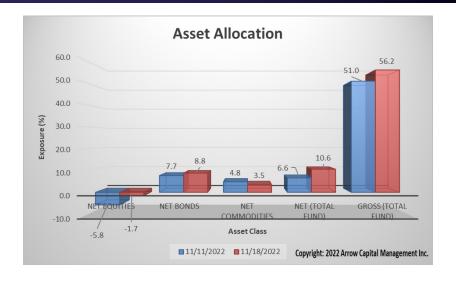
# ARROW GLOBAL ADVANTAGE ALTERNATIVE CLASS

Week ending November 18, 2022





Monthly performance, macro context, current positioning and future expectations.

#### **Performance**

Week of November 18th, 2022

## Arrow Global Advantage Alternative Class (F Class):

WTD 0.39%

MTD -0.70%

YTD -2.35%

#### **MSCI ACWI:**

WTD 0.20%

MTD 5.06%

YTD -18.39%

## **Global Market Summary**

The Fund had a decent week on the back of our strong results in our long/short book. We had a high/positive hit rate especially on the short side in discretionary and industrials.

Rather than speaking on markets maybe a brief comment on US politics. While we spend most of our time trying to map and forecast the business cycle, policy (monetary/fiscal/geo-political) issues all play a role in both the path and rate of change of inflation and economic growth – so it is important to have a view and monitor these developments closely. This past week we caught up with the Piper (ex Cornerstone) Policy strategist veteran Andy Laperriere for an update post US mid-terms and we gleaned several important take-aways.

Firstly, with Congress now officially divided, we have entered a lame duck session and so, not much should be expected in terms of passing outstanding legislation save for further defense spending, political "investigations" (aka grand standing) and most likely a debt-ceiling showdown. The latter is the most important as much higher rates, continued big deficits and a high level of debt to GDP will offer canon fodder for the GOP to press back against tax/spend initiatives. Andy notes that we are likely to see in excess of \$200 bn in potential fiscal tightening in 2023. On the margin, this will remove some of the growth potential in the US economy.

Secondly, the mid terms produced some interesting developments wrt the 2024 elections. The failure of Trump backed tickets and the resilience of the Dems. On the former, Andy notes that the Trumps odds of winning the ticket rise if a large number of candidates run for the nomination otherwise the odds favour DeSantis as the nominee. While Trump has a rock solid core, his chances (based on the mid terms) are diminished to win versus DeSantis wrt the swing/independent voter. On Biden, polling suggests his own party would prefer someone else. Biden celebrated his 80 birthday this past weekend – the first sitting President to achieve that milestone. That being said, any actuary will tell you time is running short on his life expectancy so, if he was planning to step down, it would make the most sense to do so in the next few months. That being said, this is entirely his decision; gone are the days of the "smoke-filled" room where the party brass crowns a successor. Ditto for the GOP as proven demonstrably by Trump. We reviewed all the possible candidates / outcomes on both sides and while entertaining it is simply too early.

The coming week features US Thanksgiving on Thursday so it will be quiet. Aside from the slate of FED speakers and the FED minutes on Wednesday we don't expect much in the way of fireworks. If you recall last year we got the Omicron news on Thanksgiving – that was wild – hopefully nothing major this week. We will stick with our positions but we do believe December could be a real challenging month for markets.

# Summary Table

Economic Forecasts (Q4/2022 and Q1/2023)

Country	Q4 Outlook	Q1 Outlook
US	D	D
Canada	D	D
Eurozone	1	D
China	G	1
Japan	1	G

D= Deflation / G= Real Growth / R= Inflationary Growth / I = Inflation

## **Economic Weekly Update**

Below is a summary of the week and significant changes.



The portfolio is divided into 2 parts – a Global Long/Short part (individual securities) and a Global Macro part that focuses on liquid futures, ETF's etc. across FX, Commodities, Fixed Income and Equities.

## Summary of our current positioning:

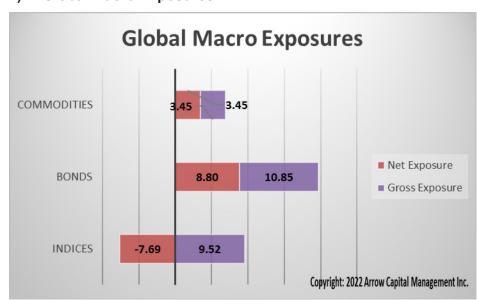
# 1) Global Sector Exposures (Long / Short Portfolio of individual companies)



Both S&P 500 and the world index(ACWI) were slightly down last week with defensive sectors, i.e. staples, utilities and health care, significantly outperforming consumer discretionary and cyclical sectors(energy, reits, materials and financials). Consumer discretionary is the area that we have plenty alpha shorts which have created decent alpha so far as a result of their disappointing earnings.

William Sonoma(WSM) and Floor & Decor(FND) are two examples within our home products short, which will be comping against a 50% growth in 2023 at a three year stack. With the housing market slowing dramatically, are these two really able to grow double digit in their top line again in 2023 as consensus expects? We really doubt that. WSM did already see the FY23 earnings estimate come down 7% after they missed by a cent in Q3, however, with their discounting ramped up and demand really slowing, is it possible to see the EPS getting anywhere closer to the pre-pandemic level, i.e. around \$4, vs. staying at current \$16 EPS for the next three years? We still think there's decent downside on the "darling" names within the consumer space. On the other side, those companies that were impacted by supply chain congestion over the last two years should see a tailwind as the supply chain continues to improve.

## 2) Global Macro Exposures



Total Gross: 23.83%, Total Net: 4.56%

## **Commodities - Bullish Gold**

Commodities were reduced by 1.32%. We are long Gold and Silver Futures and December 23 Oil Futures.

#### **Bonds – Bullish Duration / Short Credit**

Bonds were increased by 1.15%. The bulk of our exposure is in the US 5 yr. Treasury Note Future.

## **Equity Futures – Negative**

Index shorts were reduced by 2.26%. We are short the S&P 500 and S&P/TSX 60 Futures. We are also short a Goldman Sachs Basket of Non Profitable Tech Companies.

# Foreign Exchange Positions:

FX EXPOSURE	%
CAD	88.4
USD	24.9
Other	0.1
AUD	0.0
JPY	-0.7
GBP	-2.3
EUR	-10.5
DXY	3.1
<u>Total Fund</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

<sup>\*</sup> We have included the delta adjusted totals to the FX summary above.

## FX - Bullish USD

CAD was reduced by 4.4%. USD was increased by 16.4%. GBP short was increased by 2.2%. EUR short was increased by 9.6%.

We look forward to reporting back next week.

Thanks, Arrow Investment Team Historical Performance – As of October 31, 2022

-0.48%

1-Year 3-Year

3-Year 5-Year ITD 5.02% 3.64%

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