

The List: Alternative Indices



The performance table below is a collection of both traditional and alternative indices for the 1, 5, and 10-year period annualized through September 2018. Both the annualized volatility and draw-down figures are calculated using a 10 year quarterly return series.

Alternative investments have been growing markedly over the past few years, creating a multitude of opportunities for owners and allocators alike. As the number and type of alternative asset classes continue to proliferate, we believe they are playing a more unique role in assisting investors achieve their desired investment outcomes. As we expect this trend to continue, we found it necessary to structure a pure alternative assets portfolio to have visibility in this exciting marketplace.

We set out to strike a balance between available assets in proportion to their market value, and to reflect the average “alternative investor”. We defined the investment opportunity to simply be the following three asset classes: Real Asset, Private Equity/Venture Capital, and Hedge Funds. Real assets are comprised of real estate, commodities, timberland, farmland, infrastructure, bank loans, and cat bonds; within real asset the weights were structured to reflect the market portfolio¹ within that universe. To arrive at our weight¹, we researched various endowments and foundations, as well as surveys conducted by Willis Towers Watson and Russell Investments. Based on our research, alternative historical allocations have not had material deviation and therefore we decided to implement a market weight of 1/3 across each of those asset classes. A few of the constituents are not investable, and some may be reported gross or net of fee.

	Ending Sept 2018				Draw- down
	1 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Ann. Vol	
MSCI World Free	11.84%	9.89%	9.18%	16.47%	-30.88%
Barclays Global Agg	-1.38%	0.17%	2.25%	7.20%	-10.20%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-0.44%	3.99%	5.76%	21.92%	-27.56%
Barclays Global High Yield	0.27%	4.85%	9.22%	12.42%	-18.29%
HFRI Fund Weighted Composite	3.93%	4.10%	4.55%	6.54%	-9.19%
CISDM EW Hedge Fund	4.13%	4.94%	5.65%	7.15%	-9.13%
CISDM CTA EW	2.64%	5.16%	4.16%	6.76%	-7.93%
CISDM Distressed Securities	4.93%	4.39%	6.17%	7.13%	-12.48%
CISDM Equity Long/Short	5.21%	5.60%	6.21%	6.26%	-7.82%
CA US Private Equity	18.51%	13.46%	12.02%	8.07%	-18.77%
CA US Venture Capital	19.66%	14.98%	11.01%	8.07%	-14.67%
LPX Mezzanine Listed Private Eqty	6.52%	7.27%	4.39%	32.89%	-70.95%
FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs	4.69%	9.65%	7.81%	24.85%	-58.31%
NCREIF Property	7.16%	9.57%	7.40%	5.71%	-23.75%
S&P Global Property	1.65%	6.13%	6.42%	21.61%	-43.82%
S&P Global Infrastructure	-2.84%	6.14%	6.06%	16.04%	-30.81%
Bloomberg Commodities	2.59%	-7.18%	-6.24%	17.37%	-53.55%
NCREIF Timberland	4.00%	5.99%	4.01%	3.61%	-5.69%
NCREIF Farmland	6.83%	9.89%	11.64%	4.85%	0.00%
Alternative Assets Portfolio	9.59%	9.08%	7.75%	6.56%	-17.27%
Global 60/40	6.49%	6.05%	6.77%	10.41%	-17.74%
60% Portfolio/40% Global 60/40	7.74%	7.28%	7.22%	8.47%	-17.51%

Source: CAIA, CISDM, HFRI, Cambridge Associates and Bloomberg.