

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 30 June 2008)	Xenon Alpha Plus2	UBS Composite Bond Index	S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index	S&P 500 Accumulation in USD
One month	-1.70%	0.31%	-7.46%	-8.43%
Three months	4.97%	0.41%	-1.79%	-2.73%
Six months	-5.72%	2.63%	-15.92%	-11.91%
Annualised return since inception on 27 May 2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	9.04%	4.10%	12.59%	4.11 %

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

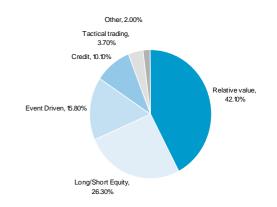
Source: Deutsche Bank

YTD <sup>(2)</sup>
10.8%
7.15%
16.77%
-5.72%
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- (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

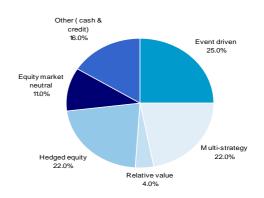
Ivy allocation by strategy as at 1 July 2008		
	% of fund	
Relative value	42.1%	
Long/short equity	26.3%	
Event driven	15.8%	
Credit	10.10%	
Tactical trading	3.7%	
Other	2.0%	
Total	100.0%	

Source: Ivy Asset Management



Meridian allocation by strategy as at 1 July 2008				
	% of fund			
Multi strategy	22.0%			
Hedged equity	22.0%			
Equity market neutral	11.0%			
Event driven	25.0%			
Other (cash & credit)	16.0%			
Relative value	4.0%			
Total	100.0%			

Source: Meridian





# Xenon Alpha Plus2



## Portfolio performance

In the second quarter of 2008, the Xenon Alpha Plus 2 Portfolio increased by 4.97%. Combined with its performance since inception in May 2005, Xenon Alpha Plus 2 has recorded an annualised return of 9.04%

During the quarter the Meridian account contributed 2.96 percentage points to performance and the Ivy account contributed 2.01 percentage points to performance.

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

#### **Macro review**

Global equity markets finished June with substantial losses as the turmoil in the financials' sector and rising inflationary concerns weighed heavily on investor sentiment worldwide. The bear market which began in mid-March, continued into the first half of the second quarter before reversing course as a combination of renewed concerns about the magnitude of credit-related problems in the financial sector, a negative trend in earnings momentum and inflation fears from spiking commodity prices, particularly crude oil, drove markets down to new lows in June.

At June month end global markets finished in deeply negative territory as exemplified by the S&P 500's fall of 8.4%, making June 2008 the index's worst month since September 2002. Almost all of the Western European stock markets have experienced double digit declines in the first half of 2008, with Germany down 20.4%, France down 21% and the UK down 12.9%. Asian markets also fell, with the Asian Pacific markets (ex Japan) declining 14.5% during the first half of 2008. The poor overall performance of equities dominated more successful performance in other sectors.

## Strategy review

Event Driven. The second quarter of 2008 provided a moderately favourable environment for event driven strategies. Managers employing a special situations approach took advantage of an increase in corporate activity and benefited from the wide dispersion in the equity markets.

Credit. Credit strategies delivered gains in June, led by managers with net short positions in the struggling financials'-related sectors and net long exposures in the energy and agricultural sectors. Overall, high yield bond markets advanced over the second quarter. However, the index performance masks continued high levels of volatility as a strong rally in the first half of the guarter met with a sharp sell off in June. More importantly to hedge funds, there was improvement in the bank debt and markets leveraged loan and restructuring of several CLO deals was completed, further improving the demandsupply balances in the markets. These developments positively contributed to performance for some managers.

**Equity.** Global equities generally ended the guarter lower. A key feature of global equities in the second quarter was relative dispersion, sector which provided for opportunity short/long investing. Managers utilising hedged equity strategies had returns negatively impacted by losses across individual positions in the industrials, transportation, technology and healthcare sectors. Nevertheless, these losses were partially offset by short exposures in the financials and consumer discretionary sectors and general portfolio hedges.

**Tactical Trading.** Tactical trading strategies performed well in the second quarter, with Managers realising gains on short equity index positions and foreign currency trades. Almost all commodities were strong positive performers.

Relative Value. The market's recognition of deteriorating macroeconomic fundamentals, the return of stability to fixed income relative value trades, and high but stable equity volatility helped relative value managers deliver relatively good results in an environment where equity and credit markets reversed sharply during the quarter.





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