

FACTSHEET

Performance Returns

The AlphaQuest UCITS Fund returned -2.70% in February (USD Institutional Founder Share Class).

Investment Objective & Strategy

The AlphaQuest UCITS Fund's investment objective is to seek capital appreciation over the long term.

The AlphaQuest UCITS Fund invests, on a long and/or short basis, in a globally diversified futures portfolio representing the major asset classes of equities, fixed income and currencies. The AlphaQuest UCITS Fund also gains exposure to commodities, on a long and/or short basis, through the use of structured financial instruments ("SFIs"). The AlphaQuest UCITS Fund targets, over the medium term, a realized volatility in the range of 10%-12%, in order to adhere to the UCITS investment restrictions.

Quest employs a systematic trading program (the "Program"), diversified by asset class and with individual positions intended to provide a return over different time horizons, that seeks to deliver positive alpha (alpha is a statistical measurement used to determine the risk-reward profile of a potential investment). The Program is composed of a number of trading systems, each of which generates individual trades. These trading systems generate trades on the basis of price movement indicators which seek to identify situations where there is potential for an increase in the price volatility of a given market. Risk controls are integrated into the Program to measure the potential risk associated with trades generated by the Program. Generally, the Program will determine that AlphaQuest UCITS Fund should take a long position in a market that has shown an upward trending price or a short position in a market that has shown a downward trending price.

Monthly Commentary

The performance of the Program was impacted by our shorter-term family of systems and by the Energy and Foreign Exchange asset classes. During intense volatility compression periods we tend to generate negative returns and negative Alpha to CTA indices. This has been such a period. These environments are characterized by choppy, short-term reversals, i.e. where a market moves for a few days in one direction and then reverses very quickly within a few days. Since our models are looking for volatility expansion, especially during such low volatility periods, they can be hurt by these short-term reversals.

While recent performance has been challenging, it is in line with expectations considering the intensity of the volatility contraction. Even with the current drawdown, our program has been a very valuable addition to a typical portfolio both from a hedging and return perspective. To put our performance in a historical context, graphs on the following page show Alphas for the flagship AlphaQuest Original (AQO) program relative to the SP500 and CTA index. These charts show that our recent performance is in line with our Alphas during similar periods in the past and is statistically normal.

Our experience suggests that such low volatility and high mean-reversion are a harbinger of future volatility expansion and breakout. Volatility has become highly compressed recently as illustrated by the following data points:

- The VIX Index has not closed above 15% for 76 consecutive trading days, the longest such run since Feb '07
- The Dow had record closes for 12 consecutive days, the longest such run since Jan '87
- The S&P 500 has not had a 1% decline for 95 days, just behind the 106 day stretch recorded in 1996
- The 20-day and 60-day realized annual vol. for the SP500 is 6% and 7%, close to lowest levels in 10 years
- Three-month realized volatility on S&P now ranks in the 1<sup>st</sup> percentile of the last 50 years

Historically, these low levels of volatility are not sustainable. From a broader perspective, one typically sees extreme levels of pricing and return anomalies prior to large market regime changes. Examples include the pricing of technology stocks in the late nineties and the low volatility of early 2007; both of these were precursors to large market regime shifts. We believe that the AQO program continues to be well positioned to benefit from such a counter-move.

USD Institutional Founder Share Class UCITS Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2017	-4.33%	-2.70%											-6.91%
2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.22%	-0.22%

The performance figures quoted above represent the performance of the AlphaQuest UCITS Fund since launch on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a guarantee of future performance or a reliable guide to future performance.

THE MANAGER



**Nigol Koulajian**

Founder and Chief Investment Officer



Nigol has been designing and trading short and long-term technical systems for over 24 years. Mr. Koulajian began his career with Andersen Consulting and then moved to Deutsche Bank, where he helped create and computerize a risk management system that became a widely used tool for senior management. He then became the Head Trader for Carmel Capital and while working at Carmel

designed and priced hedges on international equity and fixed income arbitrage positions. In 1996, Mr. Koulajian joined Weston Capital Management, LLC where he was the Director of Asset Allocation and Product Development, responsible for the allocation of assets to equity hedge funds and CTAs. In 1998, Mr. Koulajian started Avalon Asset Management, LLC, a fund of funds, and in 1999, he co-founded a CTA, Enterprise Asset Management, LLC. Mr. Koulajian earned an MBA in finance from Columbia Business School and a BS in electrical engineering from Notre Dame.

**Paul Czkwianianc**

Head of Research



Paul joined the firm at its inception in 2001. Mr. Czkwianianc started his career in the financial industry in 1999 at Enterprise Asset Management where he worked alongside Mr. Nigol Koulajian. Mr. Czkwianianc holds a B.S. degree in Applied Mathematics from Columbia University and an M.S. degree in Mathematics from New York University.

FUND FACTS

Structure	UCITS Fund
Domicile	Ireland
Liquidity	Daily
Fund AUM	\$19.1 million
Strategy AUM	\$779 million
Inception	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
Registered	Ireland, UK, France and Switzerland (Qualified Investors Only)

<b>Share Class</b>	<b>Institutional/Institutional Pooled</b>
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	1.5%
Perf. Fee	20%
Min Init. Sub.	1,000,000
ISIN Codes	EUR: IE00BD08G390/IE00BD08G739 USD: IE00BD08G622/IE00BD08GB72 CHF: IE00BD08G515/IE00BD08G952 GBP: IE00BD08G408/IE00BD08G846

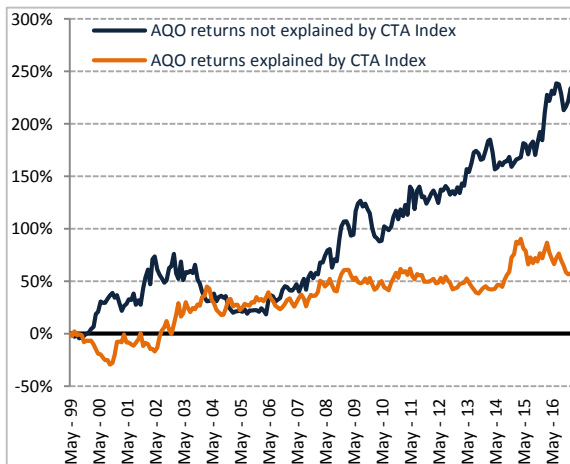
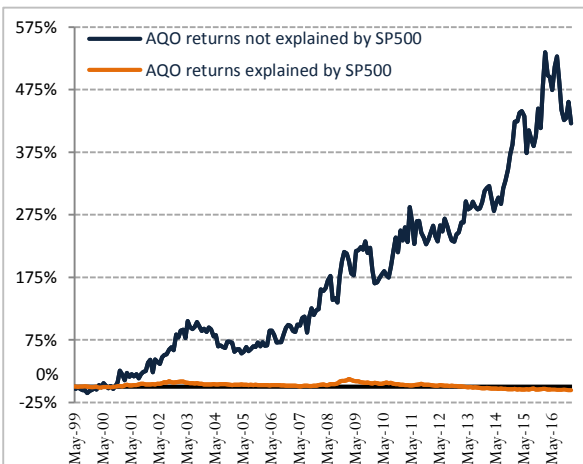
<b>Share Class</b>	<b>Retail Pooled</b>
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	2%
Perf. Fee	20%
Min Init. Sub.	100,000
ISIN Codes	EUR: IE00BD08GM87 USD: IE00BD08GQ26 CHF: IE00BD08GP19 GBP: IE00BD08GN94

ALPHAQUEST ORIGINAL (AQO) PROGRAM MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (NON-UCITS)\*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2016	14.1	9.19	-6.72	-0.58	-3.62	6.6	2.16	-6.3	-7.64	-2.65	0.2	4.51	7.02%
2015	7.97	-0.68	2.9	0.33	-1.65	-10.7	7.39	-2.01	-1.64	2.17	8.72	-5.47	5.69%
2014	1.62	0.1	-4.51	-5.36	3.2	1.89	-2.29	5.83	3.2	3.75	5.24	3.23	16.27%
2013	0.07	4.45	-0.53	9.07	-3.46	0.86	1.86	-1.42	-1.67	-0.25	2.11	4.39	15.94%
2012	3.07	2.32	-5.14	-2.25	8.66	-3.34	5.75	-3.47	-3.91	-2.62	-0.7	3.77	0.87%
2011	-4.91	5.83	-6.53	16.41	-5.93	-9.4	11.37	0.96	-4.11	-3.85	-2.92	2.1	-4.11%
2010	-6.93	0.19	1.58	1.85	3.26	-1.52	-2.24	6.97	7.52	6.14	-6.82	10.1	20.08%
2009	0.38	-2.32	-7.57	-2.43	13.3	0.36	0.57	-1.73	3.6	-5.17	1.77	-11.16	-11.75%
2008	2.09	14.92	-0.53	1.26	4.88	4.22	-13.55	1.36	-1.26	20.59	10.1	4.98	55.77%
2007	-0.49	-3.23	-0.5	6.26	-0.79	6.81	2.07	-11.84	13.8	6.73	-3.71	4.04	18.11%
2006	4.34	-3.02	0.55	14.62	0.91	-3.18	-6.08	0.36	0.25	7.48	5.95	2.54	25.72%
2005	-7.67	2.58	0.41	-3.46	1.48	5.15	-4.02	2.35	2.94	0.11	4.36	-3.35	0.04%
2004	-2.8	3.93	-1.38	-5.6	1.3	-9.98	1.36	-1.25	-0.99	6.23	-0.6	-1.32	-11.43%
2003	-1.84	6.16	0.93	-7.9	14.36	-4.59	-1.86	1.85	4.23	-4.62	-3.28	1.13	2.74%
2002	4.05	-13.71	16.53	-1.44	-2.49	9.22	3.76	0.83	6.9	0.99	-3.5	16.92	39.94%
2001	-5.22	-5.43	12.11	-5.59	3.89	-2.2	3.68	-4.52	7.38	2.97	0.58	10.42	17.17%
2000	4.18	-1.54	7.14	-2.85	8.03	-4.16	-2.57	3.17	-2.83	4.85	7.97	18.05	44.31%
1999					-2.66	2.81	-1.77	-1.73	1.12	-5.26	4.26	1.11	-2.45%

\*The above performance pertains to the AlphaQuest Original (AQO) program and is not representative of the MontLake AlphaQuest UCITS Fund. UCITS Funds have to abide by onerous investment restrictions and consequently the performance of the MontLake AlphaQuest UCITS Fund may not be similar to that presented above.

AQO Program Benchmark Returns



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