# FAM Global Opportunities Plus Strategy

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## **Our Strategy**

In today's uncertain world, partnering with managers well-versed in Alternatives is essential for more predictable outcomes. The FAM Global Opportunities Plus (FGO+) strategy is designed for investors who understand the need to invest across Equities, Bonds, and Alternatives, but prefer to avoid the emotional struggle while navigating a sea of complex data for asset allocation decisions. This paves the way for investors to enjoy the rewards of long-term investing with peace of mind.



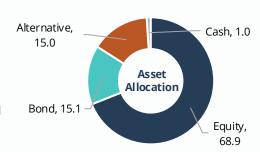
20% Alternative holding to **enhance return** and lower volatility



Capital appreciation compounded at 6% target return over longer term



Focus on undervalued opportunities with good fundamentals in sustainable trends



## **Enhanced Multi-Asset Strategy: True Diversification**

Having gone through a painful 2022, traditional '60/40' (60% equity, 40% bond) asset-allocation investors are left wondering about the effectiveness of diversification in a 'changed' world. Incorporating a 20% allocation to Alternatives, FGO+ enhanced asset-allocation portfolio delivers a less painful investing experience without compromising on long-term upside potential.

#### Manage Market Downside

When the traditional '60/40' portfolio faced its worst year in 2022, FGO+ declined less due to the 20% allocation to Alternatives.



#### Capture Market Upside

In the right market conditions (e.g. Feb 2020 to Jan 2021), FGO+ has managed to deliver similar returns to the global equity index.



Source: Morningstar. (Left) Data from 1/1/2022 - 31/12/2022. 60/40 portfolio: MSCI ACWI Index 60%, Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index 40%. (Right) Data from 1/2/2020 - 30/1/2021. Global equity: MSCI ACWI Index 100%.

### **Historical Performance**

Calendar	Total Returns, %							
Class	1Month	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2019 – YTD
A SGD	0.80	3.31	0.57	-13.76	4.74	8.74	13.22	15.55
A USD	0.95	5.21	2.41	-13.02	4.99	9.70	15.09 <sup>1</sup>	24.23 <sup>1</sup>
B SGD	1.01	3.95	2.17	-12.63	4.00	8.17	14.04	19.03
B USD	1.08	6.74	3.97	-11.70	5.10	9.02	14.53	28.60

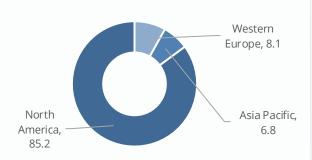
<sup>1</sup>Returns calculated since fund inception date on 2 Jan 2019. Past performance is not an indication of future performance. The value of the investment can go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Source: Finexis Asset Management. Share class performance is calculated using NAV of the share class with income reinvested and including ongoing charges, excluding any entry and exit fees





# **Strategy Characteristics**

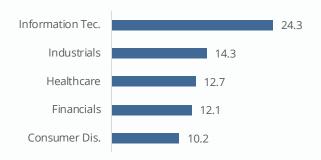
#### **Equity Geographical Allocation, %**



#### Top 5 Market Allocation, %



#### Top 5 Equity Sector Allocation, %



#### Top 5 Fund Holdings, %

VanEck Morningstar Wide Moat ETF	18.7
SPDR S&P 500 ETF	12.7
Emerging Market Corporate High Yield Debt Fund	9.3
GS US Equity Strategy	6.3
DNCA Invest Archer Europe	5.1

Source: Finexis Asset Management. Others include Central Asia, Africa/Middle East and South & Central America. Top 5 market allocation and fund holdings are at fund level. Geographical allocation and top 5 sector allocation are at portfolio look-through level. For illustrative purposes only and does not constitute to any recommendations to invest in the above-mentioned country/sector/security.

# **Discerning The Signals From The Noise**







Fundamental

Study financial and economic data (e.g. GDP, unemployment rate, and inflation rate etc.) that may drive market movement to find opportunities with **good fundamentals** that are underappreciated.



Valuation

Picking the right valuation metrics (e.g. price-to-earnings, price-to-book, EV/EBITDA etc.) to spot undervalued opportunities and avoid overpaying for any investment with only good stories.



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Seek inflection points in <u>sustainable trends</u> to capture overlooked opportunities and avoid less recognised risks (such as the end of a bond supercycle).

# **High Level of Active Management**

Many actively managed funds underperform because they have a low active share. This happens when a portfolio's holdings are very similar to the referenced benchmark, a practice commonly referred to as 'benchmark hugging'. In contrast, **funds with a high level of active management may have greater potential for outperformance in the long run**, as there is no way any fund can outperform the market if they are investing like the market.

By investing in areas where we have the greatest conviction and applying it to our whole portfolio, we aim to provide better returns over risk through a full market cycle.





## **Market & Portfolio Developments**

#### Commentary

Two significant events dominated investor attention over the month: the U.S. presidential election and China's National People's Congress (NPC) meeting. The U.S. election was perceived as a key risk event, and investors expressed relief at its conclusion. The outcome was seen as pro-risk, contributing to U.S. equity markets reaching all-time highs. The anticipation surrounding the election had created volatility, but with the results in, markets began to stabilize and price in a more optimistic outlook.

Conversely, the results of China's NPC meeting did not meet investor expectations. Many offshore investors were hoping for substantial stimulus measures to enhance consumption amid rising tariff risks following Donald Trump's election. However, the announced RMB 10 trillion local debt swap program primarily aimed at addressing systemic risks associated with local government debt, failing to provide the anticipated support for consumption or property market stabilization. This disappointment halted the rally in Chinese equities, which had surged in September.

Following the U.S. election results, a "no-landing" scenario began to take shape in market expectations, characterized by resilient growth and persistent inflation with fewer anticipated rate cuts from the Federal Reserve. This environment favored U.S. equities, especially small-cap stocks and financials, while bond markets struggled due to concerns over inflation and fiscal deficits. The appointment of Scott Bessent as U.S. Treasury Secretary alleviated some fears regarding runaway inflation, leading to a decline in Treasury yields and a weakening of the U.S. dollar.

Barring any surprises, the **path of least resistance is for risk assets to continue grinding higher towards year end**. Fundamentals and sentiments are still supportive of a Christmas rally.

Looking forward, the **December FOMC meeting will be** crucial, as markets will watch for any signs of a more hawkish stance from the Fed. Additionally, the sequencing and size of tariffs under Trump's administration remain a wildcard that could impact market dynamics.

In terms of positioning, FGOP is taking a moderately risk-on approach to capitalize on the current rally. However, we will dynamically adjust the exposures as the two key risk events unfold over the next one to two months.

# US Exceptionalism is set to continue, but Diversification is Essential

- With Trump's victory and the Federal Reserve's ongoing rate cuts, the narrative of US exceptionalism continues to prevail for now.
- That said, S&P 500 has risen by more than 20% for each of the past two years, and historical trends indicate that future index gains may be more modest. Also, there are market concentration and high valuation risks that long term investors should be worried about.
- More importantly, the earnings growth gap between the 493 stocks and the Magnificent 7 is expected to narrow in 2025. Therefore, for our US exposures we are positioned to benefit by diversifying in the rest of the market such as the 493 stocks.

Earnings Growth Progression:	2023	2024	2025
Mag 7 vs. Rest of Index	CY	CYE	CYE
Mag 7	40%	31%	20%
Rest of Index	-5%	3%	12%
S&P500	1%	8%	14%

Source: Factset, Bloomberg





### **Fund Details**

ltem	Class A	Class B		
Currency	SGD, USD			
ISIN (SGD Class)	SG9999019392 (Accumulation)	SGXZ91932061 (Accumulation)		
ISIN (USD Class)	SGXZ13719315 (Accumulation)	SGXZ15311152 (Accumulation)		
Min. Subscription	SGD 1,500,000 USD 1,000,000	SGD 200,000 USD 150,000		
Account Opening Fee (One-time)	N/A	SGD 4,000 USD 3,000		
Min. Subsequent Subscription	SGD 15,000 USD 10,000	SGD 15,000 USD 10,000		
Max Sales Charge	5%	N/A		
Redemption Fees				
1st Year of Investment	-	3%		
2nd Year of Investment	-	2%		
3rd Year of Investment	-	1%		
4th Year Onwards	-	0%		
Management Fee	1.5%	0%		
Performance Fee <sup>1</sup>	0%	20%		
Fund Name	Global Opportunities Plus Fund			
Dealing Frequency	Daily			
Base Currency	I	USD		
Inception Date	2 Aug 2018 2 Jan 2019	10 Sep 2018 2 Jul 2018		
Fund Focus	Global Multi-Asset			
Fund Domicile	Singapore			
Investment Manager	Finexis Asset Management			
Fund Administrator	Standard Chartered Bank			
Custodian	Standard Chartered Bank			
Auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP			
Trustee	Perpetual (Asia) Limited			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Charged on high water mark basis, with zero hurdle rate.

# **Highlight of Sub-Fund Managers**

# Winton Group Alternative

Winton is a **pioneer in trend-following strategies** and one of the most successful hedge funds in the world. It is led by David Harding, founded in 1997, Winton manages assets on behalf of some of the world's largest institutional investors – with \$10 billion worth of assets in their trend-following strategies today.

Winton has remained at the forefront of markets, capitalizing on trends across various cycles and asset classes, using highly sophisticated and automated systems to remove human emotions and forecasts from investment decisions. The firm's trend-following strategy trades 'long' and 'short' in over 100 futures markets to deliver the full benefits of their strategy such as its ability to make money in up and down markets and provide a powerful source of diversification to equities and bonds. In 2022, Winton's Trend Fund delivered returns of +18%, when equity and bonds were down -16% and -18%, respectively.

Since its inception, Winton's flagship strategy has delivered outperformance over traditional equities and bonds in both absolute and risk-adjusted terms, with a correlation of close to zero and long-term performance of around 10% p.a.



**40 years** Experience trading markets



**\$10 billion** AUM in trendfollowing



Trend following strategy



Near-zero correlation

### Lombard Odier Asian High Yield

Lombard Odier Investment Managers is part of the Lombard Odier Group, a global private bank managing \$300+ billion in assets across its wealth and asset management expertise. With a dedicated team of 180 professionals, it manages \$70 billion of assets across diverse strategies in equity, fixed income, multi-asset, convertible bond, alternatives, and private markets.

The Lombard Odier Asia Value Bond is one of the largest Asia credit fund today. Managed by a team of five investment experts as part of a 22-strong global fixed income team, the strategy has seen a long track record of outperformance against its peer group.

The strategy is underpinned by a 'value-biased strategy that leverages on rigorous top-down and bottom-up analysis to uncover value and fundamentally strong opportunities through market cycles; maintaining close interaction with companies and management. The strategy was awarded the Platinum award at the Fund Selector Asia Awards in 2020, in addition to Lipper awards for "Best Asia Credit Strategy in Hard Currency".



**50 years** investment experience



**70 billion** AUM Worldwide



**22 Global FI** professionals



Fund Selector Asia Awards 2020





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