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JANUARY 2025 PRELIMINARY HEDGE FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE

- Hedge funds were up on average 1.45% in January underperforming the MSCI World which was up 3.55% and outperforming the Bloomberg GlobalAgg index which was up 0.57%. BB Global EQ:FI 60:40 Index was up 2.37%.
- Top quartile managers were up 2.47% for the month.
- Quant managers outperformed in January with Quant Macro up on average 3.08% followed by Quant Equity Directional up 2.70%
- CTA had a slow start to the year, up 0.20%

	Strategy	January 2025 %	YTD 2025 %
	Quant Equity	1.86%	1.86%
	Quant Equity Directional	2.70%	2.70%
	Quant Equity Market Neutral	1.33%	1.33%
Overtitative	Statistical Arbitrage	1.82%	1.82%
Quantitative	Quant Macro	3.08%	3.08%
	Quant Multi Strategy	2.56%	2.56%
	CTA	0.20%	0.20%
	Alternative Risk Premia	1.15%	1.15%
	Equity L/S	2.25%	2.25%
	Directional	2.60%	2.60%
	Market Neutral / Low Net	0.81%	0.84%
	Credit	0.84%	0.84%
Di	Event Driven	0.90%	0.90%
Discretionary	Convertible Trading	0.98%	0.98%
	Volatility Trading	0.43%	0.43%
	Macro	0.84%	0.84%
	Multi Strategy	1.14%	1.14%
	Multi PM	1.23%	1.23%
All Funds		1.45%	1.45%

	Strategy	January 2025 %	YTD 2025 %
	Global	2.64%	2.64%
Denienal Fauity	Americas	2.70%	2.79%
Regional Equity	Europe	1.87%	1.87%
	Asia Pacific	0.67%	0.67%
	Global	0.58%	0.58%
Designal Credit	Americas	-0.12%	-0.12%
Regional Credit	Europe	1.36%	1.36%
	Asia Pacific	0.67%	0.67%

 $Source: \textit{BNP Paribas Capital Introduction}. \textit{ The tables represents 547 total data points.} \ ^* \textit{indicates not enough data reported to calculate the average}.$

Such data is derived generally from performance updates from hedge funds, conversations with industry practitioners and various news sources. The returns represented above will likely change as we gather more data over the month. Please refer to the latest performance report for updated numbers.





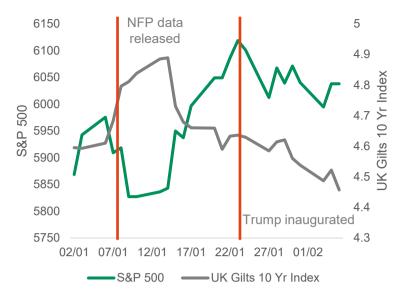




JANUARY 2025 MARKET COMMENTARY

The start of 2025 has been full of surprises, with the market reaction in each case exposing the uncertainty that currently pervades investor sentiment.

- In equity markets, Europe (Stoxx 600 +6.38%) outperformed the US (S&P 500 +2.78%) while value stocks beat their growth counterparts (BB World Value + 4.28% versus BB World Growth + 2.85%). In China, equities rose (1.27%), driven by positive domestic economic data and less aggressive tariff threats from Trump. Negative returns in Indian stocks (-0.43%) marked the fourth consecutive month of declines, driven by a combination of multiple compression, weak earnings, and an uncertain economic outlook.
- January was a month of contrasting trends for global government bond yields. In Europe, German Bunds climbed to 2.46% while the US 10-year Treasury slid to 4.55%. The first big shock of the month came in UK bond markets, where a sudden bout of investor nerves saw yields climb to their highest point since 2008, beating the record levels seen during Liz



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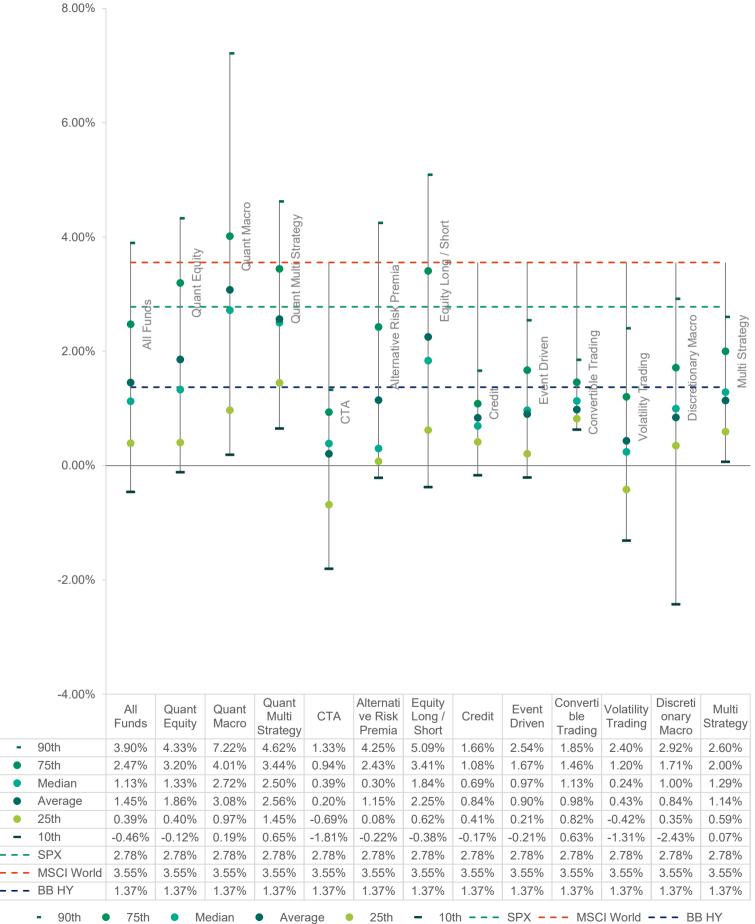
Truss' mini-budget debacle. However, as the market shifted its focus back on inflation with the core CPI print of 3.2% being lower than expected, yields fell back at the month end. Concerns over the UK's fiscal health was made more pronounced over its weaking currency, hindering the Bank of England's ability to ease monetary policy.

- In credit markets, spreads tightened across high yield and investment grade bonds. The US high yield market outperformed its European equivalent and global investment grade bonds returned 0.57% in January. Meanwhile, a weaker US dollar was a tailwind for emerging market debt.
- Commodities was one of the top performers of the month with gold and other metal prices rising on the back of Trump's tariff
 announcements, while oil prices were lifted by cold winter weather and US sanctions on Russia. Industrial metals, aluminium and
 copper rose while zinc posted a sharp decline. The agriculture component gained with a strong advance for coffee.
- Earlier in the month US markets were wrong-footed by a strong Non-Farm Payroll (NFP) print. Almost all analysts were predicting NFPs to continue on-trend, after October and November prints were muddled by strike action and extreme weather events. Instead, the US economy added 256k jobs, the most since March, and far above expectations. This caused the S&P 500 to erase almost all its January gains, as investors rapidly repositioned their bets on the speed of Fed rates cuts.
- President Trump taking office with his "America First" policy programme fuelled optimism over the economy which saw equity markets rise, however, the US market's heavy tech concentration weighed on performance towards the end of the month, as the news of DeepSeek's ability to produce efficient low-cost AI models hurt Nvidia, which was the largest constituent of the S&P 500 Index. Nvidia's market value fell by nearly \$600 billion on 27 January, the largest one-day wipeout in US stock market history. The DeepSeek situation appears to have tested the consensus, long AI trade, that has driven US equity markets to new highs controlled by the magnificent seven. US equity indices have recovered much of the initial shock, suggesting that broader appetite for equities remains intact, however, 2025 could become a year of reckoning for whether such high valuations can be sustained in this competitive segment of the economy. After two years of largely following the momentum trade, equity investors may find that this year marks the return of the value trade.
- Tariffs are at the forefront of everyone's minds, with concerns around how they are implemented and whether Trump's hardline approach will stabilise or destabilise global geopolitics. The continued strength of the US economy, coupled with the inflationary effects of tariff disruption, suggest that the Fed are likely to continue to hold off on further rate cuts. The BNP Paribas house view is that US inflation will start to bite in mid-2025, with rate cuts not coming sooner than Q1 2026. While the return to 2022 levels of inflation is unlikely, many expect inflation to remain above central bank targets and prove hard to bring down.
- We could not help but notice the meaningful dispersion in returns amongst quant macro and CTAs in January. Quant macro gains were driven by long equity and commodity exposure while fixed income positioning being more profitable than trend-following strategies, with short German Bunds contributing positively. CTAs were generally flat due to the reversal in the strength of the US dollar having a negative impact, reversing gains from equity long positions. Long exposure to agricultural commodities and gold benefitted while short bond and rates positions hurt.





JANUARY 2025 PERFORMANCE DISPERSION



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2025 MONTHLY FUND WEIGHTED PERFORMANCE BY STRATEGY

Strategy	January 2025 %	YTD %
Quant Equity	1.86%	1.86%
Quant Macro	3.08%	3.08%
Quant Multi Strategy	2.56%	2.56%
СТА	0.20%	0.20%
Alt Risk Premia	1.15%	1.15%
Equity Long / Short	2.25%	2.25%
Credit	0.84%	0.84%
Event Driven	0.90%	0.90%
Convertible Trading	0.98%	0.98%
Volatility Trading	0.43%	0.43%
Discretionary Macro	0.84%	0.84%
Multi Strategy	1.14%	1.14%
All Funds	1.45%	1.45%

Source: BNP Paribas Capital Introduction.

2025 MONTHLY ASSET WEIGHTED PERFORMANCE BY STRATEGY

Strategy	January 2025 %	YTD %
Quant Equity	3.73%	3.73%
Quant Macro	5.28%	5.28%
Quant Multi Strategy	3.56%	3.56%
СТА	0.12%	0.12%
Alt Risk Premia	1.48%	1.48%
Equity Long / Short	3.00%	3.00%
Credit	0.88%	0.88%
Event Driven	1.04%	1.04%
Convertible Trading	1.24%	1.24%
Volatility Trading	0.53%	0.53%
Discretionary Macro	0.94%	0.94%
Multi Strategy	1.51%	1.51%
All Funds	1.60%	1.60%

Source: BNP Paribas Capital Introduction.

2025 MONTHLY INDEX PERFORMANCE

Indices	January 2025 %	YTD 2025 %
MSCI World	3.55%	3.55%
S&P 500	2.78%	2.78%
STOXX 600	6.38%	6.38%
MSCI Asia Pacific	1.45%	1.45%
Nikkei 225	-0.80%	-0.80%
MSCI China	1.27%	1.27%
Nifty 50	-0.43	-0.43
BB GlobalAgg Index	0.57%	0.57%
BB Global High Yield	1.37%	1.37%
BB Global EQ:FI 60:40	2.37%	2.37%

Source: Bloomberg





YEARLY FUND WEIGHTED STRATEGY PERFORMANCE

Strategy	2025 YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Quant Equity	1.86%	14.34%	11.71%	3.48%	13.94%	-0.74%
Quant Macro	3.08%	8.31%	2.60%	5.32%	3.90%	2.07%
Quant Multi Strategy	2.56%	14.25%	13.16%	11.15%	11.85%	2.28%
CTA	0.20%	3.61%	-0.88%	14.65%	7.44%	5.95%
Alt Risk Premia	1.15%	6.96%	6.95%	5.99%	9.89%	-6.67%
Equity Long / Short	2.25%	11.57%	8.39%	-3.76%	10.87%	17.43%
Credit	0.84%	10.08%	8.76%	-1.84%	8.78%	10.03%
Event Driven	0.90%	7.70%	9. 96%	-1.66%	12.18%	11.71%
Convertible Trading	0.98%	11.11%	6.73%	-2.80%	8.12%	21.65%
Volatility Trading	0.43%	3.71%	3.56%	6.93%	4.49%	17.27%
Discretionary Macro	0.84%	8.64%	4.04%	7.11%	2.62%	11.83%
Multi Strategy	1.14%	10.51%	6.72%	4.49%	8.80%	16.45%
All funds	1.45%	10.25%	7.63%	0.80%	9.53%	9.49%

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YEARLY INDEX PERFORMANCE

Strategy	2025 YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
MSCI World	3.55%	19.22%	24.44%	-17.71%	22.38%	16.53%
S&P 500	2.78%	25.00%	26.26%	-18.13%	28.68%	18.39%
STOXX 600	6.38%	9.62%	16.63%	-9.88%	25.82%	-1.44%
MSCI Asia Pacific	1.45%	10.14%	11.97%	-16.80%	-1.11%	20.08%
Nikkei 225	-0.80%	21.27%	31.01%	-7.35%	6.66%	18.24%
MSCI China	1.27%	19.04%	-11.01%	-21.72%	-21.23%	29.02%
Nifty 50	-0.43%	10.23%	21.88%	5.79%	25.74%	16.58%
BB GlobalAgg Index	0.57%	-1.69%	5.72%	-16.25%	-4.71%	9.20%
BB Global High Yield	1.37%	9.19%	14.04%	-12.70%	0.99%	7.03%
BB Global EQ:FI 60:40	2.37%	10.55%	16.67%	-17.02%	10.78%	14.08%

Source: Bloomberg







5 YEAR RETURN RISK REVIEW

	Annı	ualised Re	turns_	<u>Ann</u>	ualised Sh	narpe_		<u>Alpha</u>			<u>Beta</u>	
Strategy	<u>1y</u>	<u>3y</u>	<u>5y</u>	<u>1y</u>	<u>3y</u>	<u>5y</u>	<u>1y</u>	<u>3y</u>	<u>5y</u>	<u>1y</u>	<u>3y</u>	<u>5y</u>
Quant Equity	15.19%	10.19%	8.62%	2.68	1.80	1.35	6.26%	5.16%	4.20%	0.21%	0.12%	0.16%
Quant Macro	10.05%	5.87%	4.77%	0.87	0.41	0.41	2.58%	1.67%	0.65%	0.15%	0.02%	0.15%
Quant Multi Strategy	15.32%	13.07%	10.86%	2.09	2.04	1.42	5.91%	8.38%	6.67%	0.24%	0.00%	0.12%
СТА	3.48%	5.50%	5.98%	-0.20	0.20	0.50	-3.06%	2.66%	4.27%	0.12%	-0.21%	-0.07%
Alt Risk Premia	7.46%	6.77%	4.63%	0.80	0.79	0.48	1.07%	2.48%	1.12%	0.09%	0.02%	0.09%
Equity Long / Short	13.22%	6.00%	9.12%	2.36	0.42	1.00	3.27%	0.72%	3.03%	0.29%	0.24%	0.32%
Credit	10.22%	5.66%	7.13%	5.73	0.51	0.79	4.06%	0.93%	2.28%	0.05%	0.12%	0.21%
Event Driven	8.48%	5.50%	8.03%	0.99	0.27	0.71	-0.55%	0.21%	1.72%	0.26%	0.25%	0.36%
Convertible Trading	10.91%	5.00%	8.71%	2.80	0.26	1.00	3.41%	0.26%	3.77%	0.14%	0.13%	0.21%
Volatility Trading	4.23%	5.04%	7.13%	-1.09	0.45	1.05	-1.28%	1.04%	5.02%	0.04%	-0.03%	-0.05%
Discretionary Macro	9.12%	7.03%	7.69%	2.14	1.14	1.53	3.43%	2.89%	4.31%	0.03%	-0.02%	0.06%
Multi Strategy	11.27%	7.68%	9.49%	4.29	1.75	1.64	4.88%	3.23%	5.37%	0.06%	0.03%	0.12%
All Funds	10.77%	6.46%	8.21%	2.62	0.84	1.17	2.83%	1.65%	3.24%	0.17%	0.12%	0.21%

Source: BNP Paribas Capital Introduction.

5 YEAR CORRELATION REVIEW

		Correlation		<u>U</u> r	<u>Upside Correlation</u>			<u>Downside Correlation</u>		
Strategy	<u>1y</u>	<u>3y</u>	<u>5y</u>	<u>1y</u>	<u>3y</u>	<u>5y</u>	<u>1y</u>	<u>3y</u>	<u>5y</u>	
Quant Equity	0.57	0.64	0.63	-0.23	0.10	-0.00	-0.97	0.30	0.55	
Quant Macro	0.26	0.10	0.49	0.08	-0.10	0.20	-0.56	-0.17	0.52	
Quant Multi Strategy	0.50	0.02	0.39	0.22	0.03	0.09	-0.35	-0.11	0.47	
CTA	0.18	-0.43	-0.16	0.39	-0.25	-0.12	-0.83	-0.52	-0.26	
Alt Risk Premia	0.28	0.14	0.38	-0.07	0.07	-0.06	-0.02	-0.10	0.49	
Equity Long / Short	0.85	0.88	0.88	0.63	0.67	0.73	0.92	0.76	0.82	
Credit	0.63	0.66	0.66	-0.21	0.46	0.51	0.97	0.71	0.78	
Event Driven	0.73	0.80	0.81	0.35	0.76	0.76	-0.03	0.61	0.80	
Convertible Trading	0.69	0.65	0.63	0.01	0.42	0.50	0.95	0.58	0.73	
Volatility Trading	0.55	-0.23	-0.24	0.43	-0.24	0.23	0.23	0.13	-0.56	
Discretionary Macro	0.17	-0.07	0.34	0.21	0.02	0.39	-0.86	-0.03	0.21	
Multi Strategy	0.47	0.34	0.54	0.41	0.35	0.45	0.58	0.09	0.60	
All Funds	0.79	0.75	0.81	0.49	0.55	0.64	-0.21	-0.17	0.78	

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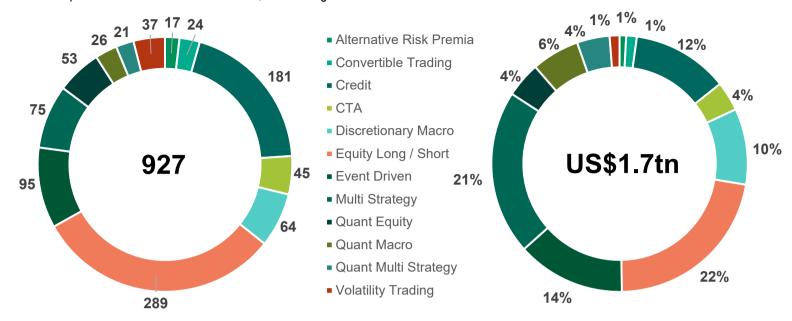






JANUARY 2025 - AUM & FUND COUNT

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