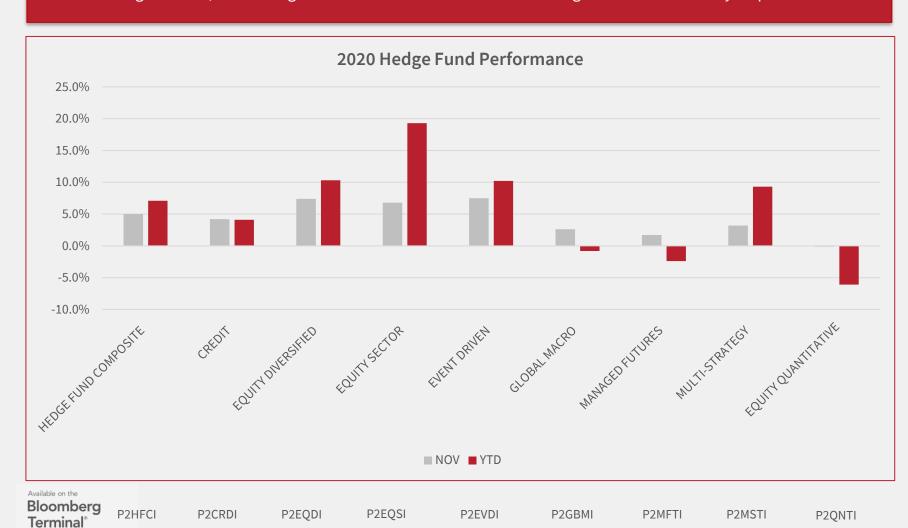
PIVOTAL INDICES

PivotalPath, on behalf of \$100B in client hedge fund capital, tracks over 200,000 data points across more than 2,000 institutionally relevant hedge funds, spanning \$2.3T of industry assets. Our monthly report includes year-to-date hedge fund performance, as well as 12-month rolling alpha across eight core hedge fund strategies. We also provide average monthly performance of funds within separate AUM bands.

Key Takeaways: November was a big month for markets, with the S&P 500 up 10.7%. In aggregate, hedge funds were up 5% for the month with 86% of managers reporting positive performance. YTD, hedge funds are up just over 7% and continue to deliver better risk-adjusted results than the S&P, as indicated by their respective Sharpe ratios, 0.70 vs. 0.57.

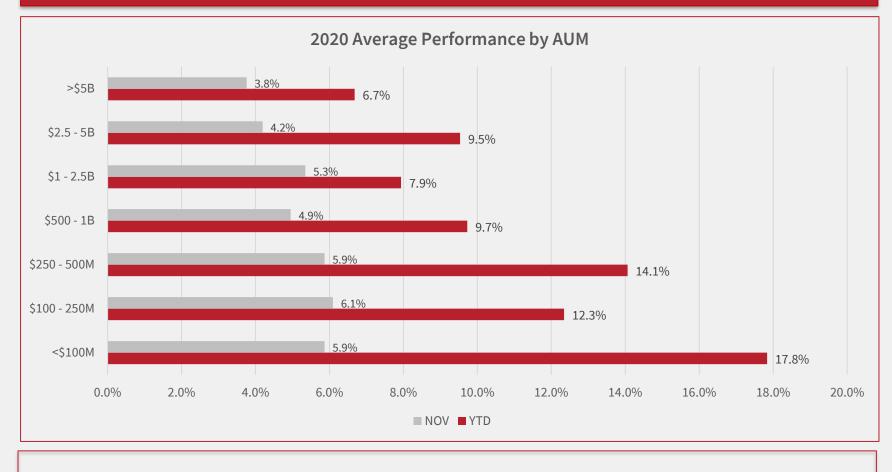
Strategy Highlights: With the exception of the Equity Quantitative Index (down 0.1%), all other strategies were up in November. Equity Sector's 6.8% performance for the month marks the highest monthly return since 2000. PivotalPath's Dispersion Indicator clocked 5.8% for the month across all funds, exactly twice the long-term monthly average of 2.9%, and the highest we've seen since the record-setting numbers in February – April 2020.



The chart below depicts alpha-generation for each PivotalIndex, ranked from best to worst. Each strategy is color-coded for easy tracking. Equity Sector continues to top the chart, generating 13.8% of alpha for the rolling 1-year period ending in November. In fact, the last time the strategy was in negative territory was September 2019.



Managers across all AUM bands exhibited positive performance on both a monthly and yearly basis. Extending a trend we've noted throughout 2020, managers on the lower end of the AUM spectrum continue to outperform their larger brethren.



Pivotal Point of View

Here is what this data means for hedge funds, institutional investors and markets overall:

✓ Two areas we plan to cover in-depth in our upcoming year-end review are hedge fund dispersion and the pace of new launches. Below, we provide preliminary snapshots of both. We look forward to sharing this analysis, along with insights about other compelling industry trends, with you in early 2021.



- Sector funds comprise the most fund launches through November of this year (45% of 2020's launches thus far, 32% of last year's through the same month).
- ✓ Any statistically significant lookback used to measure the year's hedge fund volatility will be skewed by the turbulence COVID-19 unleashed on the markets in February-March. Dispersion, a cross-sectional analysis of the distribution over a certain time period, offers a much more accurate indicator. Below, we break out the long-term average dispersion levels by strategy.

Average Monthly Hedge Fund Dispersion



✓ After months of below-average dispersion from May-October 2020, November saw our indicator double on a month-over-month basis, reaching 5.8% compared to October's 2.9%. Increased dispersion in the markets favors hedge funds, creating buying opportunities on both the long and short sides. Increased dispersion in manager performance also creates opportunities for allocators, especially those with thoughtful, systematic and peer group-driven research processes. We will be keeping an eye on this indicator as we close the books on 2020 and embark on 2021.

