

# 2020 Performance review

Six years of persistent excellence

## 2020

The J8 Global Absolute Return Strategy (J8 GARS) completed 2020 with a new all-time high. The strategy returned +11.64% in 2020. More importantly, the J8 GARS program had a volatility over drawdown ratio that ranks “best in class” as compared to the 10 largest CTA trend following programs.

## 2015 to 2020

In comparison to the 10 largest CTA trend following programs, over the six-year time period that J8 GARS has been live, J8 GARS shows the highest annualized returns and lowest maximum drawdown. The superior risk ratios are a testament of the efficient risk-controlled investment process at the core of the program. The J8 GARS has met its long-term investment objectives of capital preservation, capital appreciation, and portfolio diversification.

	J8 Capital Management - J8 GARS	Graham Capital Mgmt LP - Tactical Trend	AlphaSimplex Group - Managed	AQR Capital Management - AQR Managed	Lynx Asset Management - Lynx	ISAM - ISAM Systematic Trend 2x	Millburn Ridgfield Corporation -	Transtrend BV - Enhanced Risk	Aspect Capital Limited - Diversified	Systematica Investments - BlueTrend Fund	Winton Capital Management - Winton Futures
AUM (USD million)	12	6,517	4,790	4,655	4,458	3,603	3,318	2,838	2,631	2,500	239
Annualized Returns	4.01%	0.08%	1.25%	-3.31%	0.25%	0.88%	3.57%	1.32%	0.08%	0.55%	-2.46%
Annualized Volatility	10.38%	12.22%	11.75%	10.48%	15.84%	18.49%	10.60%	13.70%	14.17%	13.97%	8.50%
Maximum Drawdown	-13.69%	-26.52%	-24.94%	-29.01%	-30.35%	-37.77%	-17.74%	-16.09%	-23.84%	-30.50%	-25.13%
Return / Volatility	0.39	0.01	0.11	-0.32	0.02	0.05	0.34	0.10	0.01	0.04	-0.29
Ranking	1	8	3	11	7	5	2	4	9	6	10
Return / Drawdown	0.29	0.00	0.05	-0.11	0.01	0.02	0.20	0.08	0.00	0.02	-0.10
Ranking	1	9	4	11	7	5	2	3	8	6	10
Volatility / Drawdown	0.76	0.46	0.47	0.36	0.52	0.49	0.60	0.85	0.59	0.46	0.34
Ranking	2	8	7	10	5	6	3	1	4	9	11

Table 1: Performance statistics comparison of the J8 Global Absolute Return Strategy (J8 GARS) with the 10 largest CTA trend following programs from and including January 2015 until December 2020. Source: NilssonReport December 2020 and J8 Capital Management LLP.



### J8 GARS in comparison to the 10 largest CTA trend-following programs (2015-2020)

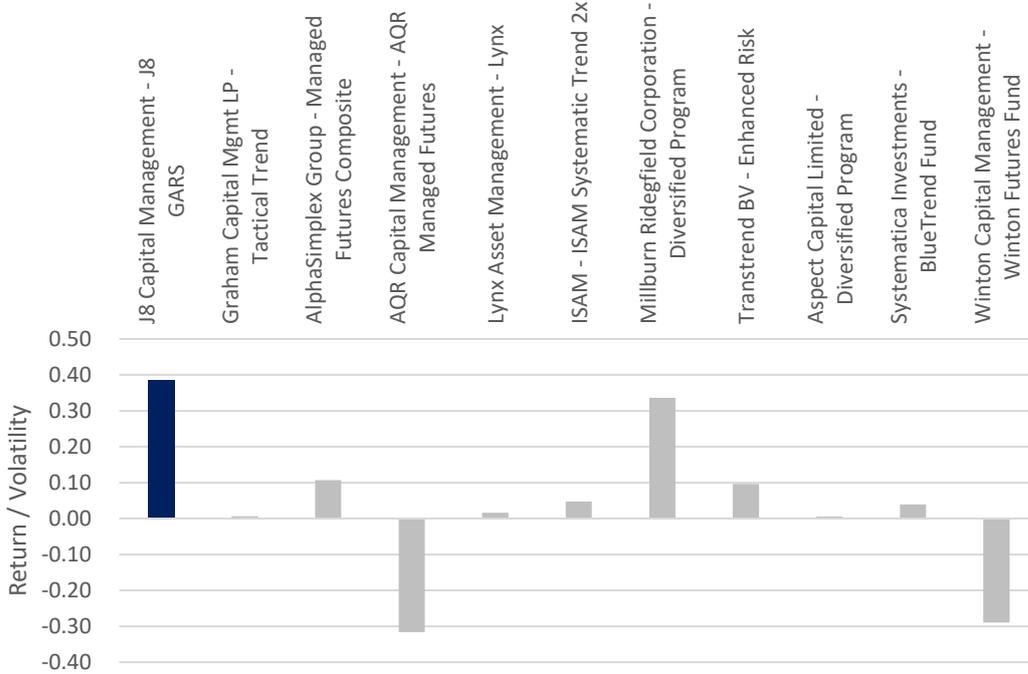


Figure 1: Risk adjusted returns measured as annualized return over annualized volatility of the J8 Global Absolute Return Strategy (J8 GARS) with the 10 largest CTA trend following programs from and including January 2015 until December 2020. Source: NilssonReport December 2020 and J8 Capital Management LLP.

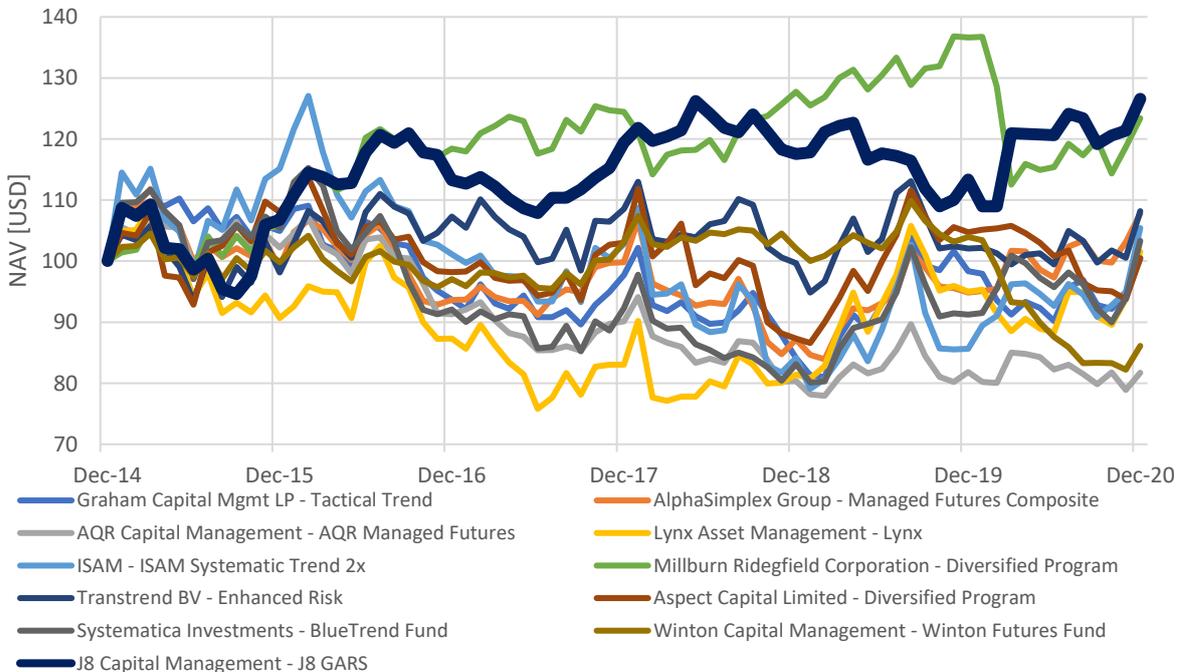


Figure 2: NAV comparison of the J8 Global Absolute Return Strategy (J8 GARS) with the 10 largest CTA trend following programs starting with USD 100 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Source: NilssonReport December 2020 and J8 Capital Management LLP.

## The J8 ‘Value-add’

Investors appreciate transparency and ease of access. J8 GARS’s absolute minimum investment is USD 3 million. The program may be accessed through a separate managed account (SMA) and offers the availability of notional funding if required. Most larger such programs have much higher minimums or come in a fully funded fund format or may have capacity constraints that drag performance. The J8 GARS offers an attractive alternative. For higher minimum allocations, the J8 GARS program can be accessed through a Fund vehicle or an investment platform structure.

Other investor benefits include a low or even negative correlation with both traditional and alternative investments. Investors can use J8 GARS as a portfolio overlay to possibly improve the overall portfolio efficiency frontier.

## About J8 GARS

The J8 Global Absolute Return Strategy (“J8 GARS”) as an alternative investment vehicle is a systematic diversified program focused on liquid alternative risk premia and systematic global macro strategy sets. The strategy is live since 1st January 2015.

The objective of the J8 GARS is to methodically deliver portfolio protection, portfolio diversification, and capital appreciation in capturing alternative streams of returns within a systematic and formulaic investment process.

J8 GARS aims to achieve the stated objective through a proprietary construct that focuses on:

- directional trend-following momentum strategies, which emulate ‘CTA-beta’ and aim to benefit from volatility in rising and falling global markets.
- tactical risk premia strategies structured to benefit from market inefficiencies, anomalies, and relative value opportunities in broad market portfolios.
- All sub-strategies are together managed to a target volatility within the confines of a balanced portfolio. Each methodically facilitates close-outs and exposure reductions during unfavourable market environments.
- The return drivers are intuitive, deliberate, and understandable. The investment process is transparent and repeatable, and the underlying markets are all exchange traded, highly liquid and robust.

The strategy is derived from our original [research](#).

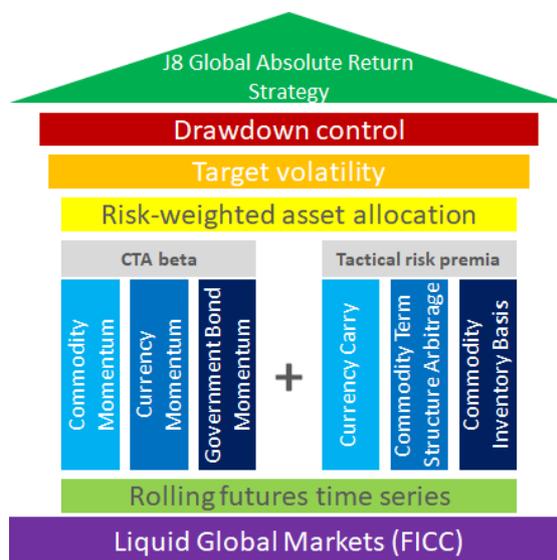


Figure 3: Illustration of the J8 Global Absolute Return Strategy (J8 GARS)



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