2.0	0.7	-1.4	1.3	-2.9	-2.9	-8.7	-6.5
Currencies														
UUP US Dollar	-1.6	-0.6	-3.3	1.9	-0.3	2.2	2.6	0.7	0.2	0.8	0.3	2.2	7.4	5.1
FXE Euro	2.1	0.8	3.4	-1.8	0.8	-1.9	-3.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.8	0.0	-2.5	-6.2	-3.5
FXI Yen	0.5	0.3	3.2	2.3	0.2	-2.7	0.4	-1.8	-1.0	0.6	-2.3	0.7	-0.5	0.3
Dispersion	9.6	20.8	17.3	13.2	9.3	13.6	21.7	11.3	13.4	14.9	8.6	16.1	26.0	29.5
<i>High value minus low value for each month; large dispersion provides better opportunity for active strategies.</i>														
Global Diversified Benchmark														
	0.9	2.8	2.8	-4.2	0.0	0.5	0.7	-0.8	2.5	-0.9	0.0	-5.8	-5.5	-1.9

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LongRun Absolute Return Strategy - Oct 2018



The LongRun Absolute Return Strategy is a disciplined, quantitative approach to tactical asset allocation using exchange-traded funds (ETFs) for access to a wide range of equity and fixed income investments. Absolute Return is designed to outperform benchmark returns over a full market cycle with significantly less risk. ETFs are ranked using a combination of factors favoring positive momentum and low volatility. The Absolute Return portfolio is generally invested in the four ETFs at the top of a monthly ranking but may allocate as much as 100% to cash in severe bear market conditions. This version of Absolute Return was introduced in August 2013 and has completely replaced the initial version.



Return Data for the Strategy (%)*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2011	<i>2.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>-3.1</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>-0.7</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>-1.4</i>	<i>-1.7</i>	<i>1.6</i>	10.7
2012	<i>3.4</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>-1.2</i>	<i>-9.1</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>6.3</i>	10.2
2013	<i>1.1</i>	<i>-2.4</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>-4.2</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>2.5</i>	21.3
2014	<i>-3.7</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>-1.2</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>-1.1</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>-5.0</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>-1.6</i>	5.0
2015	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-2.5</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>-2.7</i>	<i>-0.9</i>	<i>-7.4</i>	<i>-1.4</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>-1.0</i>	-11.7
2016	<i>-2.3</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>-0.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>-2.1</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.8</i>	4.1
2017	<i>0.2</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>-0.9</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>1.0</i>	14.7
2018	<i>5.2</i>	<i>-6.4</i>	<i>-0.7</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>-2.0</i>	<i>-7.0</i>			-5.7

* Returns in italics are from a systematic backtest of the strategy; non-italicized periods represent client composite results.

	Absolute Return	Global Diversified
Year-to-Date Return	-5.7%	-5.4%
Trailing 1-Year Return	-2.7%	-1.9%
Trailing 3-Year Cume Return	11.3%	26.0%
Annualized Return from 2/1/03*	12.7%	9.6%

* Common start date for backtests of three LongRun strategies

Portfolio Holdings for Prior Month and Current Month

October 2018		November 2018
IWM	US Small Cap Stocks	CASH
HYG	High Yield Bonds	CASH
MDY	US Mid Cap Stocks	CASH
SPY	US Large Cap Stocks	CASH

Management and Operational Details

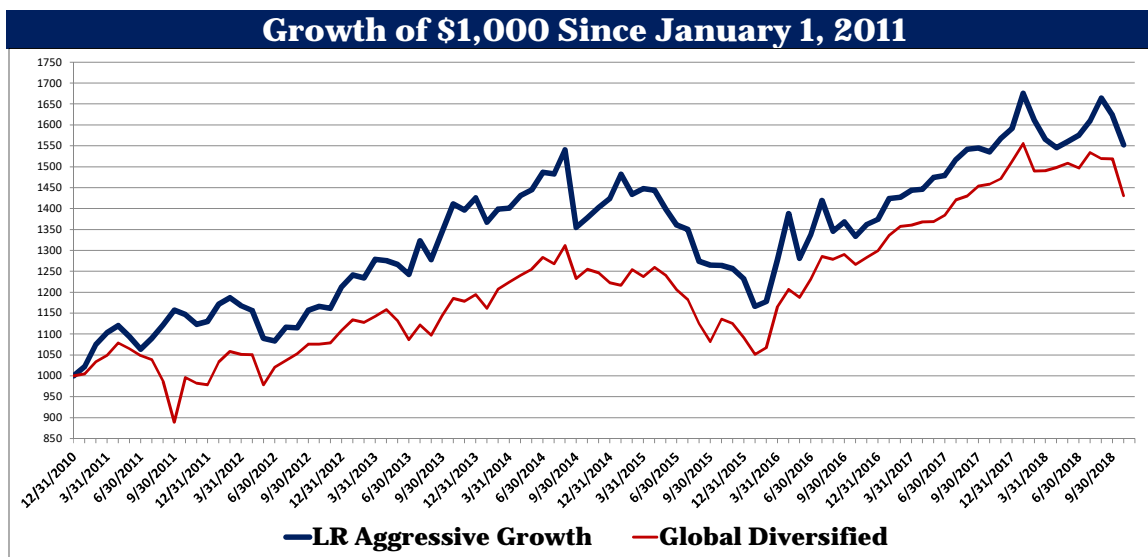
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Minimum Investment:	\$1,000,000 (subject to waiver)
Liquidity/Redemption:	Upon client request
Management fee:	1% of first \$5 million; .75% of assets above \$5 million
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LongRun Aggressive Growth Strategy - Oct 2018



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Return Data for the Strategy (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2011	2.2	5.2	2.6	1.6	-2.4	-2.8	2.4	2.9	3.2	-0.9	-2.0	0.6	13.0
2012	3.7	1.3	-1.6	-1.0	-5.7	-0.6	3.1	-0.1	3.7	0.8	-0.4	4.4	7.3
2013	2.4	-0.6	3.6	-0.2	-0.7	-1.9	6.5	-3.4	5.1	5.0	-1.0	2.1	17.5
2014	-4.1	2.3	0.1	2.2	0.9	2.9	-0.3	3.9	-12.0	1.7	1.8	1.5	-0.1
2015	4.1	-3.2	1.0	-0.3	-3.2	-2.7	-0.8	-5.6	-0.7	-0.1	-0.6	-1.9	-13.5
2016	-5.4	1.0	8.5	8.7	-7.7	4.4	6.2	-5.2	1.7	-2.5	2.1	1.0	11.6
2017	3.6	0.2	1.2	0.2	2.0	0.3	2.6	1.6	0.2	-0.6	2.1	1.5	15.8
2018	5.3	-3.8	-2.9	-1.3	1.0	1.0	2.2	3.4	-2.5	-4.3			-2.4

Returns for all periods represent client composite results.

	Aggressive Growth	Global Diversified
Year-to-Date Return	-2.4%	-5.4%
Trailing 1-Year Return	1.1%	-1.9%
Trailing 3-Year Cume Return	22.9%	26.0%
Annualized Return from 2/1/03*	15.4%	9.6%

* Common start date for backtests of three LongRun strategies

Portfolio Holdings for Prior Month and Current Month

October 2018		November 2018	
ILF	Latin America Stocks	HYG	US High Yield Bonds
IJR	US Small Cap Stocks	ILF	Latin America Stocks
IVV	US Large Cap Stocks	CASH	

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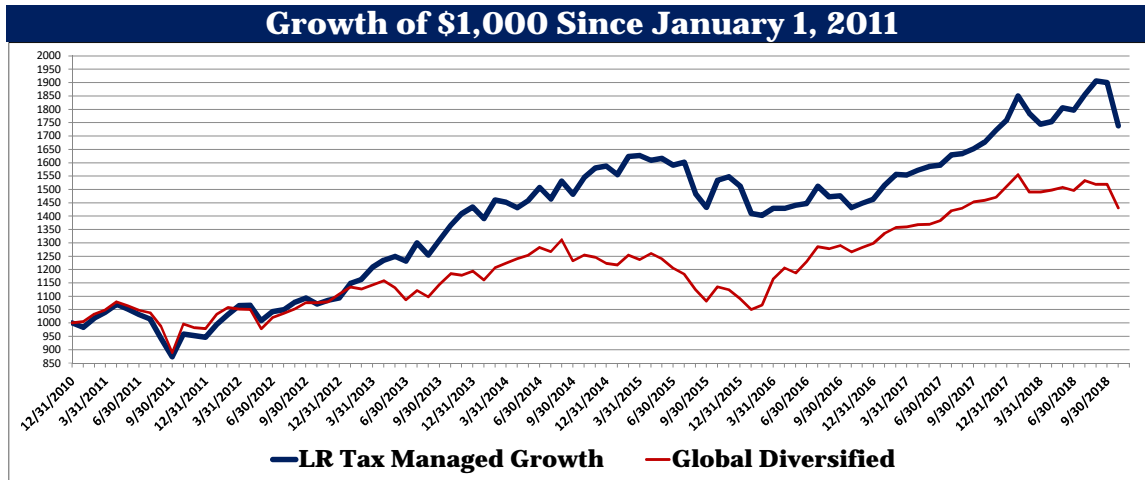
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LongRun Tax Managed Growth Strategy - Oct 2018



The LongRun Tax-Managed Growth Strategy ("TMG") is a disciplined, quantitative approach to tactical asset allocation using exchange-traded funds (ETFs) for access to a diverse selection of primarily equity and fixed income investments. TMG is designed to outperform benchmark returns over a full market cycle with less risk while also being highly tax efficient. ETFs are ranked based on an assessment of relative strength versus each of the 36 ETFs in the model. The strategy generally owns the top 8 ETFs subject to a buffer and may also allocate as much as 100% to cash in adverse market conditions. Rankings are reviewed daily and holdings adjusted as ranking changes dictate.



Return Data for the Strategy (%)*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2011	-1.7	3.5	2.2	2.9	-1.7	-1.9	-1.7	-7.1	-7.3	9.7	-0.6	-0.6	-5.3
2012	5.1	3.6	3.4	0.0	-5.3	3.3	0.6	2.8	1.5	-2.1	1.3	0.8	15.5
2013	5.1	1.2	3.9	2.2	1.2	-1.4	5.6	-3.6	4.5	4.2	3.2	1.8	31.2
2014	-3.1	5.1	-0.6	-1.4	1.9	3.3	-2.8	4.6	-3.3	4.2	2.3	0.5	10.7
2015	-2.1	4.4	0.2	-1.1	0.4	-1.6	0.7	-7.3	-3.5	7.1	0.8	-2.3	-4.7
2016	-6.7	-0.6	1.9	0.0	0.9	0.4	4.5	-2.7	0.2	-3.0	1.2	1.1	-3.2
2017	3.5	2.7	-0.1	1.1	0.9	0.3	2.4	0.4	1.1	1.5	2.7	2.3	20.3
2018	5.1	-3.5	-2.3	0.6	3.0	-0.5	3.3	2.7	-0.3	-8.5			-1.3

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	Tax-Managed Growth	Global Diversified
Year-to-Date Return	-1.3%	-5.4%
Trailing 1-Year Return	3.7%	-1.9%
Trailing 3-Year Cume Return	13.3%	26.0%
Annualized Return from 2/1/03*	12.9%	9.6%

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Portfolio Holdings for Latest Prior and Current Month

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IJT	US Small Cap Growth Stocks	IJT	US Small Cap Growth Stocks
QQQ	NASDAQ 100	QQQ	NASDAQ 100
RSP	US Equal Weight Large Stocks	RSP	US Equal Weight Large Stocks
XLF	US Financials	XLF	US Financials
XLI	US Industrials	XLI	US Industrials
XLK	US Technology	XLK	US Technology
XLV	US Healthcare	XLV	US Healthcare
XLX	US Consumer Discretionary	XLX	US Consumer Discretionary

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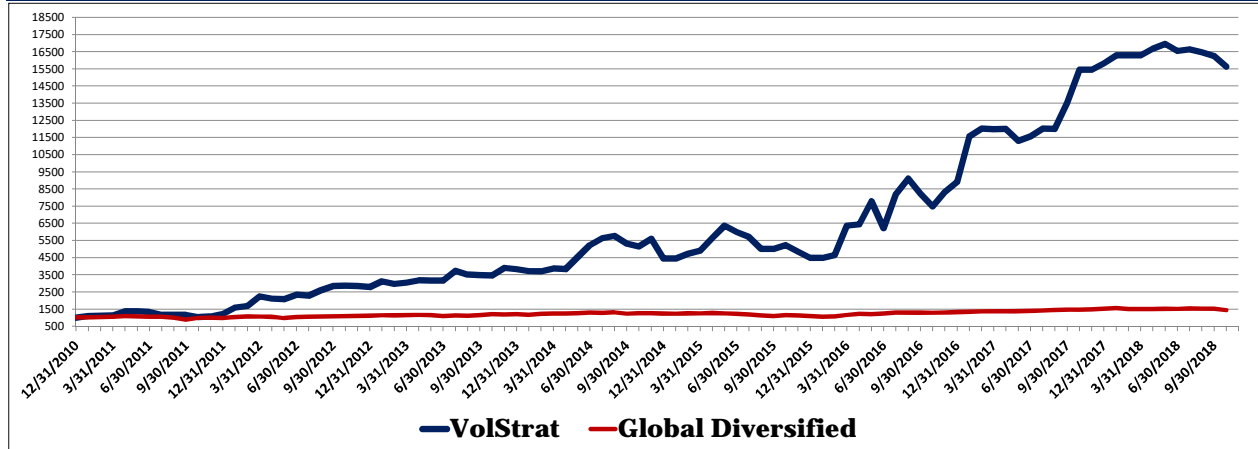
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LongRun Volatility Strategy - Oct 2018



The LongRun Volatility Strategy (VolStrat) is designed to produce aggressive returns with a low correlation to broad equity market indices. VolStrat uses a systematic approach to investing in volatility through exchange traded products that are either long or short VIX futures and may also take a neutral position in cash. VolStrat methodology is the product of extensive research into the behavior of equity market volatility and securities designed to harvest returns from that behavior. Backtest results and recent live trading demonstrate attractive long-term returns but also periods of very high volatility. Investors must have a high tolerance for exposure to significant drawdowns in the value of their investment. VolStrat produces short-term gains and losses and is therefore most appropriate for tax-advantaged structures such as retirement accounts, charitable entities and private insurance vehicles.

Growth of \$1,000 Since 12/31/2010



Return Data for the Strategy (%)*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2011	9.7	0.9	0.3	21.9	1.1	-3.1	-12.5	-0.2	-0.2	-11.5	4.0	13.9	21.1
2012	30.7	6.3	33.4	-6.0	-2.2	12.7	-2.1	13.5	9.9	0.5	-0.4	-2.3	129.2
2013	12.5	-4.9	2.2	4.3	-0.2	-0.2	18.0	-6.0	-1.0	-0.1	12.7	-2.0	37.7
2014	-3.0	-0.2	4.1	-0.9	18.7	15.3	8.1	2.1	-7.6	-3.5	8.8	-20.5	16.3
2015	-0.2	6.3	4.1	15.0	12.6	-5.8	-4.7	-12.3	-0.2	4.6	-6.9	-7.8	0.8
2016	-0.2	3.8	37.2	1.0	21.1	-20.2	31.8	11.2	-9.6	-9.1	11.2	7.1	98.9
2017	29.7	3.8	-0.2	0.1	-5.7	2.2	3.9	-0.2	12.7	14.2	0.0	2.4	77.4
2018	3.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	1.7	-2.4	0.7	-1.1	-1.3	-3.8			-1.2

* Returns in italics are from a systematic backtest of the strategy; non-italicized periods represent client composite results.

	VolStrat	Global Diversified
Year-to-Date Return	-1.2%	-5.4%
Trailing 1-Year Return	1.3%	-1.9%
Annualized Return from August 2008*	55.4%	5.1%

* Start date of VolStrat backtest

Fund Holdings for Prior Month and Current Month

October 2018	November 2018
Short Volatility/Cash	Cash*

* Represents current positioning of LongRun Volatility Strategy that is subject to change at any time

Management and Operational Details

Investment Manager:	LongRun Capital Management LLC
Investment Structure:	Separately Managed Accounts
Custodian:	Fidelity Investments
Minimum Investment:	\$500,000 (subject to waiver)
Liquidity/Redemption:	Upon client request
Management fee:	1% of initial assets; 2% above threshold return
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