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Marketing Communication

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## **ALTERNATIVE**

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The Amundi Tiedemann Arbitrage Strategy Fund invests in global securities in North America, Europe, Australia, South America and Asia, that are or may become subject to a tender offer, merger, liquidation, recapitalization, spin-off, proxy contest, exchange offer, leveraged buyout or bankruptcy. The Fund trades primarily in connection with announced transactions and seeks to play arbitrage deals from both a long and a short perspective.

#### PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION (Source : Fund Admin)



Amundi Tiedemann Arbitrage Strategy Fund - Class I EUR — HFRX EVENT DRIVEN

#### PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS (Source: Fund Admin) \*



<sup>\*</sup> These indicators are based upon weekly returns calculation

## HISTORICAL MONTHLY RETURNS\* (Source : Fund Admin)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.37%	0.20%	-0.17%
2014	1.26%	1.03%	-1.28%	0.83%	0.58%	1.77%	-1.08%	0.05%	-0.71%	-5.15%	1.30%	0.41%	-1.18%
2015	0.01%	1.21%	0.68%	1.09%	1.25%	-1.18%	-1.53%	-2.03%	-1.94%	0.44%	-0.45%	2.26%	-0.30%
2016	-0.77%	0.66%	2.55%	-2.38%	0.99%	0.90%	1.00%	1.15%	0.73%	-1.44%	0.34%	0.59%	4.31%
2017	-0.56%	1.24%	-0.88%	2.58%	0.81%	0.07%	0.49%	-0.26%	0.25%	0.23%	-1.83%	0.74%	2.85%
2018	1.25%	1.08%	-2.02%	0.44%	0.82%	1.82%	-1.14%	-0.18%	0.61%	-0.04%	1.13%	0.86%	4.67%
2019	0.36%	-0.22%	0.36%	0.27%	-0.88%	-1.10%	0.18%	-0.64%	0.29%	0.46%	0.90%	0.47%	0.42%
2020	0.07%	-0.06%	-5.75%	4.00%	0.05%	0.20%	0.51%	-0.54%	0.93%	0.85%	1.31%	1.62%	2.95%
2021	2.47%	0.15%	-0.74%	1.95%	0.25%	-0.27%	-1.13%	1.16%	-0.41%	0.38%	0.50%	-0.06%	4.26%
2022	-0.84%	1.37%	-0.32%	-0.35%	-2.61%	-1.28%	0.09%	1.61%	0.06%	0.50%	0.15%	0.54%	-1.15%
2023	-0.47%	-0.36%	0.50%	0.81%	-2.77%	1.25%	0.94%	1.86%	1.07%	-0.89%	2.00%	2.75%	6.76%

\*Since inception: 05/11/2013

#### **FUND FACTS**

Legal Structure	Amundi Alternative Funds PLC
Inception Date of the Fund	21/02/2013
Inception Date of the Class	05/11/2013
Share Class Currency	EUF
Available Currency Classes	CHF, EUR, GBP, JPY, NOK
	SGD. USE

ISIN Code	IE00B8BS6228
Bloomberg Code	LTASIEU ID
Investment Manager	Amundi Asset Management
Sub-Investment Manager	TIG ADVISORS LLC
Administrator	SS&C Financial Services (Ireland) Limited
Liquidity (1)	Daily
Subscription/Redemption Notice	On D day 12:00
Valuation Day	D

Total Fund Assets	1,058.08 ( million EUR
Management Fee max. (2)	1.50%
Class Investment Advisory Fee (2)	1.00%
Class Performance Fee (2)	Yes
Administration Fee max. (2) (3)	0.25%
Long Exposure*	40.45%
Short Exposure	8.60%
Net Exposure (long - short)	31.85%
Gross Exposure (long + short)	49.05%

## RISK ANALYSIS (Source : Fund Admin)

	Since inception
Volatility (PTF)	5.20%
Volatility (Index)*	8.74%
Sharpe ratio (PTF)	0.42
Sharpe ratio (Index)*	0.27
Maximum drawdown (PTF)	-15.50%
Maximum drawdown (Index)*	-21.15%
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Official Fund NAV is calculated on a daily basis, subject to holidays & certain extraordinary events.Performance is based on the Fund's last official NAV, and the Index level as of the same day.These indicators are based upon weekly returns calculation.





#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Official NAV is calculated every day, subject to holidays & certain extraordinary events. Performance based on the Fund's last official NAV, and the Index level as of the same day.

The Fund complies with the UCITS Directive and has been approved by the Central Bank of Ireland on February 21, 2013. Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for a full disclosure of the fund's characteristics.

(i) Under normal market conditions, Amundi intends to offer the LIQUIDITY mentioned above. However, the LIQUIDITY is not guaranteed and there are circumstances under which such LIQUIDITY may not be possible. Please refer to the Fund's legal documentation for complete terms and conditions. The Fund switched to daily liquidity on March 22, 2017.

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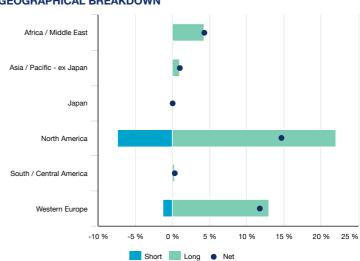
(a) The Fund is subject to an Administrative Expenses Fee at a rate of up to 0.25% of the Net Asset Value of each Class of the Fund per annum

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## **MONTHLY STRATEGY EXPOSURE FOR LAST 12 MONTHS**

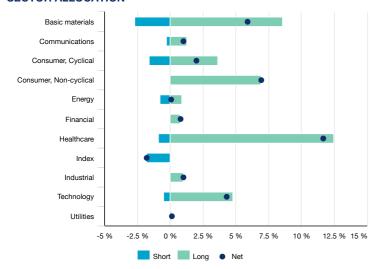


#### **GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN**

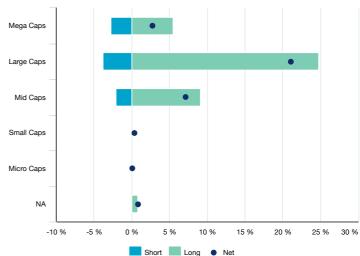


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# **SECTOR ALLOCATION**



# **CAPITALISATION BREAKDOWN**









#### **MONTHLY COMMENTARY (Source: Amundi)**

Management commentary

The Amundi Tiedemann Arbitrage fund returned 2.94% in December (I USD) bringing the full year performance to +8.35% net of fees.

The top 3 performers of December were X, SGEN, and Covestro (1COV).

X is the biggest winners of 2023. It is a great example of the type of processes we find attractive because it demonstrates the underappreciated upside a competitive process can generate. The X sales process that began in August with a \$35 bid by Cleveland-Cliffs (CLF), concluded in December. As the process moved forward, we recognized a few key developments; there were multiple strategic buyers competing for a rare asset and the market seemed to be underestimating the upside potential. In December, we increased the position size, with the stock around \$36, which was a great time to add risk. As the market spent time focusing on the potential negatives (antitrust, Committee of Foreign Investment (CFIUS), etc.) of each potential buyer, it failed to recognize an unexpected outcome which is what we got. On December 18, Nippon announced that it will acquire X for \$55 per share, all cash, nearly a 139% premium from its unaffected price. This exceeded all expectations when it came to price and the quality of the buyer. The deal still trades at a 13% gross spread, which we find attractive, due to political concerns and union opposition.

SGEN was the second largest contributor in December as the deal closed. Our research indicated that the FTC had not made any outside hires or taken other steps consistent with litigation and that the parties expected a final decision before Christmas. We increased the position to just over 6% of capital ahead of the deal closing on December 14. Lastly, 1COV was the third largest contributor in December as the M&A process gradually advanced. We met with the company in London, and they reaffirmed their engagement in high-level discussions with Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC). Reports later indicated that ADNOC planned to increase its offer to EUR 60, committing to job security and investment guarantees in hopes of gaining access to due diligence. Another publication suggested that the board would open up the data room, thereby allowing the process to move forward.

The top 3 losers of December were Endeavor (EDR), Olink (OLK), and SAVE. EDR was the largest detractor as it was reported that the process was slightly delayed and would likely be a January event, causing the stock to fall. We believe the deal remains on track and Silverlake still intends to make an offer. OLK was the second largest detractor due to the CMA opening a Phase I investigation into the deal and the parties pulled and refiled their Germany and Iceland fillings. We have reduced our position to zero and continue to research the potential antitrust concerns in the UK, Germany, and Iceland. SAVE was a small detractor in December largely driven by substantial retail interest in the trial, with a number of retail commentors being bullish on the outcome. We entered January long the \$10 puts and the deal was blocked on January 16.

In our previous letters, we highlighted the complexities CEOs face when navigating an interest rate cycle that has seen rates escalate from zero to 5%. This unprecedented shift had injected a degree of uncertainty into the market, particularly concerning the potential for further rate hikes and the associated risk of an economic recession. Such uncertainty invariably impacts strategic decisions regarding M&A. There is an evident and growing demand for M&A activity, buoyed by a gradual easing of regulatory and macroeconomic headwinds. We have begun to see an uptick in hostile deal flow, reinforced by the reduction in 10-year treasury rates from just over 5% to under 4%. This decline bolsters CEOs' confidence that the hiking interest rate cycle is concluding, helping them to better gauge the likelihood of a recession. Additionally, the market has observed outcomes in cases like ATVI/MSFT and HZNP/AMGN that suggest there is a viable path to completing complex transactions. Consequently, we believe the potential for deal flow is significant.

Lastly, it is important to consider the potential impact of a change to a republican administration. Such a shift could lead to a significant increase in deal flow as Lina Khan (FTC) and Jonathan Cantor (DOJ) have been on a mission to stop M&A transactions. Overall, we are extremely bullish on the potential for M&A deal flow and opportunistic bids, which we remain focused on. We are excited about the opportunity set as we enter 2024.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to continuing the momentum of 2023 into the new year.

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