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MANAGED FUTURES

What is Managed Futures?

Managed Futures are an alternative investment avenue that allows investors to diversify their portfolios and, under some conditions, minimize risk. Individual & Institutional investors alike may seek alternative investment opportunities such as managed futures when they do not have the time to constantly monitor markets, see lackluster opportunities in the investment vehicles they know well, or simply want to remove themselves from the emotional component of making their own trading decisions.

Managed Futures refers to a 30+ year-old industry made up of professional traders, also known as "Commodity Trading Advisors", or CTAs. Commodity Trading Advisors are put through rigorous due diligence processes before they can offer themselves to investors as money managers. They are required to register with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), go through an FBI deep background check, and provide thoroughly audited disclosure documents (including annual audits of financial statements every year), which are then checked by the National Futures Association (NFA).

Ironbeam's Advisors

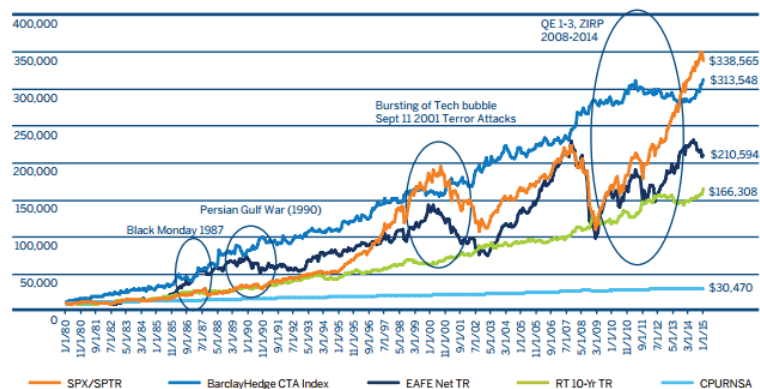
With Managed Futures, you have the power to work with industry-leading money managers & CTAs, as well as any up-and-comers to the Managed Futures industry. CTAs have a track record of their performance with the investment strategy they use for assets under their management. You can see what markets they trade in and how they have performed. This allows you to maintain control over your diversification while letting you select which markets you want to have exposure in and which ones you don't. With a balanced CTA portfolio you might be investing in a manager that specializes in the grains, one that trades metals, another in softs, and a fourth in energies or equities; even furthering your portfolio diversification.

Generally, CTAs will manage their client's money using their own discretionary method, or proprietary trading system that they have developed. This may involve entering in long or short futures, or options contracts in various areas of the markets, such as equity indexes (S&P 500, Dow Jones, NASDAQ), interest rates (Bonds, Notes, Eurodollar Time Deposits), energy products (Crude Oil, Natural Gas, RBOB Gasoline), grains (Corn, Soybeans, Wheat), or softs (Cotton, Coffee, Sugar).

Added Diversification

Individuals who are seeking diversification know that different sectors can move in different directions. The goal of the diversified portfolio is to take advantage of those opposing moves to provide consistent and smoother returns overall. The benefit of diversifying your assets is that when one particular sector takes a hit the whole portfolio itself is not driven to the ground. Having your wealth stored in alternative assets outside the traditional stocks-and-bonds portfolio can provide you with a near zero correlation to the equity markets and help provide stability in times of economic downturns.

WHEN CRITICAL EVENTS OCCUR (01/1980 - 01/2015)



Why Should You Choose Managed Futures?

- ▶ Diversify outside traditional asset classes – During times of recession when the stock markets are sinking, Managed Futures offers a reach to markets not correlated to stocks.
- ▶ Reduce volatility in your portfolio – Gaining exposure to multiple, non-correlated world markets means your portfolio does not need to take a hit when other asset classes might be going down.
- ▶ Returns available in any type of market performance – With the ability to go long, short, and utilizing options, a market does not need to be trending or in a bull run to be able to generate returns.
- ▶ Overall Industry Growth – In the last 35 years, assets under management for the ManagedFutures industry have grown 1000 fold. Current assets under management stand at over \$340 billion.
- ▶ Regulation – Commodity Trading Advisors are regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and the National Futures Association (NFA).
- ▶ Drawdowns – According to the CME, "Historically, drawdowns in manyManaged Futures strategies have been significantly smaller than in most other hedge fund strategies."

Balanced Portfolio

Knowing that you want to diversify your portfolio is easy; however, the difficulty lies in the execution. With all this kept in mind, Ironbeam has carefully chosen several managed futures programs with exposure to multiple markets, to create a medley of asset classes with low correlation to one another. If you have any questions about Managed Futures or our Balanced Portfolio contact out of our representatives at pcg@ironbeam.com or visit our website at

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