



## Inflection Performance: July 2018

## Steadfast

July was a difficult month with ISOF Series A USD down -1.75% and Ultra Series A USD down -2.43%.

Although most of the portfolio is composed of managers quietly working their seam to produce slow, steady returns, we also take more directional positions when a potentially deep and rewarding opportunity presents itself. AND, our energy specialist, is an example of this.

AND's strategy is global in nature and trades on the mispricings in global energy markets due to the short-term focus of most market participants. Over a long history AND has proven that his data collection and analysis is better than his competitors and has often resulted in contrarian positions. But, as sometimes happens with our deeper dives, the path to profit can be a rocky one.

Energy markets are volatile and subject to hiccups such as geopolitical events, trade war fears, and the frequent misinterpretation of data. AND's analysis shows that the oil market will be largely undersupplied in the 2019-2020 period due to an insufficient investment in future production after oil dropped below \$30 a barrel in 2016.

AND has been a top positive contributor to our portfolio in previous years and has a proven history of getting the fundamentals right and positioning his fund accordingly in both bull and bear oil markets. If correct once again, this strategy will likely be a top contributor to our returns over the next couple of years, and therefore worth the negative months along the way.

AND detracted -0.60% from performance in July. The portfolio was designed with AND's volatility in mind (as well as with our CTA manager, ALP). Even with AND's volatility of 24.80% and ALP's volatility of 21.69% the portfolio as a whole has had a volatility of only 3.68% over the past 25 months, well within our goal of mid-single digits.

Our second largest detractor in July was HUN, an arbitrage focused manager who employs a range of strategies across ETFs and indices, share classes, and corporate actions. HUN detracted -0.52% from performance on the month. The majority of their drawdown came from the NXPI/QCOM merger break. With NXPI now trading well below fair value estimates due to technical post-break selling, we anticipate there should be some recovery in NXPI in the near term.

The remaining 19 of our managers contributed between +0.20% and -0.23% on the month, with 7 positive and 12 negative.





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With President Volatility likely to turn this fall's US midterm elections into yet another opportunity to display his unique brand of executive governance, we expect many of the mispricing opportunities on which our managers thrive.

Sincerely,

The Inflection Team

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