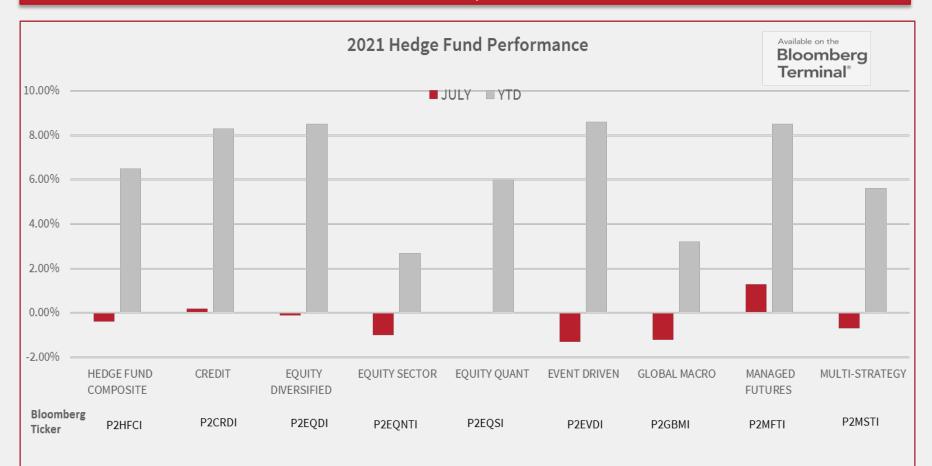
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PIVOTAL POINT OF VIEW

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. Look for the launch of our Pivotal Indices product in September

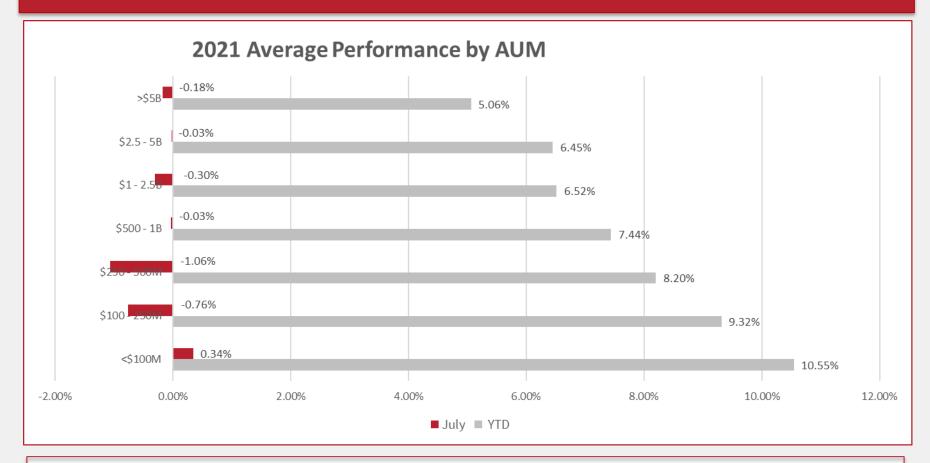
Strategy Highlights: With the exception of Credit and Managed Futures, all broad indices generated negative returns in July. YTD all indices remain positive from both a return and alpha (relative to the S&P 500) perspective, as can be seen in the Alpha Leaderboard below. Our Equity Sector Index, which 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.

Alpha Leaderboard 12M Rolling Over S&P 500							
Q1 2021	Q2 2021	July 2021		2017	2018	2019	2020
20.0%	15.6%	13.2%		11.9%	2.1%	7.8%	19.4%
Event Driven	Event Driven	Credit		Equity Sector	Credit	Managed Futures	Equity Sector
17.4%	120%	13.1%		11.6%	1.3%	5.0%	10.8%
Multi-Strategy	Credit	Event Driven		Equity Diversified	Equity Sector	Equity Sector	Multi-Strategy
17.0%	11.7%	11.1%		9.2%	1.1%	4.6%	9.3%
Credit	Multi-Strategy	Multi-Strategy		Event Driven	Multi-Strategy	Multi-Strategy	Event Driven
15.7%	9.0%	8.3%		6.6%	-0.4%	3.2%	6.6%
Equity Sector	Equity Sector	Composite		Multi-Strategy	Event Driven	Composite	Composite
12.5%	8.9%	7.9%		5.9%	-0.6%	2.7%	5.1%
Composite	Composite	Equity Sector		Composite	Composite	Equity Diversified	Equity Diversified
11.1%	7.0%	6.4%		4.3%	-1.6%	2.5%	2.5%
Equity Diversified	Equity Diversified	Managed Futures		Credit	Managed Futures	Global Macro	Credit
4.6%	5.5%	6.3%		-0.7%	-2.4%	2.3%	0.9%
Global Macro	Managed Futures	Equity Diversified		Global Macro	Equity Diversified	Event Driven	Managed Futures
0.9%	5.1%	2.5%		-7.2%	-2.6%	2.0%	0.5%
Managed Futures	Global Macro	Global Macro		Managed Futures	Global Macro	Credit	Global Macro

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.

For access to sub-indices, underlying funds and additional research, visit <u>www.pivotalpath.com</u>

Source: PivotalPath data as of 08/11/2021. Historic performance available on Bloomberg. Tickers: P2HFCI, P2CRDI, P2EQDI, P2QNTI, P2EQSI, P2EVDI, P2GBMI, P2MFTI & P2MSTI

