Lazard Rathmore Plus

Composite Report

Benchmark: HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index

Reporting Date: 31 December 2024
Composite Inception Date: 01 October 2020
Reporting Currency: U.S. Dollar

Composite Description

The composite returns represent the total returns of all fully discretionary portfolios with a Rathmore Plus mandate. Lazard Rathmore Plus is a non-diversified strategy that seeks absolute returns through a focused relative value approach to attractive opportunities in special situations, events, and convertible securities. The strategy aims to generate returns by exploiting anomalies across a corporation's securities through proprietary screening tools, quantitative analysis, and fundamental research. There is no guarantee that the strategy's risk and performance objectives will be achieved. The strategy is not restricted to investments comprising the HFRX Indices. An investment in any alternative investment is speculative, involves a high degree of risk, and may lose value. The strategy may take short sale positions, which can, in some circumstances, substantially increase the impact of adverse price movements on the portfolio. The strategy pursues both convertible arbitrage and special situation investment opportunities. Convertible arbitrage strategies generally involve price spreads between the convertible security and the underlying equity security. The prices of these investments can be volatile and market movements are difficult to predict. Event-driven investing requires the fund to make predictions about (i) the likelihood that an event will occur and (ii) the impact such event will have on the value of a company's financial instruments. If the event fails to occur or it does not have the effect foreseen, losses can result. The strategy employs the use of leverage. The strategy's net market value is the most representative of the strategy's exposure, or risk-taken, given that long convertible bond exposure is hedged within the same capital structure, with a short stock position in the underlying equity. The strategy's net market value is expected to range from 1x to 4x.

Calculation of Performance Returns

The composite and benchmark returns are reported net of foreign withholding taxes on dividends, interest and capital gains. The composite returns presented represent past performance and is not a reliable indicator of future results, which may vary.

Fee Schedule

Lazard's standard fee schedule for Rathmore Plus accounts is 1.00% management fee and 20% incentive fee, crystallizing annually and incorporates a high water mark. The management fee for the pooled fund is 1.00% with a 20% incentive fee, crystallizing annually with a high watermark, and a 0.30% fund expense. Unless otherwise noted, actual account fees, inclusive of performance-based fees and VAT (if applicable) are used in the construction of composite net of fee performance. For non-fee paying portfolios and sleeves of funds, net of fee performance has been calculated using the strategy's standard fee schedule.

Benchmark Information

The HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index consists of funds in which the investment thesis is predicated on realization of a spread between related instruments in which one or multiple components of the spread is a convertible fixed income instrument. Strategies employ an investment process designed to isolate attractive opportunities between the price of a convertible security and the price of a non-convertible security, typically of the same issuer. Convertible arbitrage positions maintain characteristic sensitivities to credit quality the issuer, implied and realized volatility of the underlying instruments, levels of interest rates and the valuation of the issuer's equity, among other more general market and idiosyncratic sensitivities. Hedge Fund Research, Inc. employs the HFRX Methodology (UCITS compliant), a proprietary and highly quantitative process by which hedge funds are selected as constituents for the HFRX Indices. This methodology includes robust classification, cluster analysis, correlation analysis, advanced optimization and Monte Carlo simulations. More specifically, the HFRX Methodology defines certain qualitative characteristics, such as: whether the fund is open to transparent fund investment and the satisfaction of the index manager's due diligence requirements. The HFRX Indices are peer group benchmarks and therefore are subject to self-reporting bias (not all hedge funds may be represented).

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	Calendar				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	Oct 20 - Dec 20
Lazard Rate of Return (%; Gross of Fees)	14.24	8.78	-7.18	20.28	10.54
Lazard Rate of Return (%; Net of Fees)	10.60	7.48	-8.30	15.08	8.15
Benchmark (%; Rate of Return)	6.82	10.11	-12.50	3.62	6.47
Composite Standard Deviation Gross (3-yr. Ann.)	5.99	7.30	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benchmark Standard Deviation (3-yr. Ann.)	7.19	6.92	N/A	N/A	N/A
# of Portfolios	1	1	1	1	1
Composite Dispersion Gross (Asset Wtd. Std. Dev.)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Composite Assets (USD Millions)	157.3	145.1	127.2	151.5	123.3
Total Firm Assets (USD Billions)	167.6	190.7	169.0	222.1	213.0