

# Managed Futures Explained

In a world of increased uncertainty and market turbulence, investors may be reassessing their long term investment goals. With the potential to provide low correlation and diversified<sup>1</sup> returns to traditional portfolios<sup>2</sup>, flows into managed futures have increased. So, what exactly is a managed futures strategy and why might certain investors want to consider it?

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<sup>2</sup> References herein to "traditional portfolio" refer to portfolios concentrated in bonds and equities.

## What is Managed Futures?

Managed futures is an alternative investment strategy trading liquid<sup>3</sup> global futures and other derivative markets through Commodity Trading Advisors (CTAs). Typically bi-directional in nature, CTAs have the ability to go long or short in any given trade. Managed futures has historically delivered low correlation to equities.

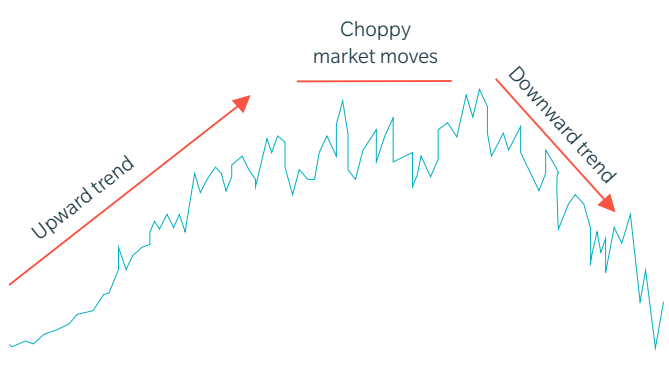
<sup>3</sup> Liquidity is subject to market conditions.



# How do Managed Futures work?

The most prevalent trading strategies for CTAs<sup>4</sup> are systematic strategies. This contrasts with the discretionary or value based decision making style of many bond and equity investment managers.

<sup>4</sup> Please see the Glossary of Terms on page 4.



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Trendfollowing, which is an example of a managed futures trading style, is a 'momentum' investment strategy that looks for signals in the price movement of a security, whether that is up or down, over a period of time. Using price data, such as moving averages, price breakout and other trading signals, trendfollowing managers determine whether an asset is potentially moving on an up or down trend.

## The core features of Managed Futures



### Diversification

The drivers of returns for managed futures are different to those of long equity portfolios. Combining managed futures with equities has the potential to create portfolio benefits above those experienced by an equity-only portfolio.<sup>5</sup>



### Low correlation

With low correlation over time to bonds and equities, managed futures can provide a differentiated return stream.



### Liquidity\*

Managed futures offers access to highly liquid markets often with the ability to get in or out of a position quickly.



### Bi-directional

CTAs can take long or short positions across markets.

<sup>5</sup> These benefits may include a lower drawdown and volatility profile and a better risk-adjusted return. However, managed futures may not provide these benefits and these benefits are dependent upon a number of variable factors including market environments. Trading in managed futures is not suitable for all investors given its speculative nature and the high level of risk involved. Past results are not indicative of future results.

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# Why consider Managed futures?

Managed futures has a low correlation to equities and bonds over time and can have a three-fold impact on a traditional portfolio<sup>6</sup> by potentially increasing sharpe ratio<sup>7</sup>, lowering volatility<sup>7</sup>, and can potentially lead to lower drawdowns<sup>7</sup> when compared to a portfolio comprising of bonds and equities.

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<sup>7</sup> Please see the Glossary of Terms on page 4. It is important to note that managed futures may not generate positive returns in all market environments.

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<https://www.abbeycapital.com/abbey-capital-futures-strategy-fund/>

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## Glossary of Terms

### CTA

Commodity Trading Advisor.

### Sharpe Ratio

The Sharpe ratio is a measure of risk-adjusted return. The measure subtracts the risk-free rate from the annualised performance of the asset or fund and divides by the realised annualised volatility. A higher (lower) Sharpe ratio is seen as indicative of stronger (weaker) risk-adjusted performance.

### Volatility

Volatility is a statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given security or market index.

### Drawdown

Drawdown refers to how much an investment or trading account is down from the peak before it recovers back to the peak. Drawdowns are a measure of downside volatility.

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