

#### October 2023

# WaveFront Global Investment Program Monthly Commentary

WaveFront's Global Investment Program returned -1.00% in October, versus the benchmark SocGen CTA Index return of -1.02%.

Overall, the Program has generated over 180.7% of net total returns since its inception, or +6.4% net annualized. This represents +278 bps of excess return over our benchmark, the SocGen CTA Index, which has returned 3.6% over the same period. The BTop50 Index, which replicates the overall composition of the managed futures industry, has generated 3.2% in annualized return during the same period, further emphasizing the superiority of WaveFront's systematic trading program over its peer group.

## **Performance Summary**

as of October 31, 2023 | Annualized if greater than one year

<b>6.4%</b> CAGR	181% Total Return
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(%) Return	Oct	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr	Incp*
WaveFront Program	-1.0	-1.6	-8.6	18.7	14.2	5.2	6.4
SG CTA Index	-1.0	0.7	-4.5	11.1	7.1	4.5	3.6
BTop 50 Index	-0.7	1.8	-2.8	11.2	7.6	4.0	3.2

<sup>\*</sup>Inception on May 1, 2007

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Net short positions in fixed income led sector contributors in a month characterized by declining prices in risk assets combined with higher risk-free rates across the curve. Program performance was also benefited by net short positions in currencies and equities. Net long energy holdings were the largest detractor by sector in October followed by softs which also posted net losses during the month. The dynamic nature of the Program's exposure selection criteria and risk management model saw further overall risk reductions from previous month's levels.

## MARKET COMMENTARY

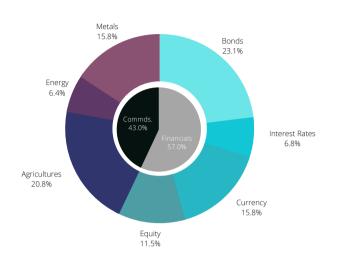
October proved challenging for global equity markets, extending the downturn that has characterized recent months. The S&P 500 retreated to May levels, shedding 94.25 points to close at 4,193.80, impacted by persistent yield spikes and geopolitical unease stemming from tensions in Gaza. Similarly, the TSX's 667.80 point decline to 18,873.47 pushed it into the red year-to-date, reflecting widespread concern over tightening financial conditions, inflationary persistence, and subdued reactions to corporate earnings.

Despite the Bank of Canada maintaining interest rates at 5%, the market absorbed the nuanced message of its monetary policy report: inflationary pressures are gradually abating, but the journey back to the 2% target is slow, with expectations set for mid-2024. This mirrors broader economic indicators, where softening consumption and investment weigh on growth, yet labor market tightness continues due to demographic shifts.

In the U.S., the Federal Reserve kept rates steady in its October 31–November 1 meeting, a decision that reflects a nuanced interpretation of recent economic data, including a persistent core inflation and an upside surprise in GDP growth for Q3 at a robust 4.9% annual rate, powered by a surge in personal spending. However, expectations are set for a cool-down in Q4.

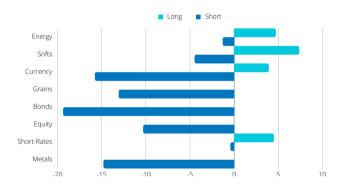
## **Program Sector Exposure**

By Risk as of October 31, 2023



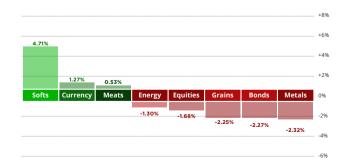
# **Program Sector Exposure (Long & Short)**

By Risk (%) as of October 31, 2023



## **Program Sector Performance**

Year-to-date performance by sector as of October 31, 2023



Data source: Bloomberg and WaveFront Global
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# **Futures Markets Performance Summary**

Major Futures Markets, YTD Performance as of October 31, 2023

Energy	<b>₿</b> Grains	© Softs	© Currency	Meats	₩ Metals	🍄 Equities
Oil WTI	Oats	Org. Juice	GBP	Fdr Cattle	Gold	Nasdaq
81.02	389.25	417.70	1.2152	237.20	1,994.30	12,851
+0.68% YTD	+5.99% YTD	+102.37% YTD	+0.45% YTD	+29.12% YTD	+9.20% YTD	+22.78% YTD
Oil Brent 87.41 +1.75% YTD	Wheat 556.25	Cocoa 3,817.00 +46.81% YTD	CAD 0.7207 -2.32% YTD	Live Cattle 183.75 +18.69% YTD	Copper 3.5750 -6.24% YTD	S&P 500 4,194 +8.62% YTD
Natural Gas	Corn	Cotton #2	JPY	Lean Hogs	Silver	DJIA
3.58	478.75	81.22	0.6592	71.72	22.95	33,135
-20.11% YTD	-29.44% YTD	-2.58% YTD	-13.55% YTD	-18.22% YTD	-4.53% YTD	-0.45% YTD

Data source: Bloomberg and WaveFront Global Asset Management Corp.

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The Treasury's announcement of a \$112 billion issuance, slightly below expectations, provided a temporary respite to a volatile bond market, yet the specter of federal deficits looms large. Notably, the "Magnificent 7" tech giants continued to diverge in performance, with significant implications for market sentiment and the valuation of Al advancements in equity markets.

In the broader landscape, the energy sector receded after months of gains, while utilities and technology inched forward. Surging mortgage rates dealt a fresh blow to housing prices, while inflation rates stalled, and the yield curve showed signs of normalization.

Labor market data presented a mixed picture with steady unemployment but robust job creation, and manufacturing dipped into contraction. Retail sales demonstrated resilience, yet the housing market remained pressured by spiking mortgage rates.

Amidst these headwinds, commodities offered a silver lining, with gold prices rebounding and oil prices retreating, providing some relief at the gas pumps.

As we look ahead, we maintain a cautiously optimistic view for the Canadian market, anticipating a normalization that will unfold over the coming years. We believe that an eventual broadening of U.S. equity performance and a stabilization of interest rate expectations will revive investor confidence, which could notably benefit the TSX in the foreseeable future.



Retail investors keen on a daily liquidity version of our program are invited to explore the WaveFront Global Diversified Investment Class (AHP1110), a distinctive managed futures mutual fund available in Canada.

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The WaveFront Global Investment Program is an absolute return, global investment program that applies systematic trading strategies to identify and profit from long-term, fundamentally driven sources of return across a globally diversified universe of financial and commodity markets.

The portfolio is constructed through a quantitative investment process that produces long and short positions in futures and options on futures contracts covering global commodities, currencies, interest rates and equity indices. Factors considered include momentum, value, yield, volatility and correlation, in addition to macroeconomic and supply/demand variables.

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