

October 2017

Manager's Commentary

October started off with some losses but we re-entered positive territory with a handful of strong performers. We particularly profited from long positions in the USD/CAD and USD/CHF pairs when the US Dollar rallied on optimism around President Trump's tax reforms coming closer to implementation.

The Vortex Systematic Program is a short to medium-term strategy trading the world's most liquid instruments. This factsheet is a representation of the **spot FX currency component only**, extracted from the normally diversified Vortex Systematic Program. Currencies give investors the opportunity to profit from most major international economic and geopolitical events. Currencies also provide essential diversification from all traditional asset classes. The returns shown below reflect the base version of the program and are net after all fees.

Strategy Facts

Spot FX instruments: USD/JPY, EUR/USD, USD/CHF, GBP/USD, AUD/USD, USD/CAD, EUR/JPY

Investment style: 100% systematic (trend following, mean reversion and contra-trend)

Average holding period: 2 days - 2 weeks (winning trades), 0 - 2 days (unprofitable trades)

General Information

Management fee	0%
Performance fee	15% (with high water mark)
Redemption	Daily liquidity
Structure	Managed account (client choice)

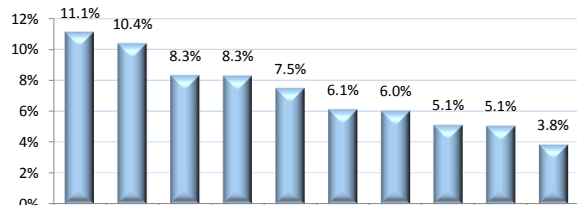
Return and Risk Statistics

Annualised return	8.75%
Annualised volatility	14.32%
Sortino ratio (Rf = 0%)	1.38
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Best month	11.13%
Worst month	-6.35%
Total return	37.91%
Skewness	0.67
MAR ratio	0.47

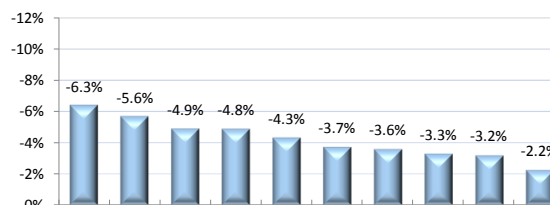
Monthly Net Returns

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2014	-4.85%	-3.56%	7.49%	6.12%	-6.35%	0.64%	-0.94%	-0.29%	10.39%	1.31%	-1.93%	-2.23%	4.48%
2015	1.61%	-2.12%	-1.13%	6.04%	11.13%	0.11%	-0.19%	8.34%	-1.23%	1.26%	5.05%	-1.71%	29.55%
2016	-3.16%	3.44%	-0.22%	5.12%	1.02%	8.29%	0.68%	-5.63%	-3.26%	-4.28%	-0.97%	-2.17%	-2.03%
2017	0.93%	-4.83%	0.48%	0.98%	0.17%	3.84%	2.82%	2.86%	-3.69%	0.72%			4.00%

10 BEST MONTHS



10 WORST MONTHS



Portfolio Managers



Etienne Botes

Etienne is the inventor of the Vortex Indicator, a technical indicator for identifying the start or continuation of price moves and trends. This is available today on most trading platforms and is used worldwide by many traders and funds. Etienne also co-founded a Swiss investment management firm called Vortex, where he developed the proprietary Vortex trading system. Etienne holds a postgraduate Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree in Business Economics and is working on his PhD. He is currently the Chief Investment Officer of Vortex and brings in excess of 20 years experience in systematic trading and trading system development.



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