ARROW GLOBAL MULTI-ASSET ALT FUND commentary - WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 2024





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

Performance

October 11, 2024

Arrow Global Multi-Asset Alternative Fund (Series F):

WTD 0.59%

MTD 0.92%

YTD 5.51%

Global Market Summary

John F. Kennedy once famously said: "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.", recognizing that change was inevitable. This quote clearly has relevance and applicability within financial markets, especially in the aftermath of the pandemic which has ushered in generational policy change. Concomitantly, market structure has undergone change in terms of leadership, products, participation, and multi-asset correlations. All these factors combined underscore our thesis that active management is essential to delivering more consistent portfolio diversification and resilience. By no means does this invalidate the merits of harvesting risk premia, e.g., whether via the equity risk premium or credit spreads, but it does illustrate that sources of diversification have changed.

We share these observations as markets enter a likely more challenging near-term phase ahead with US elections, geopolitics, Chinese policy shifts and increasingly worrying news from Europe's core nations of Germany and France all having the potential to significantly impact asset prices. Despite positive performance YTD, we note the rather mixed outcome of a broad representation of assets since their respective midsummer peaks (see table below):

ASSET CLASS (ETF PROXY)	SUMMER HIGH	SPOT	~% CHG
Equities Large Cap (SPY)	565	578	2.3
Equities Small Cap (IWM)	229	220.5	-3.8
Bonds (IEF)	98.58	95.86	-2.8
Commodities (DBC)	23.91	23.29	-2.6
Gold (GLD)	229	245.5	7.2

We have heard narratives about protecting gains for the year and know that risk budgets have been lowered since the brief August volatility spike and that those same budgets will not return to prior levels until next year. Combined, all these considerations indicate a risk that uncertainty increases as we approach the last two trading months of the year. Measures of volatility, despite broad equity gains on the week, remain firmly underpinned.

This macro framework is informing our tactical asset allocation. We are managing our risk very tightly and carefully structuring our exposures to minimize drawdowns in this environment but to also participate in several possible outcomes. Our long USD FX exposure has benefited from capitulation by dollar bears as US data has continued to show relative strength and as the Fed sustains its seemingly constant equivocation over the appropriate monetary policy pathway. Having played China from the long side two weeks ago, we had set up for some disappointment as local markets reopened this past week. We monetized these exposures as FXI tested support and then reversed our position as our research in China suggests that policymakers are intent on bolstering equity valuations, and we expect additional policy measures to be announced. Markets can still provide further gains into the end of the year but we simply caution that the path, as laid out above, may not be linear.

We look forward to reporting back next week.

Thanks,

Arrow Investment Team

Historical Performance – As of September 30, 2024

1-Year 3-Year 5-Year ITD AGMAAF - Series F 4.71% 1.03% 3.57% 2.96%

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