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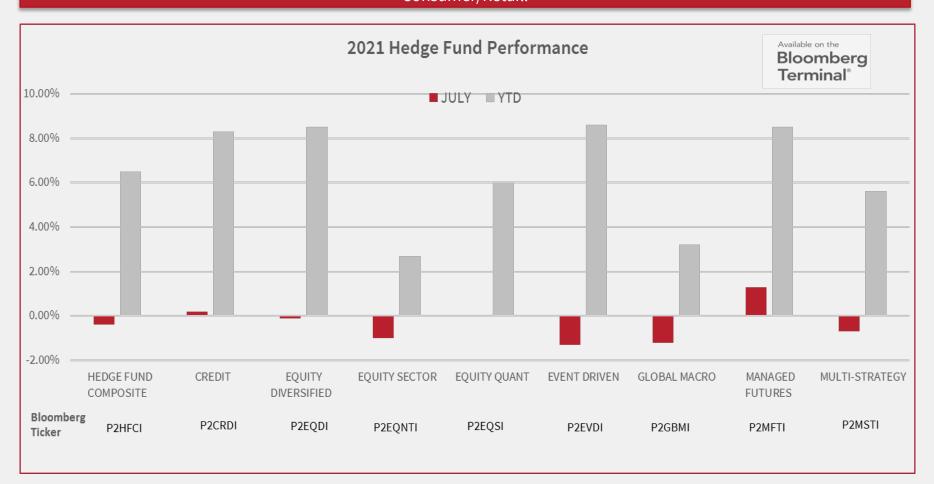
PIVOTAL POINT OF VIEW

PivotalPath, on behalf of over \$150B in client hedge fund capital, tracks over 200,000 data points across more than **2,400 institutionally-relevant hedge funds**, spanning >\$2.5T of industry assets. Our monthly report contextualizes these data points, including analysis of hedge fund performance, as well as 12-year rolling alpha across high-level strategies. We also provide average monthly performance of funds within separate AUM bands.

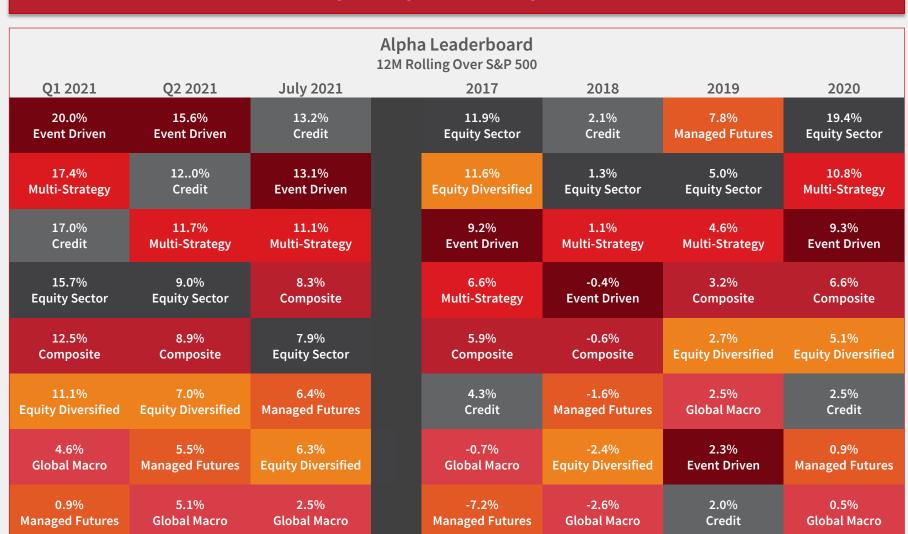
Key Takeaways: The PivotalPath Hedge Fund Composite Index was down 40 basis points in July, bringing the index to +6.5%% YTD. While the index underperformed the S&P 500 on an absolute basis by 2.68% in July and 10.3% YTD, it outperformed on a risk-adjusted basis, producing significant alpha relative to the S&P 500.

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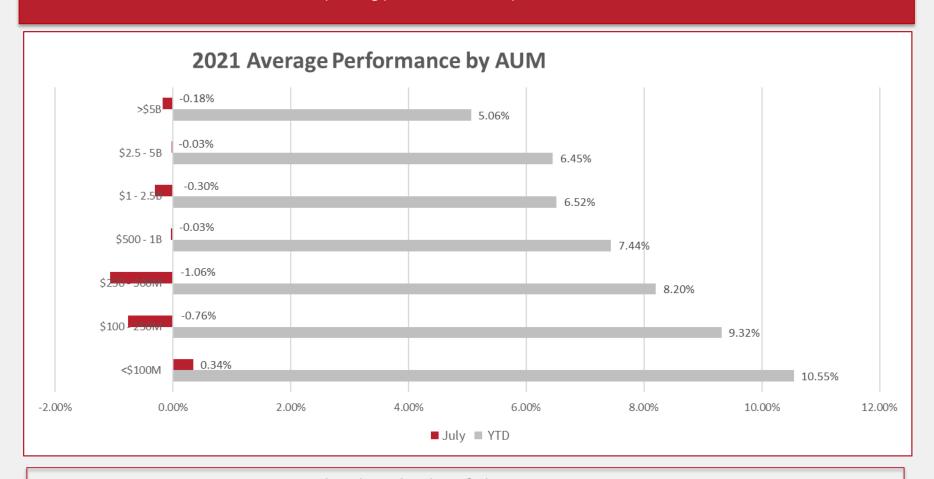
Strategy Highlights: With the exception of Credit and Managed Futures, all broad indices generated negative returns in July. YTD all indices remain positive from both a return and alpha (relative to the S&P 500) perspective, as can be seen in the Alpha Leaderboard below. Our Equity Sector Index, which is the weakest performing index this year returning +2.7%, exhibited significant dispersion among underlying sectors. Healthcare saw the greatest weakness followed by Consumer/Retail.



The chart below depicts alpha-generation for each Pivotal Index, ranked from high to low. Each strategy is color-coded for easy tracking. For the 12-month rolling period ending in July, all sectors generated positive alpha relative to the S&P 500, with Credit and Event Driven continuing to lead the way. Global Macro remains near the bottom with Managed Futures generating improved rolling alpha in July.



July saw continued outperformance of the smallest funds relative to their larger peers with only funds under \$100M posting positive absolute performance.



The Pivotal Point of View Commentary

- The Equity Sector Index, which houses several meaningful sub-strategies, had a difficult July overall. Healthcare generated the largest loss, down 3.3%. And within Healthcare, funds with a focus on biotech experienced even larger losses due to rate concerns, product pricing fears and a lack of M&A activity. In addition, small-cap focused managers performed significantly worse than large-cap focused peers, exemplified by the 8.8% loss in the PivotalPath Small-Cap Biotech Basket, which is down 10.8% YTD.
- In the consumer sector, July saw a reversal of the Covid-19 re-opening trade due to concerns over the spike in the Delta variant globally. In fact, our Social Distance Losers Basket generated a loss of 9.5% in July compared to a gain of 5.1% in our Social Distance Winners basket.
- Our Global Macro Index, which lost 1.2% on average, would have generated greater losses without another gain in Risk Premia. On the negative side, managers with large losses were hurt by a short squeeze in the bond market. More specifically, funds that were short bonds/long rates were caught on the wrong side of that trade.
- Lastly, the Equity Diversified Index saw significant dispersion within the sub-sectors. China managers invested in internet and education were hurt as the Asia Long Short sub-index declined 2.7%. Investors in China were reminded to take the long view.

