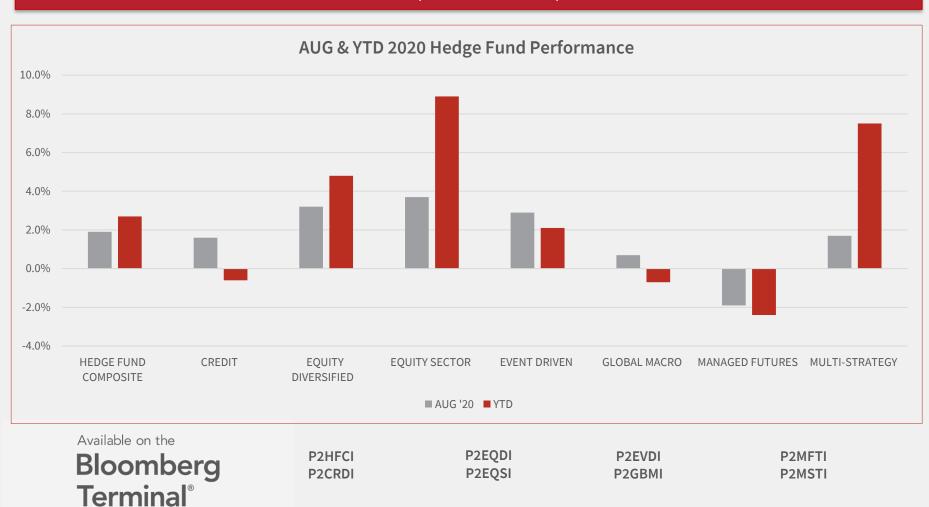
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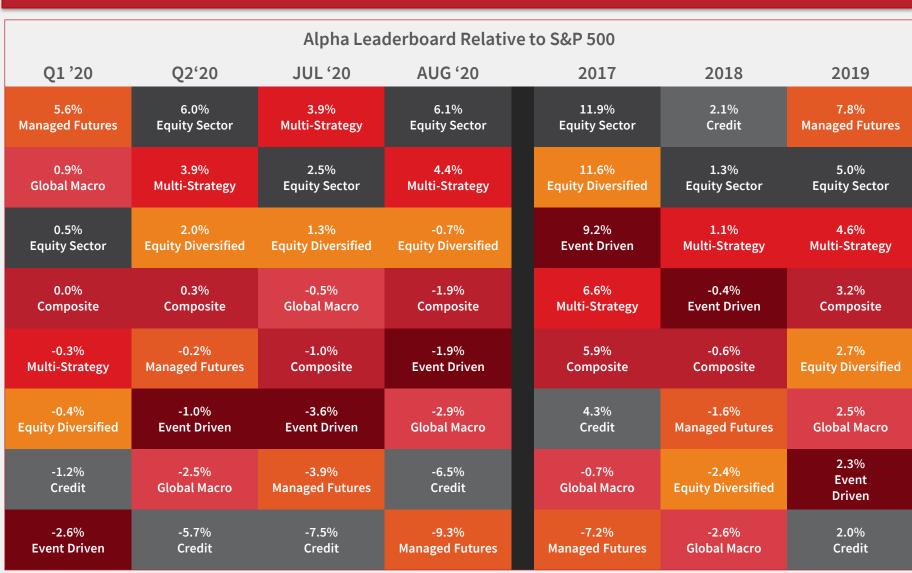
PivotalPath, on behalf of \$100B in client hedge fund capital, tracks over 200,000 data points across more than 2,000 hedge funds and 40+ different strategies. Our monthly report includes year-to-date hedge fund performance, as well as 12-month rolling alpha across eight core hedge fund strategies. We also provide average monthly performance of funds within separate AUM bands.

**Key Takeaway:** Hedge funds were up broadly in August, led by equity-focused managers and multi-strategy funds. Managed futures lagged on both a monthly and YTD basis.

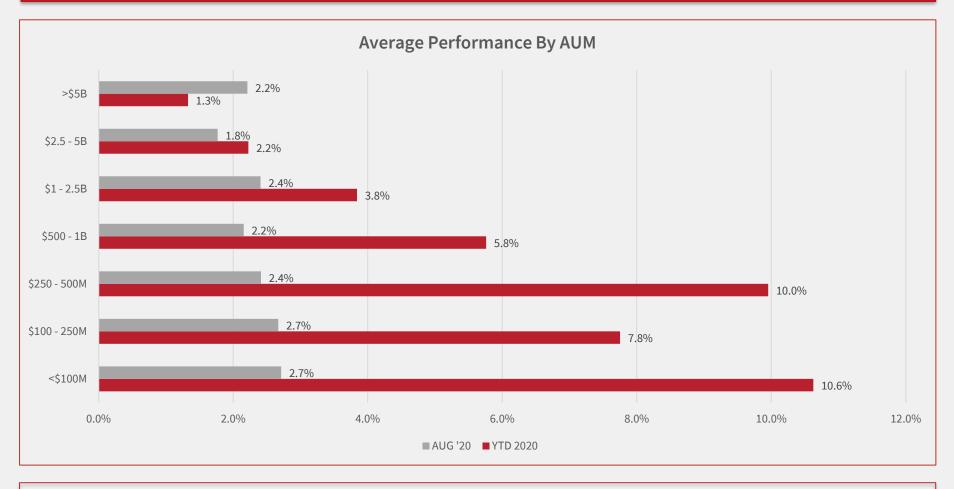
**Strategy Highlights:** The high-level indices below comprise over 40 investment sub-strategies. On the substrategy level, Equity Sector houses both one of the year's biggest winners (TMT, up 20.7% YTD) and its biggest loser (Financials, down 11.8% YTD). However, in August, both sub-strategies were at the top of the charts, with Financials up 4.7% and TMT up 4.1%.



The chart below depicts alpha-generation for each PivotalIndex, ranked from best to worst. Each strategy is colorcoded for easy tracking. For the last 12 months, more than 15% separated the top alpha-generating strategy (Equity Sector) from the bottom (Managed Futures), while 75% of strategies generated negative alpha.



## Categorized by AUM, performance was up across managers of all sizes in August.



## **Pivotal Point of View**

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

- ✓ YTD, six fund strategies are members of the double-digit return club, four at the top, two at the bottom:
  - Technology/Media/Telecom: 20.7% Commodities: 20.4%

  - Asia Long/Short Equity: 13.8%
  - Convertible Bond Arbitrage: 11.0%
- Risk Premia: -10.9%
- Financials: -11.8%
- ✓ This month, 76% of managers reported positive performance. On a YTD basis, 68% of managers are in the black, while 32% have yet to break even.
- ✓ Hedge fund industry professionals, from allocators to Prime Brokers, share a wide-spread belief that alpha will decline during the latter part of the year. While 2020 has seen significant alpha-generation across strategies, we did observe a
- decline in alpha over the recent rolling year period. We will be monitoring whether this is a monthly aberration or the start of a year-end trend. ✓ Our allocator clients continue to remain interested in adding to their hedge fund portfolios. In particular, they are focused

on Multi-Strat, Distressed and Sector-Focused funds. In the next few weeks alone, our research team will meet with almost 100 managers on behalf of these clients.



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