# Allianz Multi Asset Long / Short

Active is: Re-defining diversification

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## Allianz Multi Asset Long / Short – a liquid alternative to traditional multi-asset strategies

In today's era of low interest rates, low bond yields and stretched equity valuations, Allianz Multi Asset Long / Short may offer a solution to one of the fundamental problems faced by investors: how to enhance returns while mitigating risk.

Allianz Multi Asset Long / Short is a managed futures (or trend-following) strategy that can take both long and short positions across a broad opportunity set – equities, fixed income, commodities and currencies. With the ability to move both long and short, the strategy seeks to take advantage of positive and negative market trends, delivering attractive returns (cash +7%, and a volatility of around 10%) with low correlation to equities and bonds over the long term.

We believe that asset classes move in trends which differ in direction, strength and length, and that our disciplined approach to asset allocation can be successful in producing an alternative source of returns. The strategy is managed by our large and experienced multi asset team made up of 95 investment professionals averaging over 17 years of investment experience, 23 of whom have PHDs. The investment process combines systematic analysis to analyse medium-term market trends with fundamental inputs to assess economic cycles and valuations. With this combination, we aim to better identify turning points in markets, while seeing through short-term volatility when markets are trendless.

## 3 reasons to invest:

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#### **True diversification**

The correlation of managed futures with equities and bonds has been low (or even negative), and so they act as an excellent diversifier in your portfolio. This low correlation can be used to achieve significantly lower overall portfolio volatility.

#### Crisis alpha

Managed futures also have strong performance potential during times of market stress – an attribute popularised as "crisis alpha".

#### **Risk-balanced approach**

The strategy also adopts a risk-balanced approach which allows the multiple asset classes of our broad investment universe to contribute similarly to the overall portfolio risk and return over time, delivering improved efficiency and enhanced diversification.





## Did you know ...?

- Managed futures' low correlation with equities and bonds can be used to achieve lower portfolio risk.
- A recent study<sup>1</sup> by two in-house academics at Allianz
  Global investors demonstrated how, by substituting part
  of a traditional portfolio of equities and bonds with
  managed futures, it was possible to enhance returns and
  at the same time significantly reduce overall portfolio
  volatility.

## Impact of substituting a percentage from the equity allocation of a 30/70 equity/bond portfolio<sup>2</sup> with managed futures (Jan. 2000 – Dec. 2017)



### Opportunities

- + Prospect for attractive risk-adjusted return throughout the market cycle
- + Flexible use of different high-opportunity asset classes
- + Potential exploitation of rising and falling asset prices through combination of long and short positions

## Key information

Share class	A (H2-EUR) - EUR
ISIN	LU1481687843
German security no.	A2ARL6
Registered for sale in	FR, DE, CH, IE, GB, AT, LU, NL
Fund currency	EUR
Distribution	distributing
Min. investment (prospectus)	-
Launch date	15/11/2016
Fund assets	427.40m EUR
Front-end load (%)	5.00
All-in fee in % p.a.	1.75
TER (%)	1.79

#### Risks

- Positive return or capital preservation not guaranteed. The fund unit price may be subject to strongly increased volatility.
- Above-average fluctuations and risk of loss particularly in high-opportunity asset-classes
- Above-average risk of loss in alternative investment strategies employing derivatives and long/short strategies
- 1 Dynamic Diversification with Managed Futures, Michael Rothstein and Thomas J. Zimmerer PhD, Allianz Global Investors, 2018.
- 2 30/70 Portfolio represented by 30% MSCI World Index NR in EUR, and 70% JPM EMU TR Index in EUR. Managed Futures are represented by the SG Trend Index, hedged in EUR. The SG Trend Index is designed to track the 10 largest (by AUM) trend following CTAs and be representative of the trend followers in the managed futures space. The Index is equal weighted and calculates the daily rate of return for a pool of CTAs selected from the larger managers that are open to new investment. Charts are provided for illustrative purposes and are not indicative of the past or future performance of any Allianz Global Investors product. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

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