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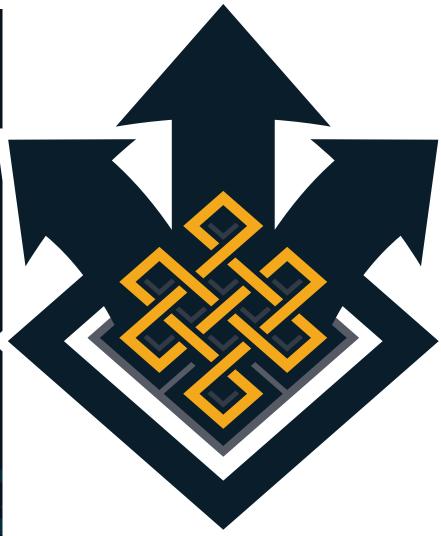
COMMENTARY + FUND PROFILE

DECEMBER 2024

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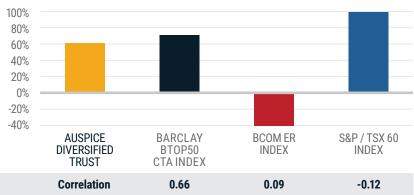
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CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

(SINCE JANUARY 1ST 2007*)



Source: Bloomberg and Auspice Investment Operations. *The returns for Auspice Diversified Trust ("ADT") are net of fees. Returns represent the performance for Auspice Diversified Trust, Series X. Prior to December 2019, the returns were from Auspice Managed Futures LP, Series 1. Past performance is not indicative of future results. You cannot invest directly in an index. *Correlation is a statistical measure that calculates the degree to which two portfolios or securities move in relation to one and the other, and can range between -1.0 and +1.0. A 0 correlation would indicate 0 similarity, a 1.0 correlation would indicate 100% correlation.

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Prior to February 28, 2023, this Fund was offered via offering memorandum only and this Fund was not a reporting issuer during such prior period. The expenses of the Fund would have been higher during such prior period had the Fund been subject to the additional regulatory requirements applicable to a reporting issuer. Auspice obtained exemptive relief on behalf of the Fund to permit the disclosure of the prior performance data for the Fund for the time period prior to it becoming a reporting issuer.

SUMMARY

Source of data is Bloomberg unless otherwise indicated.

Auspice Diversified Trust ("ADT") added 1.7% per Table 1 as equity markets ended the year correcting in December. Gains again came from markets typically not in most investor portfolios including Currencies, Cotton and Cocoa, the top performing commodity in 2024 (even outperforming Bitcoin). ADT outperformed the sector benchmarks, SG CTA index and BTOP50, which were both up approximately 1.1% while slightly lagging full year. We attribute this to the heavier commodity exposure vis-à-vis financial markets and the equity outperformance as illustrated in Chart 1. Longer term, the result remains in-line with the BTOP 50 while historically outperforming at key times of equity correction (crisis alpha) and commodity trends (commodity alpha). While we don't rely on down equity markets to provide diversifying returns, it is notable the portfolio gained as equity fell to end the year, alongside corrections in August and April, yet with a positive equity attribution for the year as well.

Despite the strong year for global equities, in December the S&P500 and the global benchmark MSCI ACWI fell 2.5% and 2.4% (for 23.3% and 17.2%) while the Canadian TSX60 was down 3.7% (17.2%). Asian markets ended on a positive note with the Hang Seng up 3.3% and the Nikkei adding 4.4%.

Commodity benchmarks were neutral to slightly higher in 2024 with the more diverse Bloomberg Commodity Index (BCOM ER) adding 0.6% to swing positive 0.1% for the year, while the energy tilted Goldman Sachs Commodity Index (GSCI ER) added 2.9% on late year energy strength for 3.8% on the year per Table 1.

While global central banks continued to cut in December, most expressed concerns about inflation and slower growth. The Bank of Canada led with a 50bps cut (and a resignation by its Finance Minister) followed by the European Central Bank at 25bps which warned that growth will be weaker than it had previously forecast. The US Fed ended the year cutting 25bps but signalled a slower pace of easing in 2025 as it seeks to bring inflation fully under control. This all made sense as the US year-over-year CPI again failed to continue softening and gained from 2.6% to 2.7% (for the November reading see Chart 2).

The bond market continues to steepen and illustrate a concern that inflation is not going away. The benchmark US 10-year Note moved markedly higher from 4.2% to 4.6% with the 30-year Bond hitting 4.8% despite the Fed cut. The US Dollar Index continued to rally, adding 2.6% vis-à-vis global currencies. The Canadian and Aussie Dollars were down 2.8% and 5.1% alongside the Euro and British Pound off 2.2% and 1.7% respectively.

OUTLOOK

Below is an excerpt from the Auspice "Outlook for Commodities" published by the Financial Post December 24th.

As we enter 2025, timing for commodities may be opportune. The US election result and Republican platform is widely considered inflationary, with commodities a key component in this. Protectionism, tariffs, energy security — these policies come at a time when cost-push inflation, driven by wages, has already begun to creep back up. Central banks do not have a lever to control this by raising rates, as they do for demand-pull inflation (the cost for manufactured goods and consumer spending).





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TABLE 1 AUSPICE DIVERSIFIED TRUST PERFORMANCE

	Auspice Diversified Trust	Barclay BTOP50 CTA Index	BCOM ER INDEX	TSX 60 INDEX
1 Month	1.73%	1.15%	0.63%	-3.67%
2024 YTD	-2.88%	4.37%	0.12%	17.19%
1 yr (Jan 24)	-2.88%	4.37%	0.12%	17.19%
3 yr (Jan 22)	2.82%	17.69%	-0.41%	15.18%
5 yr (Jan 20)	33.51%	35.92%	22.10%	46.05%
10 yr (Jan 15)	9.65%	29.89%	-5.34%	73.40%
15 yr (Jan 10)	25.11%	46.97%	-29.04%	113.83%
Ann. Return (Jan 07)	2.68%1/3.66%2	3.03%	-2.86%	3.91%
Std Deviation	11.34%	7.03%	16.16%	13.37%
Sharpe Ratio	0.31	0.46	-0.09	0.38
Sortino Ratio	0.55	0.74	-0.12	0.53
Worst Drawdown	-26.04%	-16.11%	-73.87%	-44.27%

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- 2. "Auspice Diversified 1 and 15" is provided for indicative purposes to illustrate full cycle net returns with the current lower fee structure (Series X). Auspice Diversified 1 and 15 is based on the realized gross returns of Auspice Managed Futures LP Series 1 (2% mgmt, 20% performance) through November 30th 2019, adjusted with the current lower (1 and 15) fee structure (Series X). December 1st, 2019 forward Auspice Diversified 1 and 15 represents the realized net returns from Auspice Diversified Series X.



OUTLOOK (CONTINUED)

Indeed, so called "agflation" has been increasing since the spring. While energy markets corrected in 2024, The UN Food and Agriculture World Food Price Index – the global proxy for world food prices – has been increasing steadily since March. Note Corn and many soft commodities have rallied recently and as we say often, "there's a lot more to commodities than oil and gold".

2024 was a tricky year for commodity fund investors and fund managers alike. While a couple markets such as Gold and Cocoa were strong, this was not the case across the board. The Bloomberg Broad Commodity Index ("BCOM") benchmark was flat (0.1%) for the year and remains well below 2022 highs. Risk management — avoiding the steep, often unanticipated drawdowns — has been key.

In consolidations periods such as 2024, sometimes doing less is more. If you're a more active commodity trader you have probably been whipsawed a fair bit in the last two years. But it's a trade-off. Agility and being reactive can payoff immensely, particularly at inflection points, such was the case during the first half of 2020 as COVID rattled markets, and during the first half of 2022 as equity and bond markets corrected alongside the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Following two years of muted opportunity, the team thinks commodities and CTA strategies (Commodity Trading Advisors) will be a good place to be in 2025, and some of the biggest pensions are looking to position accordingly. We encourage you to read the full published article.

ATTRIBUTIONS AND TRADES

Per Chart 3, gains were dominated by Currencies and complemented by Rates, Soft Commodities and Metals. The rally in Energies and sell-off in Equities were the largest negative attributions.

BY SECTOR

Energies: Natural Gas gained over 14% and we shifted to net long while Petroleum energies also rallied and we reduced short exposures.

Metals: Metals had a neutral result as pullbacks in Gold and Silver were offset by shorts in Copper and Lead and a new short in Platinum.

Grains: Small sector loss for the month as new positions were added both short and long. Corn was added as it rallied 5.9% while a new short in Rough Rice was taken as it fell 7.3%. Positive sector for the year.

Softs: Positive result as long exposures in Cocoa, Coffee and Orange Juice all contributed and were complimented by short Cotton while Sugar fell 8.6% and detracted.

Equities: Negative result for the month as major NorAm and European markets corrected yet remain the strongest sector for the year. Profits were taken in Canada's TSX60 while long China's A50 provided gains on a 2.5% rally.

Rates: Sector gains as interest rates rose (despite central bank cuts described in intro), highlighting why we trade based on trend.

Currencies: Top performing sector as the recent shift to long the US Dollar Index and short across various currencies paid off.

RETURN DRIVERS:

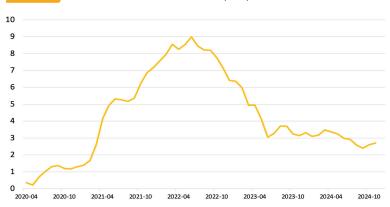
Results were positive from trend-following strategies while the non-correlated short-term (non-trend) strategies were neutral. We continue to earn on significant cash positions. See Chart 4.

TABLE 2 AUSPICE DIVERSIFIED TRUST PERFORMANCE

Auspice Diversified Trust		NAVPU			
Series	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr	CAD\$
Series X	-2.88%	0.93%	5.95%	1.16%	13.5587
Series A	-3.87%	-0.33%	5.23%	0.28%	10.6884
Series F	-2.87%	0.63%	5.45%	0.91%	11.5695
Series I	-1.82%	2.62%	8.36%	2.84%	16.0937

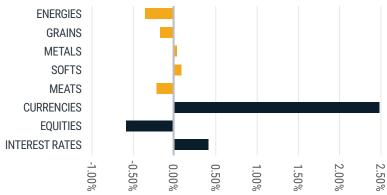
Source: Bloomberg and Auspice Investment Operations. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The returns for Auspice Diversified Trust ("ADT") are net of fees. Inception dates: Series X, July 1st, 2014; Series A, October 1st, 2009; Series F, October 1st, 2009; Series I, January 1st, 2013.

CHART 2 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) YOY% CHANGE



Source: Bloomberg and Auspice Investment Operations. See definitions at end for more.

CHART 3 SECTOR PROFIT/LOSS AND MONTHLY ATTRIBUTION



Source: Auspice Investment Operations.

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CHART 4 STRATEGY (RETURN DRIVER) ATTRIBUTION





POSITION HIGHLIGHTS

GAINS

- Shorts in Currencies led by Canadian Dollar, New Zealand Dollar, and Swiss Franc.
- Short Cotton falling 4.9%.
- · Long Cocoa, up 23.9%.

LOSSES

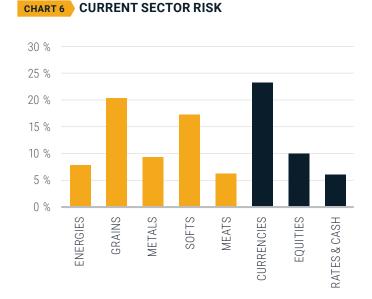
- · Lean Hogs fell 5.8%.
- Gasoline rallied 5.4%.
- Cheese rallied against short 5.3%.

EXPOSURE AND RISK ALLOCATION

Commodity to Financial exposure increased to 61:39 from 58:42, slightly below the long-term average per Chart 5. The overall portfolio risk as measured by the Margin to Equity ratio, remains near the low end at 6.5%, slightly below the historical average level of 6.6% (see Chart 7 next page).

In Commodities, risk was increased in Metals and Grains. Financial exposure was decreased in Rates and Equites. See Chart 6.

Total Financials Total Commodities Source: Auspice Investment Operations.



Source: Auspice Investment Operations.

*Sector and individual market risk is expressed relative to the overall portfolio VAR/risk. Risk based on 1-day VaR.

CURRENT RISK BY SECTOR

Largest Holdings	Aggregate Position	% of Risk
ENERGIES		7.7%
UK NatGas	Long	1.7%
RBOB Gasoline	Short	1.6%
Heating Oil	Short	1.6%
GRAINS		20.2%
Corn	Long	7.1%
Wheat	Short	4.1%
Soybeans	Short	3.8%
METALS		9.4%
Copper	Short	3.4%
Gold	Long	1.9%
Platinum	Short	1.5%
SOFTS		17.1%
Coffee	Long	6.8%
Cotton	Short	3.5%
Cheese	Short	1.7%
MEATS		6.4%
Live Cattle	Long	3.4%
Lean Hogs	Long	2.9%
CURRENCIES		23.3%
Japanese Yen	Short	3.2%
Canadian Dollar	Short	3.2%
Swiss Franc	Short	3.0%
EQUITIES		9.9%
eMini NASDAQ 100 (USA)	Long	3.8%
eMini S&P 500 (USA)	Long	3.0%
MSCI Singapore Index	Long	2.2%
RATES & CASH		6.1%
Treasury Notes/10 yr (USA)	Short	1.8%
30 Year Bond	Short	1.7%
Long Gilt (UK)	Short	1.2%

Source: Auspice Investment Operations.

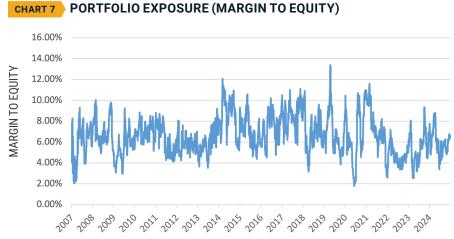


INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks to generate returns on investment in, trading in or exposure to commodity and financial interests. Using a disciplined rules-based investment process, the fund captures dominant trends long and short, agnostic to market direction and popular consensus. Risk management and capital allocation is systematic to preserve capital as the strategy's core objective along with

providing returns that are non-correlated to traditional equity, fixed income and most alternative strategies. A core goal is to provide performance and crisis alpha in times of significant equity correction.

FUND DETAILS



Source: Auspice Investment Operations.

Fund Details (Jan 2007)		Trade Statistics	
Annualized Return	2.68%1 / 3.66%2	Avg Monthly Gain	2.85%
Annualized Std Dev	11.34%	Avg Monthly Loss	-2.07%
Largest Drawdown	-26.04%	Daily Std Dev	0.68%
Sharpe Ratio ³	0.31	Daily VAR (sim w/99% conf)	-0.93%
MAR Index ⁴	0.14	Round Turns per \$million	800
Sortino	0.55	Margin to Equity ratio	6.6
Upside/Downside Deviation	0.14 / 0.05	Average Hold Period (Days)	70
Correlation to MSCI ACWI	-0.17	% Profitable	39%
Correlation to TSX60	-0.12	\$Win/\$Loss	1.48
Correlation to BCOM ER	0.09	Skew	0.97

Source: Auspice Investment Operations.
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Auspice Diversified Trust	Fundserv Code	Management Fee	Performance Fee	Minimum
Series X	ACA778X	1%	15%	\$1mm
Series A	ACA718A	2%	20%	\$1,000
Series F	ACA728F	1%	20%	\$1,000
Series I	ACA738I	Negotiated	Negotiated	\$25mm

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KEY ATTRIBUTES

- Higher allocation to commodities relative to our peers,
- Negative correlation to equity, no correlation to commodity,
- Low margin to equity (average <7.0%) makes it scalable and cash efficient
- Portfolio Management team with experience trading in volatile environments.
- Positive skew: Auspice Diversified Trust has outperformed at critical times of crisis, recovery, and volatility expansion.
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- 3. Assumes Risk free rate of 0%.
- 4. MAR is the annualized return divided by the largest drawdown.

Program Details	
Other Structures and Platforms	Managed Account, Innocap
Auspice Diversified Trust Liquidity	Daily
Firm Assets	\$855M

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MONTHLY PERFORMANCE TABLE*

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2024	-1.18%	2.95%	-0.04%	2.71%	-2.12%	-2.64%	-0.97%	-1.78%	0.85%	-3.00%	0.80%	1.73%	-2.88%
2023	2.15%	-3.64%	0.34%	2.92%	0.87%	-2.21%	-0.36%	-0.80%	3.37%	-3.36%	-3.35%	-0.49%	-4.79%
2022	2.20%	4.32%	7.95%	3.54%	-1.84%	0.55%	-2.90%	-0.17%	2.43%	-0.51%	-4.30%	0.00%	11.19%
2021	2.67%	9.55%	-0.89%	4.61%	0.61%	-1.50%	-1.77%	0.98%	0.49%	1.32%	-4.28%	-1.89%	9.62%
2020	-2.06%	-0.19%	9.72%	-3.16%	-0.47%	0.28%	3.36%	2.08%	-2.15%	0.99%	2.69%	6.73%	18.46%
2019	-4.14%	-0.47%	-0.65%	3.50%	-7.43%	-0.37%	0.52%	10.60%	-7.59%	-1.33%	1.42%	0.25%	-6.75%
2018	3.12%	-5.81%	-2.27%	-0.19%	1.41%	-1.48%	1.89%	3.57%	-0.84%	-4.75%	3.66%	1.64%	-0.61%
2017	-3.66%	-1.89%	-1.35%	-1.39%	-0.53%	-0.51%	-1.61%	2.76%	-2.53%	5.16%	-0.27%	0.67%	-5.31%
2016	-0.22%	3.12%	-4.93%	3.59%	-1.64%	0.56%	2.44%	-1.55%	-1.06%	-1.34%	2.68%	-0.13%	1.15%
2015	4.66%	-1.93%	0.47%	-0.98%	-2.03%	-1.84%	-4.36%	-2.14%	0.26%	-2.74%	2.56%	0.66%	-7.47%
2014	-2.02%	1.62%	-1.84%	3.25%	-3.11%	2.65%	-0.43%	3.92%	8.56%	-0.78%	7.05%	4.19%	24.76%
2013	0.40%	-2.23%	0.26%	0.99%	-0.90%	0.66%	-1.54%	-1.33%	-4.07%	2.01%	0.04%	-0.36%	-6.01%
2012	2.41%	-1.11%	-1.19%	0.60%	1.72%	-6.29%	1.17%	-0.70%	-3.64%	-1.80%	2.38%	-0.81%	-10.24%
2011	1.39%	2.97%	-1.16%	4.09%	-1.31%	-1.62%	2.16%	-1.09%	-2.60%	-3.82%	1.07%	-3.44%	-3.66%
2010	-3.26%	0.45%	0.61%	0.95%	0.01%	0.62%	-1.02%	1.07%	1.82%	6.98%	-2.51%	6.68%	12.53%
2009	-0.61%	1.08%	-2.27%	-3.32%	-0.58%	0.15%	-3.23%	0.75%	1.44%	-2.31%	4.84%	-3.83%	-7.93%
2008	5.60%	14.59%	-1.72%	-1.58%	0.71%	2.86%	-5.61%	-1.99%	6.86%	10.80%	5.77%	2.73%	44.30%
2007	-1.43%	-1.76%	-2.42%	-0.79%	0.71%	-1.32%	-3.16%	-3.07%	5.87%	4.53%	-2.13%	2.29%	-3.11%

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Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. Please read the prospectus before investing. The indicated rates of return are the historical annual compounded total returns including changes in share and/or unit value and reinvestment of all dividends and/or distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any securityholder that would have reduced returns. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

RISK RATING

Auspice Capital Advisors Ltd. has rated the volatility of this fund as **medium.**

This rating is based on how much the Fund's returns have changed from year to year. It does not tell you how volatile the Fund will be in the future. The rating can change over time. A fund with a low risk rating can still lose money.

LOW	LOW TO MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM TO HIGH	HIGH
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For more information about the risk rating and specific risks that can affect the Fund's returns, refer to the risk section of the Fund's simplified prospectus.



BENCHMARK DESCRIPTIONS

The BTOP50 seeks to replicate the overall composition of the managed futures industry with regard to trading style and overall market exposure. The largest investable trading advisor programs, as measured by assets under management, are selected for inclusion in the BTOP50. For 2022 there are 20 CTA funds in the Barclay BTOP50 Index. The BTOP 50 is the most comparable index for Auspice Diversified Trust, however there are significant differences, such as the average exposure to commodity futures (versus financial futures), and average trade length. Reference to the BTOP50 benchmark does not imply that Auspice Diversified Trust will achieve similar performance.

The SG CTA Index provides the market with a reliable daily performance benchmark of major commodity trading advisors (CTAs). The SG CTA Index calculates the daily rate of return for a pool of CTAs selected from the larger managers that are open to new investment. Second to the BTOP50, the SG CTA is the most comparable index for Auspice Diversified Trust, however there are significant differences, such as the average exposure to commodity futures (versus financial futures), and average trade length. Reference to the SG CTA benchmark does not imply that Auspice Diversified Trust will achieve similar performance.

The Bloomberg Commodity Index Excess Return (BCOM ER) Index is a broadly diversified commodity price index that tracks prices of futures contracts on physical commodities on the commodity markets. Like Auspice Diversified Trust, the index is designed to minimize concentration in any one sector. No one commodity can compose more than 15% of the BCOM ER index, no one commodity and its derived commodities can compose more than 25% of the index, and no sector can represent more than 33% of the index. There are significant differences however, most importantly, that the BCOM ER index is passive, and 100% commodities, whereas Auspice Diversified Trust is active, and also trades financial futures. Reference to the BCOM ER benchmark does not imply that Auspice Diversified Trust will achieve similar performance.

The S&P Goldman Sachs Commodity Excess Return Index ("GSCI"), is a composite index of commodity sector returns representing an unleveraged, long-only investment in commodity futures that is broadly diversified across the spectrum of commodities. Like Auspice Diversified, it provides exposure to a number of commodities. There are significant differences however. Importantly, the GSCI index is passive, concentrated in energy, and 100% commodities. Auspice Diversified Trust is active long and short, diversified equally across seven sectors, and also trades financial futures. Reference to the GSCI benchmark does not imply that Auspice Diversified Trust will achieve similar performance.

The S&P/TSX 60 ("TSX 60") Index is a stock market index of 60 large companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Maintained by the Canadian S&P Index Committee, a unit of Standard & Poor's, it exposes the investor to 60 stocks in nine industry sectors. There is a low degree of similarity between the TSX 60 and Auspice Diversified Trust. As the main benchmark for equity performance in Canada its inclusion is typically used to illustrate how Auspice Diversified Trust is notably different from equities, an important consideration for portfolio managers and investors alike.

The S&P 500 is an index of 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity and industry grouping, among other factors. The S&P 500 is designed to be a leading indicator of U.S. equities and is meant to reflect the risk/return characteristics of the large cap universe. Price Return data is used (not including dividends). There is a low degree of similarity between the S&P 500 and Auspice Diversified Trust. As the main benchmark for equity performance in the US its inclusion is typically used to illustrate how Auspice Diversified Trust is notably different from US equities, an important consideration for portfolio managers and investors alike.

The MSCI ACWI (Net) Index, is designed to represent performance of the full opportunity set of large- and mid-cap stocks across 23 developed and 26 emerging markets. There is a low degree of similarity between the MSCI ACWI and Auspice Diversified Trust. As the main benchmark for global equity performance its inclusion is typically used to illustrate how Auspice Diversified Trust is notably different from global equities, an important consideration for portfolio managers and investors alike.

The Nasdaq Composite Index is the market capitalization-weighted index of over 3,000 common equities listed on the Nasdaq stock exchange. There is a low degree of similarity between the Nasdaq and Auspice Diversified Trust. As the main benchmark for technology stock performance its inclusion is typically used to illustrate how Auspice Diversified Trust is notably different from technology stocks, an important consideration for portfolio managers and investors alike.

The Hang Seng Index is a freefloat-adjusted market-capitalization-weighted equity market index in Hong Kong. It is used to record and monitor daily changes of the largest companies of the Hong Kong stock market and is the main indicator of the overall market performance in Hong Kong. Price Return data is used (not including dividends), which is not the same basis as the fund's return, which includes distributions. There is a low degree of similarity between the Hang Seng and Auspice Diversified Trust. As the main benchmark for equity performance in Hong Kong its inclusion is typically used to illustrate how Auspice Diversified Trust is notably different from equities, an important consideration for portfolio managers and investors alike.

The FTSE China A50 Index is a stock market index by the FTSE Group. The components were chosen from the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange, which issue A-shares. B-shares (shares for foreigners) are not included. Price Return data is used (not including dividends), which is not the same basis as the fund's return, which includes distributions. There is a low degree of similarity between the FTSE China A50 and Auspice Diversified Trust. As the main benchmark for equity performance in China its inclusion is typically used to illustrate how Auspice Diversified Trust is notably different from Chinese equities, an important consideration for portfolio managers and investors alike.



GLOSSARY

- 1. Commodity Trading Advisors (CTAs) are professional investment managers, similar to portfolio managers in mutual funds, who seek to profit from movements in the global financial, commodity and currency markets by investing in exchange traded futures, options, and OTC forward contracts.
- **2.** CPI The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change overtime in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. It is often referenced as a measure of inflation.
- 3. Value at risk (VaR) is a measure of the risk of loss for investments. It estimates how much a set of investments might lose (with a given probability), given normal market conditions, in a set time period such as a day.
- **4.** The Margin to Equity ratio represents the amount of trading capital that is being held as margin at any particular time. For example, if a CTA fund with \$100 million AUM executes trades requiring \$25 million in margin, the margin-to-equity ratio is 25%.
- **5.** Standard deviation is a measure of how much an investment's returns can vary from its average return. It is a measure of volatility and, in turn, risk.
- **6.** The Sharpe ratio measures the performance of an investment such as a security or portfolio compared to a risk-free asset, after adjusting for its risk. It is defined as the difference between the returns of the investment and the risk-free return, divided by the standard deviation of the investment returns.
- 7. Sortino Ratio measures the risk-adjusted return on a portfolio by comparing the performance relative to the downside deviation.

- 8. Skew is the degree to which returns are asymmetric around the mean. Why does skew matter? If portfolio returns are right, or positively, skewed, it implies numerous small negative returns and a few large positive returns. If portfolio returns are left, or negatively, skewed, it implies numerous small positive returns and few large negative returns.
- 9. Worst Drawdown measures the maximum fall in the value of the investment, as given by the difference between the value of the lowest trough and that of the highest peak before the trough.
- 10. Alpha is a measure of the active return on an investment, the performance of that investment compared with a suitable market index. An alpha of 1% means the investment's return on investment over a selected period of time was 1% better than the market during that same period.
- 11. Crisis alpha means that an investment strategy generates positive return in periods of high financial stress. For example, if a manager is short the market when it crashes, that manager will generate positive returns when other investors lose money.
- 12. The DBIQ Diversified Agriculture Index Excess Return is a rules-based index composed of futures contracts on some of the most liquid and widely traded agricultural commodities.
- 13. The UN Food and Agriculture World Food Price Index (FAO Food Price Index) is a food price index by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. It records the development of world market prices of 55 agricultural commodities and foodstuffs.

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