

# Convergence Market Neutral Strategy



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**Independence.** The Convergence Market Neutral Strategy seeks to produce returns that are independent of stock market behavior. With a targeted beta, or market exposure, of between 0% and 20%, the market neutral strategy is designed to produce returns uncorrelated to the stock market, aiding diversification while improving risk adjusted returns.

## Performance Summary (net of fees) May 1, 2015 to October 31, 2018

(net of fees)	1 month	YTD	1 year	3 year	Since Inception Annualized*
<b>Convergence Market Neutral</b>	-1.09%	5.96%	7.84%	5.29%	6.57%
<b>Morningstar Market Neutral</b>	-0.13%	-0.39%	-0.05%	1.11%	1.01%
<b>HFRX Market Neutral</b>	-0.72%	-1.22%	-1.89%	-1.62%	0.11%

## Overall Morningstar Rating™

(as of September 30, 2018)



Category: Market Neutral  
Number Rated: 16

The Overall Morningstar Rating™ is based on risk-adjusted gross returns, derived from a weighted average of the three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar metrics.

## Portfolio Statistics (10/31/2018)

Sector Weight %	Convergence Market Neutral Strategy	
	Long	Short
Communication Services	5.1	4.1
Consumer Discretionary	13.5	10.4
Consumer Staples	5.0	3.9
Energy	5.7	4.3
Financials	17.1	13.2
Health Care	13.2	10.1
Industrials	15.4	11.9
Information Technology	16.0	12.4
Materials	5.6	4.3
Real Estate	8.8	6.9
Utilities	4.2	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>109.6</b>	<b>84.8</b>
Price/Earnings Ratio	15.40	62.40
Price to Book	2.27	1.82
Beta*	1.09	1.04
Return on Assets	6.1%	0.2%
EPS Growth*	9.4%	5.0%
Capitalization (millions)	76,258	9,335
Number of Holdings	137	177

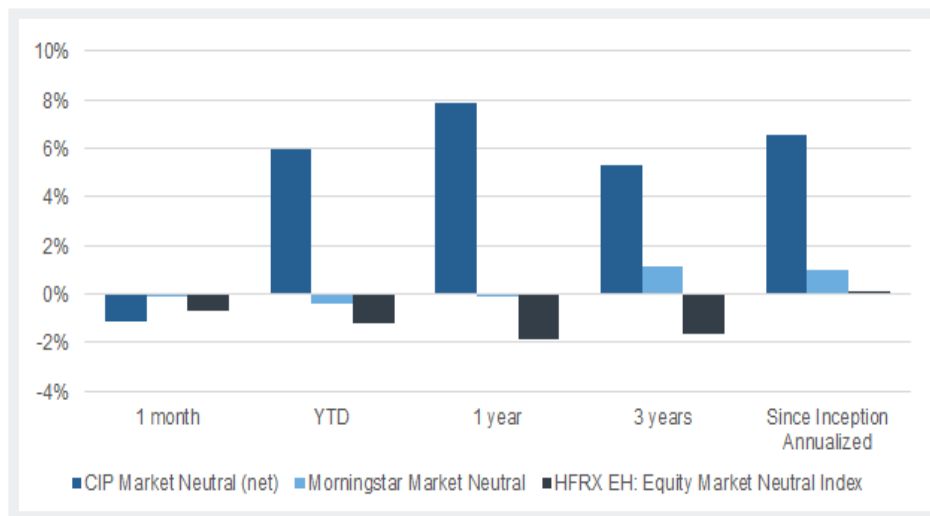
\*5 year trailing

## Performance Statistics

(4/30/2015 - 10/31/2018)

	Convergence Market Neutral Strategy	Russell 1000
Standard Deviation	5.57	10.66
Sharpe Ratio	1.05	0.84
Up Capture vs. Market	30.08	-
Down Capture vs. Market	-2.46	-
Alpha vs. Market	4.74	0.00
Beta vs. Market	0.19	1.00

Holdings and sector allocations are subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell any security. Holdings and weights as of 10/31/2018. Earnings Growth is not a measure of future performance.



## Periodic Returns (net of fees) May 2015 - October 2018

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>Convergence Market Neutral</b>	2018	4.39	-1.21	-1.22	0.68	1.12	-1.21	2.39	1.81	0.30	-1.09	-	-	5.96
	2017	-1.68	0.03	-0.45	-0.25	-0.25	1.12	1.40	0.62	0.80	0.80	1.17	0.60	3.94
	2016	0.85	-0.76	0.54	-3.77	0.14	-0.58	2.03	-1.19	0.66	1.80	4.71	1.50	5.85
	2015	-	-	-	-	0.60	0.98	2.31	-1.13	3.57	0.58	1.12	-0.97	7.19
<b>Morningstar Market Neutral</b>	2018	0.80	-0.71	-0.31	-0.40	0.24	-0.16	0.17	0.10	0.01	-0.13	-	-	-0.39
	2017	-0.05	0.32	0.33	0.21	-0.33	0.11	0.33	0.19	0.49	0.45	-0.02	0.36	2.42
	2016	-0.13	-0.04	0.47	-0.40	0.08	-0.42	0.40	-0.20	0.54	0.05	1.13	0.47	1.95
	2015	-	-	-	-	0.40	-0.62	-0.05	-0.39	0.15	0.71	-0.52	-0.10	-0.43
<b>HFRX Market Neutral</b>	2018	1.19	-0.30	-0.16	-0.07	0.14	-0.61	-0.15	0.29	-0.83	-0.72	-	-	-1.22
	2017	0.75	0.01	0.74	0.12	-1.50	0.60	0.50	0.91	0.63	-0.34	0.04	-0.72	1.73
	2016	-0.21	-1.55	-0.84	-1.86	0.44	-1.00	1.19	-0.45	0.36	-0.12	-0.04	-1.07	-5.08
	2015	-	-	-	-	-0.45	1.09	1.44	0.18	2.02	1.07	-0.53	0.34	5.24
<b>Russell 1000</b>	2018	5.49	-3.67	-2.27	0.34	2.55	0.65	3.45	3.45	0.38	-7.08	-	-	-2.67
	2017	2.01	3.87	0.06	1.06	1.28	0.70	1.98	0.31	2.13	2.29	3.05	1.11	21.69
	2016	-5.38	-0.03	6.97	0.54	1.75	0.23	3.81	0.13	0.08	-1.95	3.94	1.88	12.05
	2015	-	-	-	-	1.31	-1.88	1.93	-6.02	-2.74	8.09	0.33	-1.80	-1.36

\*Inception 4/30/2015

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

## Appendix

Convergence Market Neutral Composite (as of 6/30/18)									
	Gross of Fees Return	Net of Fees Return	Benchmark Return (Citi T-Bill)	Composite Dispersion (Full Period)	Number of Separate Accounts (End of Period)	Total Composite Assets (End of Period)	Total Firm Assets (End of Period)	3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation (Composite)	3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation (Citi T-Bill)
May 1, 2015 - Dec 31, 2015	7.91%	7.19%	0.02%	N/A*	1	\$2,455,782	\$444,781,578	N/A	N/A
2016	6.93%	5.85%	0.27%	N/A*	1	\$18,720,591	\$398,488,819	N/A	N/A
2017	5.02%	3.94%	0.84%	N/A*	1	\$24,854,625	\$409,273,927	N/A	N/A
2018 (as of 6/30/2018)	2.99%	2.46%	0.79%	N/A*	1	\$59,973,358	\$405,037,351	5.80	0.16

\*N/A is shown because there were five or fewer portfolios in the composite for the full year.

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**The Convergence Market Neutral Composite**

The creation date of the composite is May 1, 2015. The Convergence Market Neutral Composite objective is to achieve an absolute return uncorrelated to major market stock indexes. The strategy seeks to achieve its investment objective by establishing long and short positions in equity securities of domestic and foreign companies. The strategy focuses on companies with small to large market capitalizations. The strategy will hold long (purchase) securities that the Adviser believes will outperform the market, and will sell short securities expected to underperform the market. If a single or cumulative cash flow(s) are equal or greater than 20 percent of the total account value on the day the cash flow(s) is initiated. If these circumstances exist, the account will be removed from the composite and added back to the composite on the first day of the month following the date that the account is fully invested (defined as being within ten percent of the model portfolios cash target).

**Additional Index Definitions**

The official benchmark of the strategy is the Citi 3-Month Treasury Bill Index, an unmanaged index representing monthly return equivalents of yield averages of the last 3 month Treasury Bill issues. However, investing in treasury bills is different from investing in the Convergence Market Neutral strategy, as Treasury bills are issued and backed by the federal government and the volatility of the Citi 3-Month Treasury Bill Index is materially lower than what is expected from the Convergence Market Neutral strategy. We have also compared the strategy to the Morningstar Market Neutral Category, which represents funds that attempt to eliminate the risks of the market by holding 50% of assets in long positions in stocks and 50% of assets in short positions. The HFRX Market Neutral Index is an index that uses defined and predetermined

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