# ARROW OPPORTUNITIES ALTERNATIVE CLASS FORMERLY ARROW GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES ALTERNATIVE CLASS - August 2023

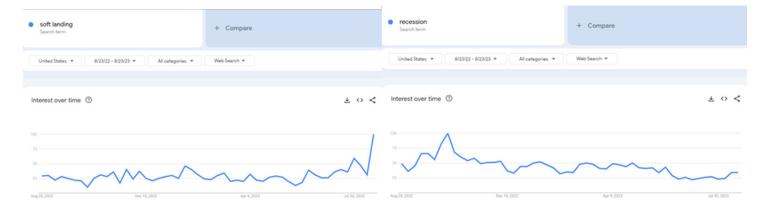


Hope you're keeping well and enjoyed the Summer. We will be hosting our quarterly Liquids Alt update on Thursday, October 5 at 2pm. Hope you can join. <u>WebEx Registration Link here.</u>

For August, the Fund was +0.38% vs -1.37% for the TSX and -1.59% for the S&P500 USD. YTD, the Fund is -1.49% vs +6.94% for the TSX and +18.73% for the S&P500 USD.

# Market Update and thoughts about the Consumer

Choppiness prevailed in August as momentum and breadth deteriorated. Our defensive positioning helped us return a positive month. We continue to worry that the market has lulled itself into a false sense of security with a 'soft landing' now becoming the consensus narrative. A crude illustration is Google Trends, which shows 'soft landing' searches spiked to highs in late August. Notably, the market bottomed in October last year, co-incident with peak searches for 'recession'.



The soft landing view is that that the effects of the tightening cycle should have been felt by now, and since the economy remains resilient, this is building evidence of a soft landing. Is this possible? Sure. Is it likely? We don't think so. Our thesis has been quite simple...history shows us that hard landings are difficult to avoid after aggressive tightening cycles. This will lead to a cut in earnings as well as the market multiple.

If you asked us a year ago, we would have thought this would have happened by now. In hindsight, we may have underestimated the power of excess savings built through the pandemic, exacerbated by fiscal stimulus and a pent up spending impulse (covid revenge spend). Use me as an example...I was willing to pay materially inflated prices to take an overseas vacation this Summer after a 3 year hiatus. Would I do this next year? Likely not.

Although the consumer remains resilient, we see risk of a slowdown and we don't like the setup from here. Delinquencies are rising, as the savings cushion erodes, student loan payments kick back in, and energy prices lift. Layer on the risk of job uncertainty and rising mortgage rates, and we could foresee the consumer weakening materially in Q4 and into 2024. In our view, this will infect the housing market which has been at a recent standstill as homeowners are unwilling to sell and lock in to a higher rate mortgage. Ultimately, this decision may be forced on them if the economy slows and triggers a negative feedback loop.

### Fund Update

Our exposure levels remain low, both on a net and gross basis. This allowed us to return a positive month, in the face of a down tape. Our Energy exposure benefited this month, with our long held Uranium holdings starting to pick up momentum. Despite our cautious top down outlook, we continue to find opportunistic trading opportunities and are constantly looking for undervalued businesses that we can hold through a downturn.

One such name is Pollard Banknote (PBL) which is one of the largest producers of lottery tickets in the world. This is a recession resistant, family owned business, that has been around for decades. This checks many boxes for us - leading market positioning, high FCF profile, high insider ownership, and prudent capital allocation. The company faced cost pressures through covid, but are now starting to see the benefits of pricing offsets that will continue to improve margins for the near/mid term.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Fund.

Sincerely,

**Chung Kim** Portfolio Manager Arrow Capital Management Inc.

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#### August 2023

Historical Performance	1 yr	3 yr	ITD
Arrow Opportunities Alt Class Series F	0.89	22.01	25.05

Returns as of August 31, 2023

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Exemptive relief was granted by the Ontario Securities Commission on November 21, 2021 to permit the Fund to use performance prior to the Fund becoming a reporting issuer.

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