

2ND ENGINE LIQUID ALTERNATIVE INDICES

Quarterly Industry Report

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INDEX SNAPSHOT

Universe AUM

\$76.9_B

12M AUM Growth Rate

46.9%

Total # of Funds in Universe

307

143

Alternative Strategies¹

164

Others²

Fund Co in Universe

64

3M Net Flow

+\$4,831_M

12M Net Flow

+\$13,079_M

Total # of indices

11

1

Overall
Market

7

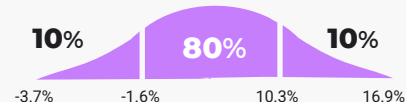
Strategy
-Based

3

Goal-
Based

12M return - 2ND ENGINE
Liquid Alternative 35 Index

+4.8%



Source: As of September 30, 2025. All currencies are in CAD terms. Based on index constituent data provided by Morningstar and index performance calculated by Picton Mahoney Asset Management.

¹ Include Equity Long Short, Equity Market Neutral, Alternative Fixed Income, Absolute Return, Event-Driven, Global Macro, Multi-Strategy.

² "Others" category consist of liquid alternative funds that are not included in any categories identified in footnote 1, and consist of mostly cryptocurrency assets and option-selling strategies.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Q3 2025

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Liquid Alternative strategies delivered modest gains in Q3 2025. The **2ND ENGINE Liquid Alternative 35 Index** rose 2.0% for the quarter, bringing its year-to-date return to 4.3%
- Within the strategy-based indices, the **2ND ENGINE Equity Long Short Index** led again with a 5.5% gain in Q3, contributing to 11.6% return year-to-date. The **2ND ENGINE Multi-Strategy Index** and **2ND ENGINE Global Macro Index** also delivered notable gains of 4.6% and 4.3%, respectively.
- Goal-based strategies also posted steady gains. The **2ND ENGINE Equity Enhancer 10 Index** returned 3.6% gain, followed by the **2ND ENGINE Fixed Income Enhancer 10 Index** at 2.2%, and the **2ND ENGINE Diversifier 10 Index** rose 1.8%.

ALTERNATIVE UNIVERSE FLOWS

- Flows in Q3 reflected continued positive sentiment toward liquid alternatives, with net inflows of **\$4.8 billion** for the quarter and **\$13.1 billion** over the past 12 months, bringing total universe AUM to **\$76.9 billion** at the end of Q3, up 46.9% year-over-year.
- Asset flows in Q3 were primarily directed towards conservative strategies, such as **Alternative Fixed Income** (**\$591 million**), **Equity Market Neutral** (**\$234 million**), and **Absolute Return** (**\$230 million**). **Equity Long Short** also attract **\$115 million** net flows during the quarter.
- The **Alternative Fixed Income** category maintains the largest AUM at \$13.3 billion across 28 funds, while **Equity Long Short** remains the most populated category with 48 funds now.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (CON'T)

LIQUID ALTERNATIVE INDUSTRY NEWS

- Over the past six months, the liquid alternative universe continued to expand with **70 new fund launches** and only one termination.
- **12 alternative strategies** were introduced — including 8 Equity Long Short, 2 Alternative Fixed Income, 1 Global Macro, and 1 Multi-Strategy fund.
- Firms continued to broaden their crypto offerings, with 11 new products launched. Fund Manufacturers are looking beyond Bitcoin (BTC) and Ethereum (ETH), introducing exposure to **Solana (SOL) and Ripple's XRP**.
- **Option-selling strategies** remained a key area of activity, with **35 new funds** introduced in the past six months. The segment continues to attract new entrants, while existing providers expand their shelves, particularly in **single-name option-selling strategies**.

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OVERVIEW

The 2ND ENGINE Liquid Alternative Indices were created to provide accessible and timely insights into Canada's liquid alternatives market, bridge information gaps, and improve understanding of the segment. The index series include an aggregate index representing the overall market, along with seven strategy-based indices and three goal-based indices.

2ND ENGINE LIQUID ALTERNATIVE 35 INDEX

STRATEGY-BASED				GOAL-BASED
EQUITY	BOND	MULTI-STRATEGY	SPECIALTY	
2ND ENGINE Equity Long Short Index	2ND ENGINE Alternative Fixed Income Index	2ND ENGINE Multi-Strategy Index	2ND ENGINE Event-Driven Index	2ND ENGINE Equity Enhancer 10 Index
2ND ENGINE Equity Market Neutral Index		2ND ENGINE Absolute Return Index	2ND ENGINE Global Macro Index	2ND ENGINE Fixed Income Enhancer 10 Index
				2ND ENGINE Diversifier 10 Index

OBJECTIVES AND KEY FEATURES

- Provide better understanding of the alternative universe and available investment options
- Provide timely information for investors to stay up-to-date on the liquid alternative landscape
- Provide relevant peer groups to assess manager performance

KEY FEATURES

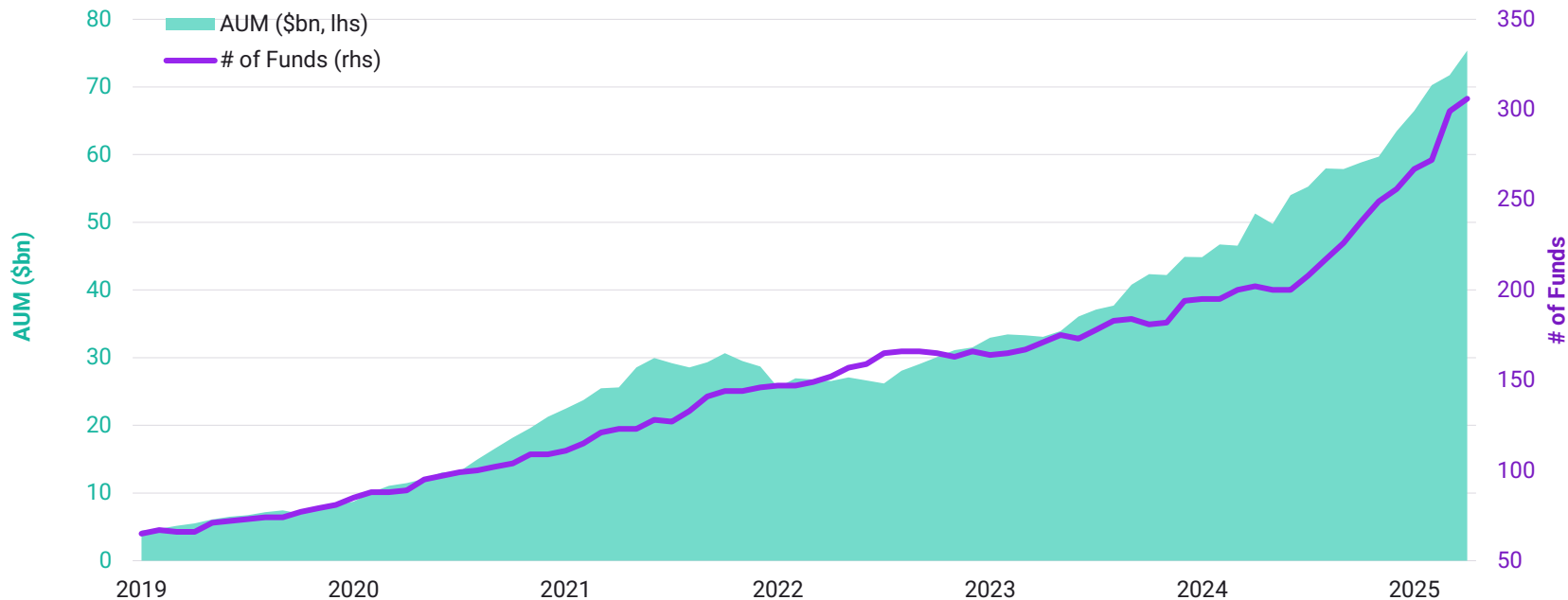
- Adhere to the CFA best practices for benchmarking¹
- Equal-weighting to minimize overconcentration risk
- Quarterly rebalancing and semi-annual reconstitution

¹ The index construction methodologies closely follow the principles outlined in the CFA Institute's 2021 "Guidance Statement on Benchmarks for Firms" publication.

INDUSTRY GROWTH OVER TIME

Total AUM and # of Funds in Universe

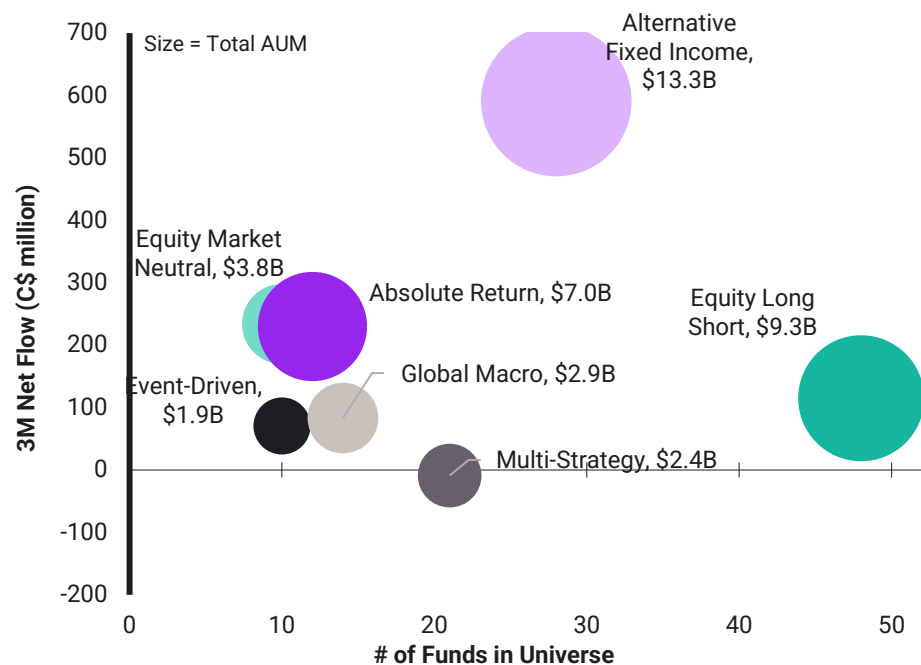
(6/30/2019 - 9/30/2025)



Source: Morningstar Inc.

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ASSETS AND FLOWS BY STRATEGY



Category	AUM (C\$ b)	% Total	3M Net Flow (C\$ m)	12M Net Flow (C\$ m)	# of Funds
Equity Long Short	9.3	12.1%	+115	+1,541	48
Equity Market Neutral	3.8	4.9%	+234	+1,100	10
Alternative Fixed Income	13.3	17.3%	+591	+2,890	28
Absolute Return	7.0	9.1%	+230	+941	12
Event-Driven	1.9	2.5%	+71	+271	10
Global Macro	2.9	3.8%	+83	+207	14
Multi-Strategy	2.4	3.1%	-9	+447	21
Others	36.2	47.1%	+3,517	+5,682	164
Total	76.9	100.0%	+4,831	+13,079	307

Source: As of September 30, 2025. Bubble size represents total AUM. Based on index constituent data provided by Morningstar and index performance calculated by Picton Mahoney Asset Management. "Others" category consist of largely cryptocurrency assets and option-selling strategies.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception	Inception Date
Overall Market Index								
2ND ENGINE Liquid Alternative 35 Index	0.9	2.0	4.3	4.8	6.2	4.8	4.6	06/30/2019
Strategy-Based Indices								
2ND ENGINE Equity Long Short Index	3.2	5.5	11.6	14.9	11.3	10.0	9.8	06/30/2019
2ND ENGINE Equity Market Neutral Index	0.8	0.0	0.0	1.2	3.6	1.8	2.4	06/30/2019
2ND ENGINE Alternative Fixed Income Index	0.9	2.2	4.3	5.8	7.5	4.7	4.5	06/30/2019
2ND ENGINE Absolute Return Index	1.8	3.0	4.8	6.4	6.1	4.1	3.2	06/30/2019
2ND ENGINE Event-Driven Index	0.7	1.4	5.8	6.9	0.6	3.6	4.4	06/30/2020
2ND ENGINE Global Macro Index	3.0	4.3	2.9	-0.4	1.1	3.3	3.4	06/30/2020
2ND ENGINE Multi-Strategy Index	2.7	4.6	6.8	7.3	7.7	6.2	5.1	06/30/2019
Goal-Based Indices								
2ND ENGINE Equity Enhancer 10 Index	1.8	3.6	7.6	9.3	8.5	6.7	6.5	06/30/2019
2ND ENGINE Fixed Income Enhancer 10 Index	0.9	2.2	5.2	6.4	7.2	4.4	5.0	06/30/2019
2ND ENGINE Diversifier 10 Index	1.3	1.8	3.4	3.8	4.8	3.9	3.7	06/30/2019
Broad Market Indices								
S&P/TSX Composite Index	5.4	12.5	23.9	28.6	21.3	16.7	13.6	06/30/2019 ¹
ICE BofA Canada Broad Market Index	1.8	1.4	2.8	2.7	4.4	-0.3	1.1	06/30/2019 ¹

Source: As of September 30, 2025. Based on index constituent data provided by Morningstar and index performance calculated by Picton Mahoney Asset Management.

¹ inception date of the broad market indices were chosen to match the liquid alternative indices.

RISK STATISTICS SUMMARY

	Volatility	Sharpe Ratio	Max Drawdown	Equity		Fixed Income		Inception Date
				Correlation	Beta	Correlation	Beta	
Overall Market Index								
2ND ENGINE Liquid Alternative 35 Index	4.1	0.51	-7.5	0.86	0.54	0.24	0.38	06/30/2019
Strategy-Based Indices								
2ND ENGINE Equity Long Short Index	7.5	0.97	-10.0	0.87	0.46	0.45	0.59	06/30/2019
2ND ENGINE Equity Market Neutral Index	3.1	-0.01	-5.8	-0.31	0.01	-0.06	0.00	06/30/2019
2ND ENGINE Alternative Fixed Income Index	5.5	0.37	-10.5	0.81	0.54	0.30	0.50	06/30/2019
2ND ENGINE Absolute Return Index	3.5	0.22	-6.5	0.84	0.66	0.20	0.40	06/30/2019
2ND ENGINE Event-Driven Index	8.3	0.23	-12.7	-0.05	-0.03	-0.02	-0.04	06/30/2020
2ND ENGINE Global Macro Index	5.1	0.18	-6.6	0.16	-0.03	0.05	-0.03	06/30/2020
2ND ENGINE Multi-Strategy Index	8.5	0.31	-14.5	0.89	0.47	0.51	0.68	06/30/2019
Goal-Based Indices								
2ND ENGINE Equity Enhancer 10 Index	6.2	0.66	-7.7	0.80	0.41	0.34	0.44	06/30/2019
2ND ENGINE Fixed Income Enhancer 10 Index	4.8	0.53	-7.8	0.81	0.60	0.26	0.49	06/30/2019
2ND ENGINE Diversifier 10 Index	3.2	0.40	-4.5	0.49	0.35	0.11	0.19	06/30/2019
Broad Market Indices								
S&P/TSX Composite Index	14.7	0.75	-22.3	-	-	-	-	06/30/2019 ¹
ICE BofA Canada Broad Market Index	5.9	-0.24	-15.6	-	-	-	-	06/30/2019 ¹

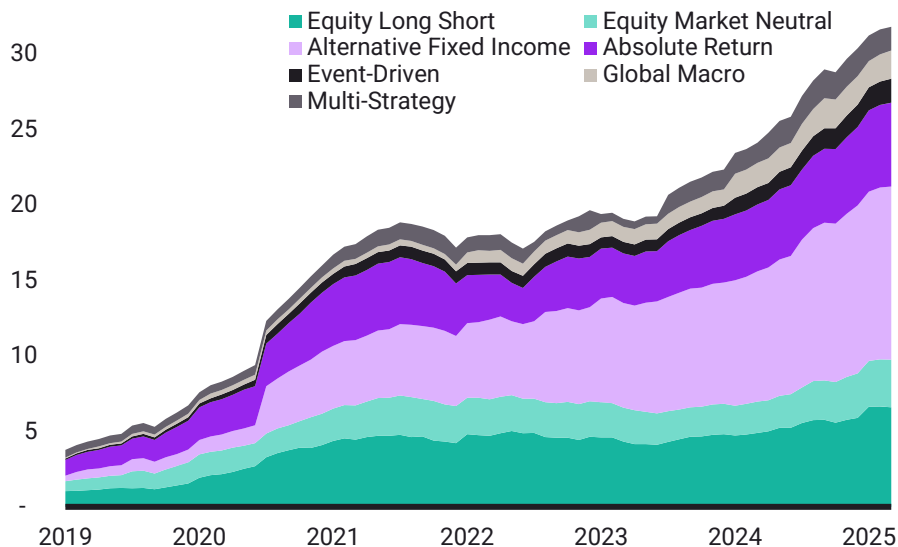
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2ND ENGINE LIQUID ALTERNATIVE 35 INDEX

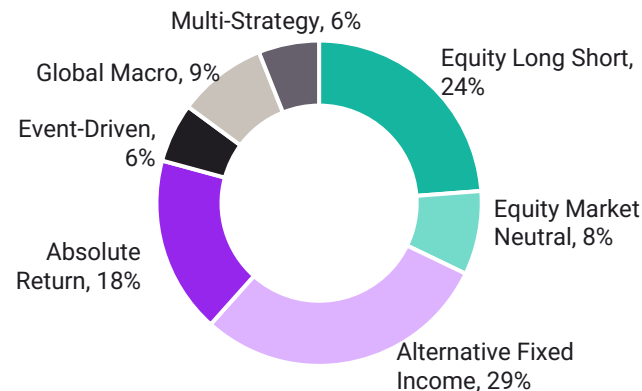
Index Constituents AUM by Strategy (C\$ billion)

(From July 31, 2019 to September 30, 2025)



Index Composition by Strategy

(As of September 30, 2025)



Index AUM Characteristics (C\$ million)

Total	Mean	Median	Largest	Smallest
31,801	935	764	2,813	216

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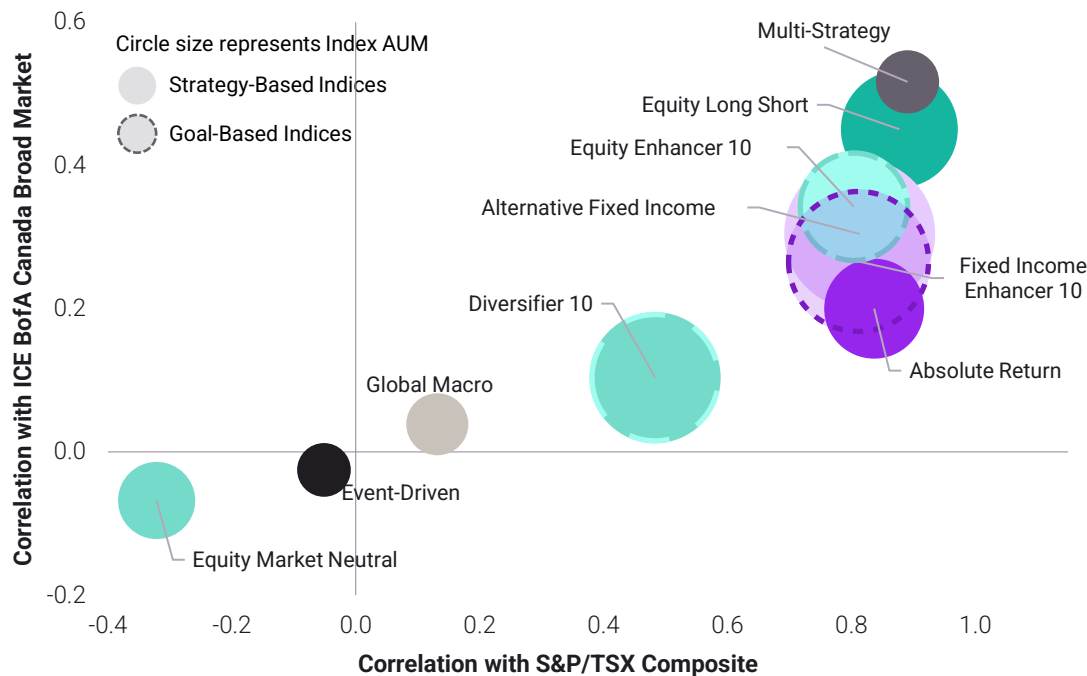
CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS BY STRATEGY

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD	Since Inception ¹	
						Return	Vol.
Event-Driven 17.4%	Equity Long Short 15.8%	Global Macro 2.4%	Alternative Fixed Income 7.4%	Equity Long Short 15.3%	Equity Long Short 11.6%	Equity Long Short 9.8%	Equity Market Neutral 3.1%
Equity Long Short 16.4%	Multi-Strategy 9.4%	Equity Market Neutral 1.5%	Absolute Return 5.2%	Multi-Strategy 9.3%	Multi-Strategy 6.8%	Multi-Strategy 5.1%	Absolute Return 3.5%
Multi-Strategy 12.1%	Absolute Return 5.2%	Equity Long Short -3.6%	Multi-Strategy 3.9%	Equity Market Neutral 8.9%	Event-Driven 5.8%	Alternative Fixed Income 4.5%	Global Macro 5.1%
Alternative Fixed Income 6.9%	Alternative Fixed Income 3.9%	Alternative Fixed Income - 3.9%	Equity Long Short 3.5%	Alternative Fixed Income 8.4%	Absolute Return 4.8%	Event-Driven 4.4%	Alternative Fixed Income 5.5%
Global Macro 6.3%	Global Macro 2.9%	Event-Driven -4.8%	Event-Driven 2.8%	Absolute Return 7.2%	Alternative Fixed Income 4.3%	Absolute Return 3.2%	Equity Long Short 7.5%
Equity Market Neutral 3.1%	Equity Market Neutral 0.5%	Absolute Return -5.0%	Global Macro 2.0%	Event-Driven 3.9%	Global Macro 2.9%	Global Macro 3.4%	Event-Driven 8.3%
Absolute Return 1.9%	Event-Driven -0.8%	Multi-Strategy -8.3%	Equity Market Neutral 0.8%	Global Macro 1.3%	Equity Market Neutral 0.0%	Equity Market Neutral 2.4%	Multi-Strategy 8.5%

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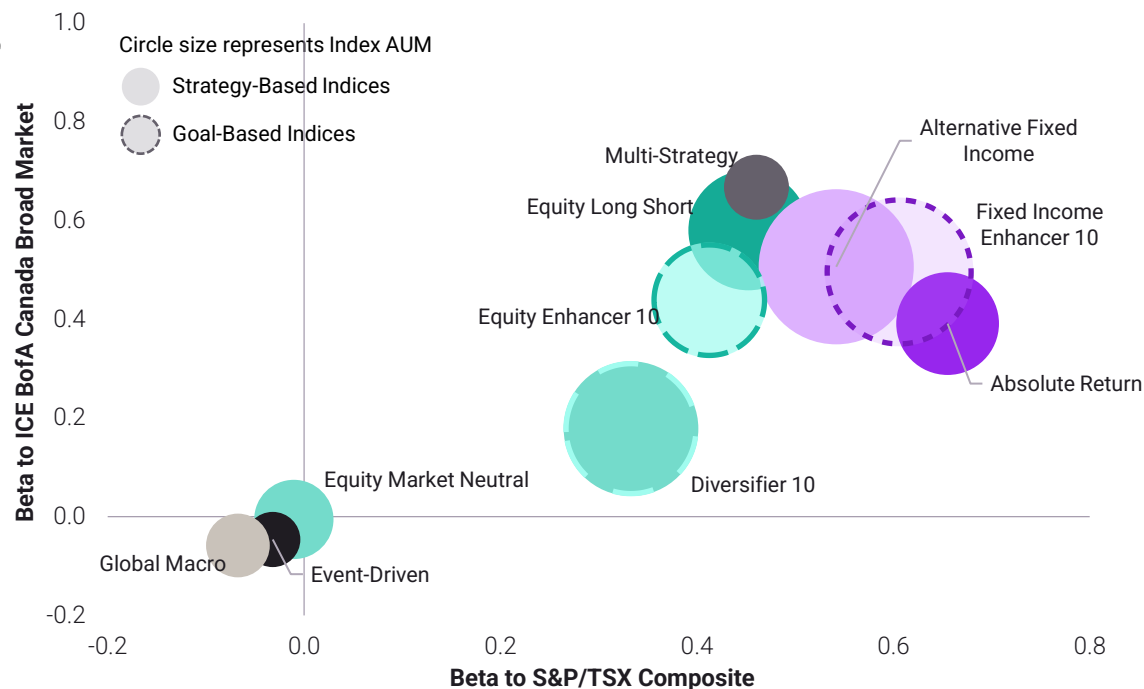
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CORRELATION WITH STOCKS AND BONDS



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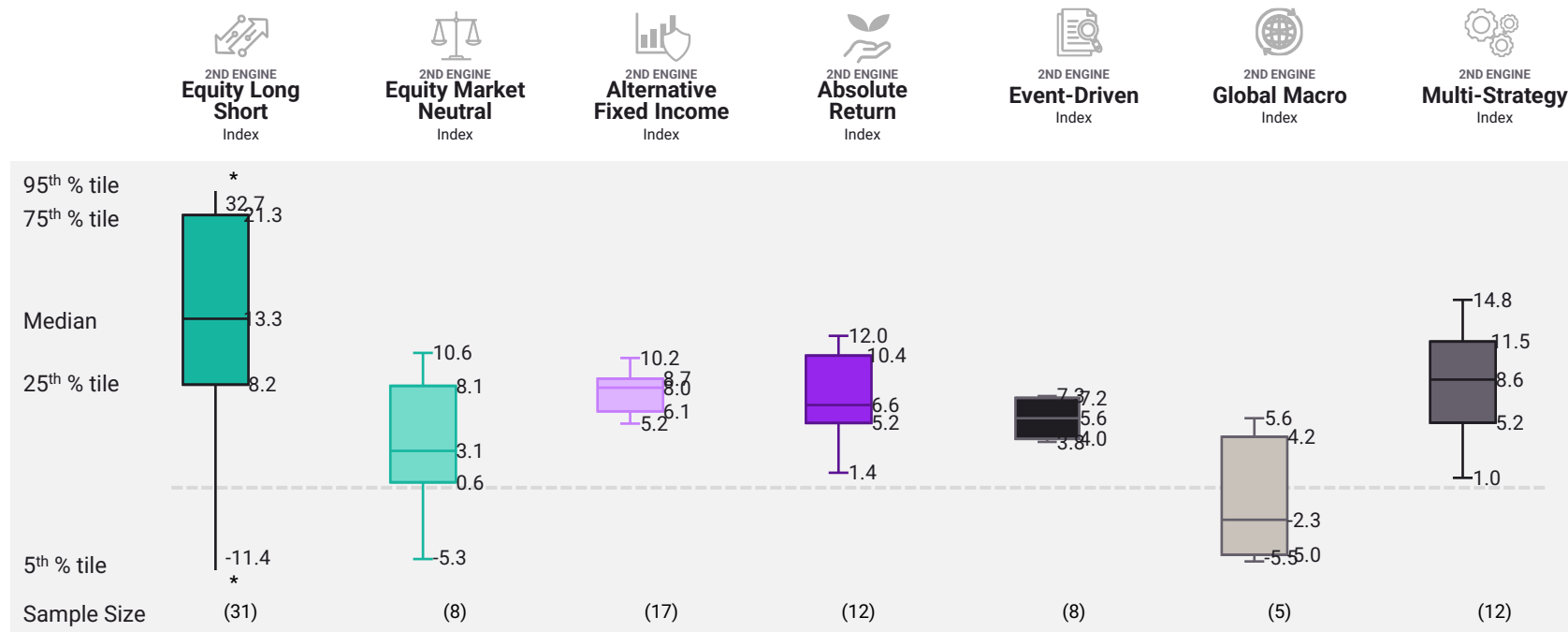
BETA TO STOCKS AND BONDS



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IMPORTANCE OF MANAGER SELECTION

MANAGER PERFORMANCE DISPERSION (TRAILING 3 YEARS, ANNUALIZED)



Source: As of September 30, 2025. Morningstar Inc.

* Chart scale capped for graphing purposes

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RETURN SNAPSHOT: STRATEGY-BASED INDICES



2ND ENGINE
**Liquid
Alternative 35**
Index



2ND ENGINE
**Equity Long
Short**
Index



2ND ENGINE
**Equity Market
Neutral**
Index



2ND ENGINE
**Alternative
Fixed Income**
Index



2ND ENGINE
**Absolute
Return**
Index



2ND ENGINE
Event-Driven
Index



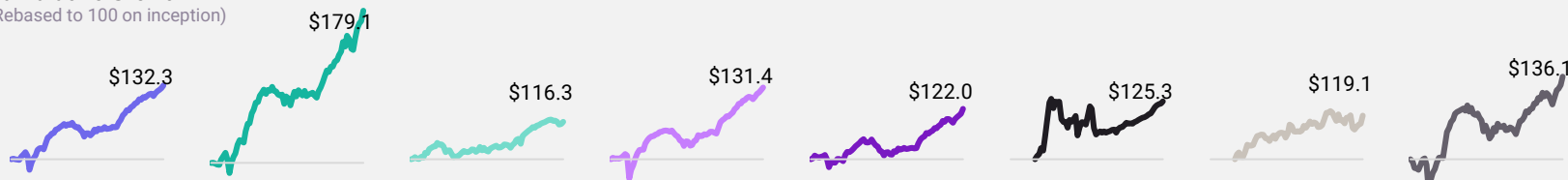
2ND ENGINE
Global Macro
Index



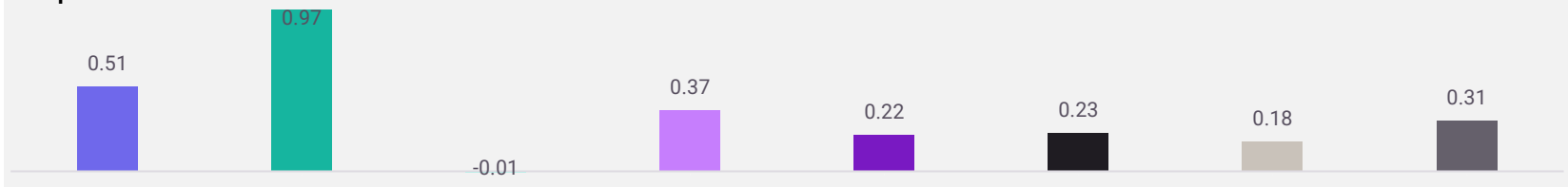
2ND ENGINE
Multi-Strategy
Index

Cumulative Growth

(Rebased to 100 on inception)



Sharpe Ratio



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RETURN SNAPSHOT: GOAL-BASED INDICES



2ND ENGINE
**Liquid
Alternative 35**
Index



2ND ENGINE
**Equity
Enhancer 10**
Index



2ND ENGINE
**Fixed Income
Enhancer 10**
Index



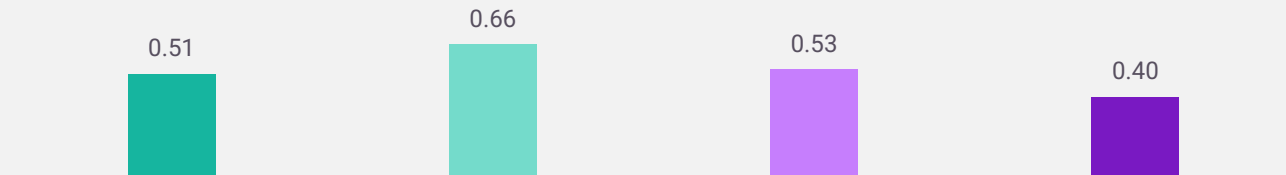
2ND ENGINE
Diversifier 10
Index

Cumulative Growth

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Sharpe Ratio



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CANADA'S TOP 15 LIQUID ALTERNATIVE MANAGERS

	Alternative Strategies ¹		Others ²		Total Liquid Alternatives	
	AUM (C\$ M)	# of Funds	AUM (C\$ M)	# of Funds	AUM (C\$ M)	# of Funds
1832 Asset Management	5,496.3	8	10,165.6	2	15,661.9	10
PICTON Investments	8,475.5	11	-	-	8,475.5	11
Purpose Investments	979.1	5	5,582.9	25	6,562.1	30
CI Investments	3,376.4	9	3,074.5	8	6,450.9	17
Fidelity Investments	3,740.3	8	1,849.3	4	5,589.6	12
Hamilton Capital Partners	-	-	5,324.2	12	5,324.2	12
Harvest Portfolios Group	-	-	3,852.4	40	3,852.4	40
RP Investment Advisors	2,894.4	2	-	-	2,894.4	2
Forge First	1,971.9	2	-	-	1,971.9	2
RBC GAM	1,742.9	1	-	-	1,742.9	1
Evolve Funds Group	-	-	1,549.3	11	1,549.3	11
Mackenzie Investments	800.7	3	683.7	5	1,484.4	8
Global X Investments	170.1	1	1,226.9	20	1,397.0	21
Arrow Capital Management	1,350.8	9	-	-	1,350.8	9
TD Asset Management	842.9	2	3.8	1	846.7	3
Market Share of Total Liquid Alternative Universe	78.5%				85.0%	

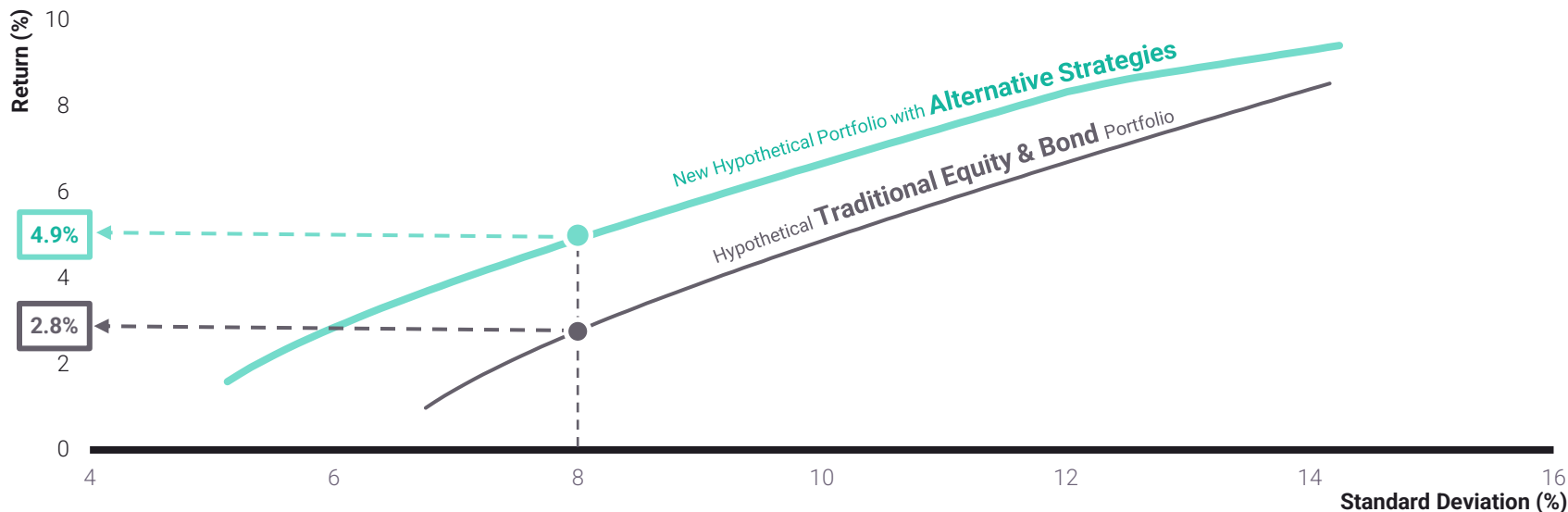
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OPTIMIZE PORTFOLIO EFFICIENCY WITH ALTERNATIVES

Case Study: Efficient Frontier of Traditional Portfolio vs New Portfolio (w. Alternatives)



Source: Morningstar Inc. From June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2024. Equity is represented by S&P/TSX Composite Index, and Fixed Income is represented by ICE BofA Canada Broad Market Index. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance. Alternative assets compose of the 3 goal-based indices from 2ND ENGINE, i.e. 2ND ENGINE Equity Enhancer 10 Index, 2ND ENGINE Fixed Income Enhancer 10 Index, 2ND ENGINE Diversifier 10 Index. Weight for each asset is capped at 80%. Weight for Alternative Strategies are capped at 30%. The portfolios used in this efficient frontier is hypothetical in nature, calculated using the historical returns of the underlying indices. Indices are unmanaged, are not available for direct investment, and are not subject to management fees, transaction costs or other types of expenses that a portfolio may incur. Therefore, performance of actual portfolios can differ significantly.

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WHY LIQUID ALTERNATIVES?

Enhancing returns and diversifying risk, while preserving liquidity and maintaining strong governance

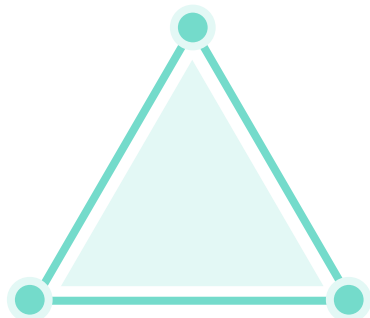
	Traditional Mutual Fund	Liquid Alternative	Hedge Fund
Eligible Investors	Retail Investors	Retail Investors	Accredited Investors only
Leverage	Not permitted	Up to 300% of Net Asset Value	No explicit maximum
Short Selling	Up to 20% of Net Asset Value (cash cover required)	Up to 50% of Net Asset Value (or 100% with exemptive relief)	No explicit maximum
Borrowing	Not permitted	Up to 50% of Net Asset Value (or 100% with exemptive relief)	No explicit maximum
Governance	Independent Review Committee required	Independent Review Committee required	No specific governance requirement
Redemption Term	Daily	Daily (most common), or weekly	Weekly, monthly (most common) or quarterly
Transparency	Quarterly portfolio disclosure Annual and interim financial disclosure	Quarterly portfolio disclosure Annual and interim financial disclosure	Annual and interim financial disclosure
Minimum Investment	Low ¹	Low to medium ¹	High ¹

¹ Minimum investment levels are relative, traditional mutual funds and liquid alternatives generally have much lower minimums than hedge funds. Exact thresholds vary by fund and provider.

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