AGGRESSIVE GROWTH

ZEGA High Probability Options Strategy - Aggressive

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Investment Vehicle: Separately Managed Account
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Inception Date: December 2010

Strategy Overview

ZEGA's High Probability Options Strategy (HiPOS) Aggressive is an alternative investment strategy that seeks excess returns from an aggressive investment profile by selling credit spreads (two-legged options strategies). HiPOS targets 1-4% gross returns per month and uses highly liquid index options as the core investment vehicle. The strategy has had little historical correlation with equity and interest rate sensitive markets.

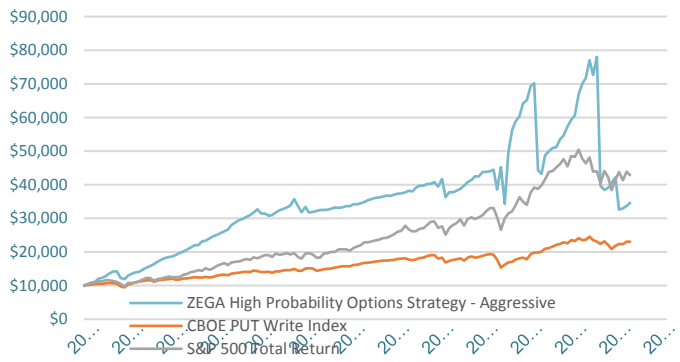
Methodology

- **Disciplined Approach:** only invests when targeted returns exceed the calculated risk.
  - Investment in options on major equity indexes
  - Returns are driven by the natural time decay of near-expiring options; positions must have expirations within 40 days
  - Strike prices are considered deep out-of-the-money
  - Option must have a high probability of expiring worthless, per ZEGA's calculation
- **Credit Spreads Used for Leverage:** HiPOS writes spreads instead of naked puts/calls in order to maximize the buying power in the account.
- **Disciplined Exit Criteria:** ZEGA continuously monitors positions and if the portfolio's one-month loss approaches our exit criteria, the strategy pivots to a defensive posture.
- **Purposefully go to Cash:** The strategy will close positions to cash or let the options expire worthless between each trade cycle and may roll the trade as a defensive tactic.
- **Opportunistic Trading:** Opportunistic trades may occur if markets move favorably early enough in the lifecycle of the trade. ZEGA will generally take profits early when 85% or more of the max gain are realized and another trade exists.

Performance Statistics

	ZEGA Financial	CBOE PUT Write Index	S&P 500 Total Return
YTD Return	5.15%	3.65%	3.69%
Ann. Return: 1 year	-51.74%	-2.17%	-7.69%
Ann. Return: 3 years	-3.58%	9.12%	12.16%
Ann. Return: 5 years	-1.97%	5.39%	9.83%
Ann. Return: 10 years	5.28%	6.62%	12.26%
Ann. Return: Inception	10.67%	7.06%	12.61%
Annualized Volatility	27.45%	9.81%	14.51%
Sharpe Ratio	0.42	0.65	0.82

Cumulative Growth (since inception)



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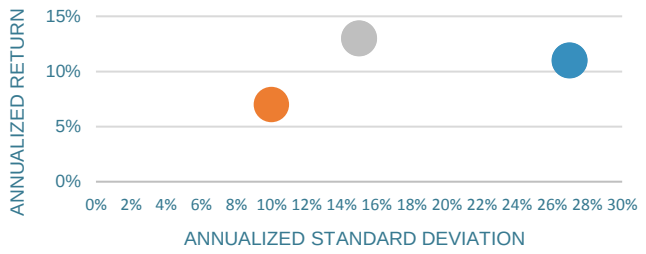
Recommended Usage

The ZEGA Growth High Probability Option Strategy (HiPOS) Aggressive is designed to complement or replace an existing aggressive portfolio's allocation. Due to its un-hedged and highly leveraged use of options, we typically recommend the HiPOS Aggressive Growth remain limited to no more than 10-20% of an individual's investable assets. This strategy is recommended for use by Accredited Investors. Investors must be aware of the risks in this strategy prior to investment.

Risk vs. Return



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- CBOE PUT Write Index
- S&P 500 Total Return

Monthly Performance

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	CBOE PUT Write Index
2010												8.86%	**8.86%**	**3.16%**
2011	2.85%	7.32%	2.59%	4.25%	5.97%	4.57%	0.10%	-14.24%	-2.30%	8.27%	4.74%	2.87%	**27.99%**	**6.17%**
2012	0.97%	5.16%	3.72%	3.44%	3.07%	4.05%	3.90%	3.08%	1.55%	1.08%	2.47%	3.13%	**41.93%**	**8.14%**
2013	2.35%	2.21%	3.24%	3.11%	0.04%	4.94%	1.06%	2.69%	2.86%	1.64%	2.16%	1.97%	**32.13%**	**12.28%**
2014	2.25%	4.88%	2.52%	2.54%	1.23%	2.04%	1.66%	2.59%	3.01%	-3.80%	-0.18%	-1.83%	**17.94%**	**6.38%**
2015	0.48%	2.31%	2.09%	1.27%	1.62%	1.69%	5.59%	-5.91%	-5.36%	4.93%	-4.96%	0.58%	**3.58%**	**6.40%**
2016	0.94%	0.70%	0.03%	0.27%	0.84%	1.17%	-0.26%	0.34%	1.29%	0.03%	1.54%	-0.04%	**7.05%**	**7.77%**
2017	0.82%	1.25%	1.71%	0.61%	1.18%	0.21%	0.76%	0.87%	-0.26%	1.06%	0.67%	0.41%	**9.68%**	**10.85%**
2018	0.63%	1.39%	-0.64%	3.11%	1.28%	0.00%	1.31%	0.32%	1.18%	-3.36%	5.78%	-12.97%	**-3.14%**	**-5.89%**
2019	4.07%	-0.09%	1.32%	1.43%	2.28%	2.76%	1.54%	2.53%	0.06%	3.19%	-0.08%	0.57%	**21.32%**	**14.57%**
2020	0.90%	-13.09%	17.10%	-24.13%	43.93%	13.97%	4.54%	2.53%	6.36%	1.44%	6.56%	1.21%	**59.39%**	**2.11%**
2021	-36.85%	-2.36%	12.66%	2.47%	1.89%	0.51%	4.64%	2.05%	4.92%	3.51%	2.17%	10.41%	**-4.63%**	**21.80%**
2022	4.57%	2.45%	7.47%	-5.69%	7.36%	-49.15%	-3.12%	1.56%	3.82%	4.06%	-22.79%	1.07%	**-50.83%**	**-7.66%**
2023	2.55%	2.54%											**5.15%**	**3.65%**

Strategy Risks & Disclosures

Note: Returns are expressed in US Dollars and calculated net of actual fees. Performance includes reinvestment of dividends and other earnings.
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