

# PERFORMANCE REPORT: APRIL 2016

PURETREND (HYPOTHETICAL + PRO FORMA)

### In Brief

Pure Trend returned an estimated -1.68% for April. Announcements from the Bank of England, the Federal Reserve and the Bank of Japan all having negative effects on the long volatility positioning. Grains gave some respite but overall a sideways month for the product which starts May an estimated +1.78% year to date.

### Comment

In April, the trend indicators reversed short positions in the Swiss Market Index and Nifty Fifty Index rendering the portfolio long in all markets in the Stock Indices sector. Most of the long positions benefited in April from an upward price movement from the middle of the month.

The currency sector posted positive returns of +0.34% for the month, however this masks the volatility the sector experienced. Maintained short positioning (7% of Margin to Equity) in the British Pound made positive contributions at the start of the month but was then squeezed after the better-than-expected UK GDP figure and the worse than expected US economic growth data. Similarly the sizable short in Mexican Peso, while contributing positively all month, pivoted in to negative territory in the last days of the month as the Fed dashed hopes of imminent rate hikes. The Japanese Yen long positioning was well placed to benefit from the shock announcement by the BoJ not to increase market stimulus, however it was not enough to make material profits though by month end the position accounted for 4.6% of margin to equity and had contributed nearly 1% positive to the overall portfolio.

A mixed picture was seen in the commodities sector, where long Soybeans and Soybean Meal continued to pay, complemented by profitable shorts in Live Cattle. With the shortage of Soybean crop in South America, the classic supply and demand equilibrium drove up the prices of Soybean and Soybean Meal futures. Corn on the other hand our positioning gradually moved from short to small long by the end of the month, however not enough to make a positive contribution to the bottom line.

In metals our short Aluminium contributed negatively. Aluminium prices on the London Metal Exchange and Shanghai Futures Exchange have seen steep gains this month on the back of promises from the Chinese government of maintaining a 6.5% growth rate over the next five years and assurances that market forces will be allowed to have a greater say in the shaping of the economy. A retained small long Silver position continued to give steady positive returns.

Following the trend, the portfolio was long in all Interest Rate markets. Global bond prices fell in April with their increasing yield. The sharp selloff in European bonds put selling pressure on the Treasury markets.



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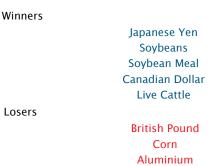
(HYPOTHETICAL + PRO FORMA)

# NET PORTFOLIO STATISTICS [§]

Firm AUM (\$m)	346.77
Product AUM (\$m)	3.72
Monthly Return	-1.68 %
Year to Date Return	1.78 %
Return over last 12m	-0.60 %
Annualised Return	12.31 %
Return since Inception	565.76 %
Annualised Volatility	15.16 %
Average Monthly Gain	3.88 %
Average Monthly Loss	-3.20 %
Winning Months	60.20 %
Losing Months	39.80 %
Largest Drawdown last 12 months	-8.95 %
Sharpe Ratio (Rf=0%)	0.84

§ Statistics are based on hypothetical monthly net returns from Jan 2000 to Dec 2015 and pro forma track record from Jan 2016 of Altis Master Fund ICC, PureTrend IC

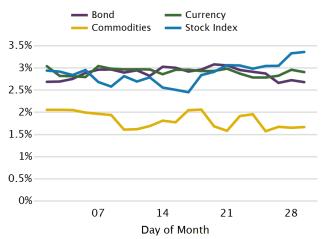
### TOP WINNERS AND TOP LOSERS LAST MONTH [1] [2]

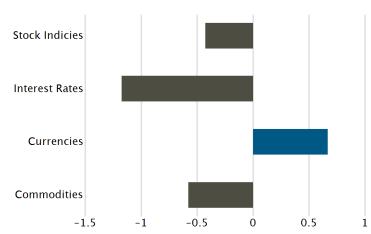


### MARGIN TO EQUITY BY SECTOR LAST MONTH

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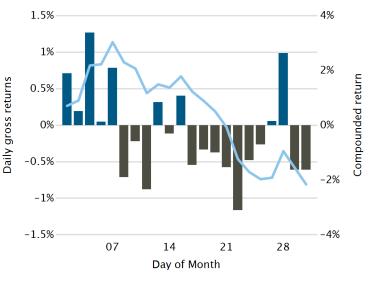
German Bund





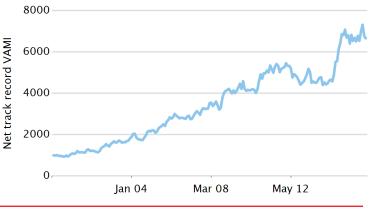
**GROSS SECTOR PERFORMANCE LAST MONTH (%)** [1]

### **GROSS DAILY RETURNS LAST MONTH** [3]



### **TRACK-RECORD SINCE 2000 (LIVE FROM JAN 2016)** [4] • Statistics are based on hypothetical monthly net returns from Jan

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### MANAGED ACCOUNT TERMS

*Management fee Performance fee High water mark Liquidity Subscription / Redemption notice*  1% per annum 0% N/A Daily 1 day, before 5:30pm UK time

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2000	-1.35	2.40	-2.60	-1.78	0.26	-3.54	0.41	5.44	-4.87	5.03	6.76	3.08	8.81
2001	-1.70	2.99	9.54	-5.53	0.24	0.49	-1.94	1.29	10.70	1.58	-5.87	1.44	12.56
2002	-0.93	-2.02	-2.25	-1.59	5.49	11.51	4.71	2.80	6.20	-3.90	-3.33	7.97	25.93
2003	4.18	4.18	-3.39	0.91	4.89	-2.08	-3.96	1.57	-0.60	3.81	1.41	5.81	17.38
2004	4.06	8.08	0.20	-8.51	-4.39	-0.88	-1.63	0.05	6.30	6.28	8.81	1.92	20.49
2005	-1.21	2.63	-0.75	-4.81	3.18	6.85	2.77	2.42	3.15	-3.21	8.09	3.17	23.76
2006	5.11	-2.15	2.01	5.92	-2.52	-2.02	-2.75	0.89	0.07	-0.92	-0.85	4.20	6.69
2007	1.16	-5.76	1.07	5.11	4.14	3.21	-2.55	-3.26	7.24	3.42	-1.31	0.61	13.02
2008	0.10	8.12	0.60	-4.69	2.97	3.48	-5.11	-5.94	2.52	14.50	6.37	2.54	26.36
2009	0.98	1.42	-2.35	-2.95	3.61	-2.99	2.57	3.89	4.25	-5.58	8.91	-8.25	2.25
2010	-2.10	1.13	-0.67	0.70	0.82	-0.79	-3.64	4.15	10.04	6.80	-4.18	5.49	18.10
2011	0.03	2.64	-1.74	6.62	-3.29	-3.37	5.98	2.31	-1.52	-5.81	3.08	1.00	5.27
2012	0.69	3.53	-2.25	-0.15	-2.40	-8.22	3.23	-1.14	-2.07	-3.43	-3.94	1.74	-14.04
2013	1.53	3.47	3.98	5.50	-3.02	-10.34	1.51	-1.23	-0.32	3.00	2.55	0.40	6.22
2014	-7.91	2.84	-2.01	0.95	2.93	1.27	-1.90	6.96	12.67	0.78	10.27	4.95	34.64
2015	6.77	-0.80	3.98	-5.39	1.49	-5.81	6.55	-4.33	2.30	-2.50	4.04	-3.42	1.76
2016	6.99	4.48	-7.39	-1.68*									1.78*

### HYPOTHETICAL AND PRO FORMA NET MONTHLY PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION (%) [1]



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### REPORT NOTES

#### Page 1

1 Sector and market returns for last month are based on gross estimates

2 Winners ranked from largest positive cumulative gross return for the current month. Losers ranked from largest negative gross return for the current month

3 Daily returns for last month are based on gross estimates

#### Page 2

1 Returns for last month and year to date are estimated, as denoted by asterisks. Monthly performance is based on hypothetical net returns from January 2000 to December 2015 (denoted in grey), and live track record from January 2016 of Altis Master Fund ICC, PureTrend IC (denoted in blue/red)

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