

# Xenon Alpha Plus2



Xenon Alpha Plus2 are redeemable preference shares carrying a return linked to the performance of the Alpha Plus Portfolio. The shares are issued by Deutsche Xenon Alpha Plus2 Limited. The Alpha Plus Portfolio is designed to generate returns linked to the performance of two funds of hedge funds: the Ivy Rosewood Diversified Fund and the Meridian Diversified Fund

#### **Performance review**

Performance (to 31 March 2008)	Xenon Alpha Plus2	UBS Composite Bond Index	S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index	S&P 500 Accumulation in USD
One month	-5.95%	1.60%	-3.31%	-0.43%
Three months	-10.18%	2.21%	-14.39%	-9.44%
Six months	-7.73%	2.47%	-16.73%	-12.46%
Annualised return since inception on 27 May 2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	8.01%	4.31%	14.48%	5.50 %

(1) Represents the compound average growth rate since inception on 27 May 2005

Source: Deutsche Bank

Percentage change in net asset value <sup>(1)</sup>													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD <sup>(2)</sup>
2005						2.1%	3.9%	1.4%	1.4%	-3.7%	2.3%	3.2%	10.8%
2006	6.0%	0.1%	1.9%	3.7%	-4.9%	-1.6%	-1.6%	3.1%	-10%	2.66%	5.37%	3.27%	7.15%
2007	4.99%	0.86%	1.66%	2.85%	5.89%	-0.15%	-0.91%	-5.24%	3.41%	5.18%	-1.27%	-1.07	16.77%
2008	-7.46%	3.20%	-5.95%	2.0070	0.007	0.1070	0.0170	0.2 170	0.1170	0.1070	1.27 70	1107	-10.18%

- (1) Represents the percentage change each month in the net asset value of Xenon Alpha Plus2
- (2) Represents the year to date percentage change in the net asset value of Xenon Alpha Plus2 Source: Deutsche Bank

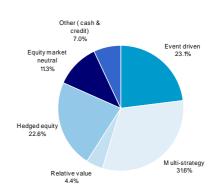
Ivy allocation by strategy as at 1 April 2008				
	% of fund			
Relative value	40.6%			
Long/short equity	24.3%			
Event driven	16.2%			
Credit	9.3%			
Tactical trading	3.5%			
Other	6.1%			
Total	100.0%			

Source: Ivy Asset Management

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Meridian allocation by strategy as at 1 April 2008				
	% of fund			
Multi strategy	31.6%			
Hedged equity	22.6%			
Equity market neutral	11.3%			
Event driven	23.1%			
Other (cash & credit)	7.0%			
Relative value	4.4%			
Total	100.0%			

Source: Meridian



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## Portfolio performance

For the first guarter of 2008, the Xenon Alpha Plus2 Portfolio decreased by 10.18%. Combined with its performance since inception in May 2005, Xenon Alpha Plus2 has recorded an annualised return of 8.01%.

During the quarter the Meridian account contributed -5.7 percentage points to performance and the Ivv account contributed -4.48 percentage points to performance.

The total leverage employed per Xenon Alpha Plus2 was \$4.22 per Share at quarter end.

#### **Macro review**

The first quarter of 2008 was a challenging period for hedge fund Against a backdrop of investing. weakening US data, credit markets continued to experience significant dislocations, global equity markets weakened significantly, and a systematic deleveraging across the financial sector put severe pressure on many asset In addition, global liquidity classes. deteriorated throughout March, which caused the US Federal Reserve to undertake some historic steps:

- First the Fed expanded its securities lending program, where significant amounts of capital have been made available to banks and primary dealers as well as in the repo markets where loan terms have been lengthened;
- Second. the Fed provided assistance to J.P. Morgan which agreed to acquire Bear Stearns & Co.;
- Finally the Fed also continued to monetary policy, aggressively cutting rates (three times during the quarter), with the Federal funds rate moving from 4.50% to 2.25%.

The turmoil in credit markets and concerns about the prospect of a global slowdown caused all major global equity markets to sell off 20% or more from their highs set in October 2007. Every sector in the S&P 500 declined in the first guarter.

## Strategy review

**Event Driven**. It was a challenging environment for event driven managers as investor uncertainty and volatile markets led to an elevated level of broken deals. Due to difficulties of companies accessing capital through the traditional equity and debt markets, deal activity was muted over the guarter. Furthermore, risk reduction and forced selling by a handful of merger arbitrage, value/event and distressed investors put additional pressure on the space, causing significant mark-to-market volatility.

Credit. Conditions in credit markets were highly challenging again in this quarter, as a negative feedback loop between the continued credit crunch and deteriorating macro economic conditions made life difficult for many credit orientated The lack of liquidity in the managers. various segments of the credit markets was evident, weighing heavily on the price of the related securities.

**Equity.** While equity markets ended the quarter off their lows, markets sold off dramatically during the quarter. Though interest rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve brought moments of relief, these gains tended to lack the depth and breadth of past rallies. This led to a number of trend reversals, which served to keep volatility elevated. Overall, the quarter was a challenging period for equity managers and performance was therefore mixed.

Tactical Trading. In general, tactical trading managers performed well during the quarter, with the main drivers being movements in and commodities. eauities initially established in 2007, that continued to extend during the first quarter of 2008.

Relative Value. Relative value managers had a mixed performance over the guarter, as some managers benefited from rising equity volatility while others with more equity and credit sensitive portfolios posted moderate losses.





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