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Devet Capital Absolute Return Strategy

- Devet Capital Investments is an absolute return macro trading company, utilising systematic, market-neutral strategies on commodities
- Devet Capital Absolute Return Strategy searches for statistically-defined anomalies in the shape of commodity curves that recur over time, seeking to produce **consistent returns** across different market regimes
- Devet Capital Absolute Return Strategy focuses research on, and trades only in, liquid, commodity-market futures and forwards
- Our statistically-based approach seeks to achieve stable positive returns with low volatility and low correlation with the returns from macro hedge funds and commodity market benchmarks
- Our annualized realized volatility is below 5% and our Sharpe ratio is above 1.5 (based on both back-tested and live trading data)



Program and investment characteristics





Markets traded

Devet Capital Absolute Return Strategy trades in **liquid** futures and forwards contracts only:

- Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group, CME: Brent, WTI, NY Harbor ULSD, RBOB Gasoline, Henry Hub Natural Gas, Soybean, Soybean Oil, Corn and Wheat
- Intercontinental Exchange, ICE: Brent, WTI, Low Sulphur Gasoil, Coffee, Sugar, Cocoa and Cotton
- London Metal Exchange, LME: Copper, Aluminium, Zinc, Lead and Nickel



Research process (1)

Our portfolio currently consists of 4 different non-correlated, marketneutral and mean reverting algorithms that have been implemented on different base metals, oil and agriculture assets. For illustration purposes, we call those algorithms 1, 2, 3 and 4 as shown in the next slide

We have conducted extensive research on a diverse range of alpha generating models since 2008



Research process (2)

Q1-Q2 2012	 Implementation with back and live testing of algorithm 1 Back-testing on oil, base metals and agriculture products; live testing on base metals
Q3-Q4 2012	 Implementation with back and live testing of algorithms 2 and 1 Back-testing on oil, base metals and agriculture products; live testing on base metals
Q1-Q2 2013	 Implementation with back and live testing of algorithms 3, 2 and 1 Back-testing on oil, base metals and agriculture products; live testing on base metals
Q3-Q4 2013	 Implementation with back-testing of algorithm 4 Back-testing on oil, base metals and agriculture products
Q1 – Q2 2014	 Implementation of the Devet Capital Absolute Return Strategy using proprietary optimization tools
21 st July 2014	Devet Capital Absolute Return Strategy went live
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Portfolio construction





Correlation analysis

Back-testing and live trading data show that the typical level of correlation among algorithms rarely exceeds 30%. Should correlation increase materially above this threshold, a comprehensive assessment of the algorithms is conducted and some of them might be removed or modified to ensure future risk is sufficiently diversified

Volatility and drawdown analysis

The algorithms have been selected to ensure that, on a historical basis, volatility does not materially exceed 5% and a daily loss of more than 1% occurs in less than 0.5% of the daily observations, over the back-testing time horizon of 15 years (March 1999 – June 2014)



Risk management (2)

Stop loss procedure for individual trades

Individual trades are flagged if they cause a loss of 25 bps of the entire portfolio; a trade is analyzed to assess if the loss occurred due to:

- a temporary anomaly in the prices of the relevant commodity, in which case the trade is likely to be kept
- a potential structural change in the behavior of the relevant commodity, in which case the trade is likely to be stopped out

In case of a loss of 50 bps of the entire portfolio, the trade is likely to be stopped out and reassessed.

Stop loss procedure for the overall portfolio

- a loss of more than 3% would lead to a comprehensive reassessment of the portfolio
- a loss of more than 5% is very likely to lead to a complete close out of the portfolio and a comprehensive reassessment of the program as a whole



Monthly performance breakdown

Date	Devet Capital Energy	Devet Capital Base Metals	Devet Capital Soft & Grains	Devet Capital Absolute Return Strategy
Jan 16	+0.06%	0.00%	+0.02%	+0.08%
Dec 15	+0.68%	0.00%	-0.19%	+0.49%
Nov 15	-0.60%	0.00%	+0.06%	-0.54%
Oct 15	-0.57%	0.00%	+0.01%	-0.56%
Sep 15	0.00%	+0.26%	+0.18%	+0.44%
Aug 15	+0.27%	-0.13%	-0.05%	+0.09%
Jul 15	+0.30%	+0.30%	+0.24%	+0.84%
Jun 15	+0.41%	-0.38%	+014%	+0.17%
May 15	+0.16%	+0.23%	-0.02%	+0.37%
Apr 15	-0.20%	-0.01%	+0.10%	-0.11%
Mar 15	+0.65%	+0.49%		+1.12%
Feb 15	+0.47%	+0.41%		+0.88%
Jan 15	+0.88%	+0.57%		+1.45%



1- Jul / Aug 14 return include performance since 21st July 2014.

Back-testing^{1,2}

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual/ YtD
1999			-0.40%	0.09%	0.26%	0.02%	-0.48%	0.32%	0.53%	-0.37%	-0.36%	1.66%	1.27%
2000	0.61%	0.47%	0.92%	0.75%	0.50%	-0.10%	0.09%	1.04%	-0.26%	0.60%	1.20%	1.49%	7.30%
2001	0.75%	0.54%	-0.49%	0.40%	0.47%	0.70%	-0.15%	0.91%	-0.11%	0.61%	-0.26%	0.51%	3.88%
2002	-0.47%	-0.26%	-0.12%	-0.12%	0.22%	0.45%	-0.59%	-0.04%	0.34%	-0.30%	0.39%	-0.35%	-0.83%
2003	0.66%	1.06%	-0.09%	0.52%	-0.50%	0.98%	1.61%	0.51%	0.16%	-0.55%	-0.11%	0.13%	4.39%
2004	0.14%	0.07%	1.08%	-0.97%	-0.33%	1.68%	0.25%	0.96%	0.28%	0.44%	1.00%	2.04%	6.64%
2005	0.49%	0.15%	1.44%	0.83%	-0.59%	0.40%	0.78%	0.63%	-0.35%	0.21%	-0.28%	0.48%	4.19%
2006	1.11%	-0.26%	1.35%	-0.39%	0.35%	4.39%	0.38%	1.94%	0.00%	0.40%	4.20%	0.72%	14.19%
2007	-2.59%	1.72%	1.22%	0.38%	3.60%	5.04%	2.02%	1.49%	-0.04%	2.49%	1.90%	2.26%	19.48%
2008	1.63%	1.36%	0.84%	0.51%	-0.28%	0.85%	-0.59%	1.28%	1.13%	1.94%	5.15%	0.59%	14.41%
2009	2.12%	0.27%	-0.54%	0.77%	1.78%	0.40%	0.36%	0.14%	0.11%	-0.04%	-0.19%	0.33%	5.49%
2010	0.50%	0.87%	-0.48%	1.39%	0.18%	-0.03%	-0.19%	0.97%	0.47%	0.35%	1.94%	0.21%	6.19%
2011	0.76%	1.70%	2.16%	0.23%	0.79%	0.96%	0.59%	0.38%	-0.18%	0.18%	0.95%	0.93%	9.44%
2012	0.14%	-0.07%	1.07%	0.77%	1.16%	1.18%	1.01%	0.77%	0.78%	-0.14%	1.56%	0.19%	8.41%
2013	1.65%	0.00%	0.41%	0.34%	0.55%	0.77%	1.46%	1.19%	1.83%	1.19%	0.63%	0.51%	10.53%
2014	2.48%	1.10%	2.36%	1.56%	1.21%	0.88%	0.43% ¹	0.89% ¹	1.06%	-1.07%	0.18%	0.97%	12.04%
2015	1.45%	0.88%	1.12%	-0.11%	0.37%	0.17%	0.84%	0.09%	0.44%	-0.56%	-0.54%	0.49%	4.72%
2016	0.08%												0.08%

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1- July 2014 return includes performance up until 20th July 2014; August 2014 return includes performance since 21st July 2014.
 2- Live returns since Aug 2014 (inclusive); all the previous returns are from back-testing.

Correlations with other asset classes¹

	Devet Capital Absolute Strategy	SPX Index	Bloomberg Commodity Index ²	DXY Index	BARCSYST Index	HFRIFWI Index
Devet Capital Absolute Strategy	100.00%	-12.00%	-7.89%	2.10%	6.04%	-8.13%
SPX Index	-12.00%	100.00%	38.63%	-33.51%	-18.29%	75.55%
Bloomberg Commodity Index ²	-7.89%	38.63%	100.00%	-51.01%	24.87%	54.50%
DXY Index	2.10%	-33.51%	-51.01%	100.00%	-22.18%	-35.78%
BARCSYST Index	6.04%	-18.29%	24.87%	-22.18%	100.00%	6.94%
HFRIFWI Index	-8.13%	75.55%	54.50%	-35.78%	6.94%	100.00%



1- Based on back-tested monthly returns since March 1999 to June 2014.

2- Formerly known as Dow Jones UBS Commodity Index (DJUBS).

Devet Capital Absolute Return Strategy sample trade

Statistical pattern with a single input parameter: price. From historical analysis, we calculate expected return and statistical-significance.

IN SIGNAL					
Days	Expected return	Standard deviation ¹			
1	0.05%	1.16			
2	0.00%	1.00			
3	0.10%	1.33			
4	0.15%	1.50			
5	0.31%	2.00			

OUT SIGNAL

Days	Realized return	Standard deviation ¹
6	-0.10%	2.33
7	0.00%	2.00
8	0.13%	1.58
9	0.21%	1.33
10	0.32%	0.97



1- Standard deviations greater than 2.0 are considered statistically significant

Organizational chart





Biographies



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