#### The recipes for the best performers

# From interest rates to the Beijing consumer rally

Which individual products and liquid alternative managers have performed the best in the year of COVID?

Banor Sicav Greater China for which Equity, example, three-year registered а performance of 65.68%, confirming its position as the best in the Emerging Markets Equity category and deserving of the coveted awarded that it was given at the MondoAlternative 2021 Awards (an event organised by Mondolnvestor). "We were fortunate to have prioritised companies with the highest likelihood of surviving and growing in different economic scenarios and, believing in the growth of Chinese middle class consumption, we invested in the in household leaders consumables. Modern companies, managed by extraordinary entrepreneurs, with products and services that have won competitive positions. The portfolio's top ten in 2020 increased profits by around 25%", explained Giacomo Mergoni, CEO of Banor Capital. In the liquid alternative risk premia category, a strategy which struggled a lot last year, the HSBC GIF Multi-Asset Style

Factors fund stood out from among the three-vear performers, recording а performance of 9.97%. "The result is the fruit of our investment philosophy", explained Mathieu Guillemet, Senior Fund Manager of HSBC Global Asset Management. "In our selection, we focussed on academic premium factors which, structurally, have a weak correlation with traditional asset particularly equities, classes, while excluding premiums that highly correlated are to directional market risks, such as volatility and the credit risk. We implemented exposure to premiums at the macro and index level, without exposing ourselves to individual stocks. We were therefore able to take advantage of the most liquid derivatives, such as indexed and bond futures and FX forwards and having control over the entire investment process and its implementation". In terms of one-year performers, the Jupiter Strategic Absolute Return Bond fund was the best in the liquid alternative fixed income category in 2020, with a result of 7.34%. "Our investment strategy, based on economic fundamentals and the

determination of the cycle in which we find ourselves, was a winner", explained Mark Nash, the fund's manager, when commenting on its result. "It is a relatively traditional approach, which we combine with an indepth analysis of the financial conditions, assessing how they can interact with the economy. This naturally includes the actions that policymakers take with regard to interest rates and individual market analyses of the financial structure within the system".

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#### 65.6

Per cent The three-year result of the Banor Sicav Greater China Equity portfolio

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The best of 2020	and of	the last	t 36 months	Perform. 36 mesi	Indice
Credit Long/Short			Credit Long/Short	30 mesi	Snarp
HI Numen Credit Fund	+24.35%	1.75	Algebris Global Credit		
Emerging Markets Debt			Opportunities Fund	+17.84%	0,56
GAM Star Emerging Market Rates	+9.66%	2,07	Emerging Markets Debt		
Emerging Markets Equity		-140	BlueBay Emerging Market		
Lumyna - ZEAL Greater			Unconstrained Bond Fund	+21,00%	0,60
China Long Short UCITS Fund	+45.03%	3,62	Emerging Markets Equity		
Equity Market Neutral			Banor Sicav Greater China Equity	+65,68%	0,79
Aegon Global Equity Market			Equity Market Neutral	-	
Neutral Fund	+21.76%	3,96	Aegon Global Equity Market		
Event Driven			Neutral Fund	+17,83%	1,02
Lumyna - York Asian Event			Event Driven		
Driven Ucits Fund	+14.54%	1,59	Lumyna - York Asian Event		
Fixed Income			Driven Ucits Fund	+29.38%	1,19
Jupiter Strategic Absolute			Fixed Income		
Return Bond	+7,34%	2,03	RAM (Lux) Tactical Funds -		
Global Macro			Global Bond Total Return	+7,80%	0,89
JPM Global Macro			Global Macro		
Opportunities Fund	+12,39%	2,56	GAM Star Global Rates	+13,88%	0,35
Long/Short Equity Europe			Long/Short Equity Europe		
Credit Suisse (Lux) Small			Eleva Absolute Return Europe	+19,93%	1,41
and Mid Cap Alpha Long/short	+15.34%	2,18	Long/Short Equity Global		
Long/Short Equity Global			UBS Equity Opportunity		
IAM Investments ICAV - Incline			Long Short Fund	+22,90%	1,03
Global Long/Short Equity UCITS Fund	+38,07%	1,98	Long/Short Equity Sectorial	- Sealth 2007 -	
Long/Short Equity Sectorial			GAM Star Alpha Technology	+59.22%	1,43
Schroder GAIA Contour Tech Equity	+34.54%	3,67	Long/Short Equity Usa		
Long/Short Equity Uk	10000		Alger SICAV - Alger Dynamic		
BSF UK Emerging Companies			Opportunities Fund	+53,76%	1,10
Absolute Return Fund	+10,05%	0,95	Managed Futures		
Long/Short Equity Usa			Lumyna Merrill Lynch MLCX		
Alger SICAV - Alger Dynamic			Commodity Alpha	+26,84%	0,68
Opportunities Fund	+33,78%	2,41	Multi Asset		
Managed Futures			Nordea 1 - Alpha 15 MA Fund	+20,14%	0,70
Candriam Diversified Futures	+12,48%	1,79	Multistrategy		
Multi Asset	THA BROM COM		NN (L) Alternative Beta	+12,94%	0,66
Nordea 1 - Alpha 15 MA Fund	+12,66%	1,05	Relative Value	10-00	
Multistrategy			Aviva Investors Global Convertibles		
Amundi Funds - Multi Strategy			Absolute Return Fund	+11,99%	0,73
Growth	+10,78%	1,14	Risk Premia	1.000	
Relative Value			HSBC GIF Multi-Asset Style Factors	+9.97%	0,72
Lazard Rathmore Alternative Fund	+18,48%	1.72	Volatility Trading		1.1.1.1.1
Risk Premia	1.0		Amundi Funds Volatility World	+10.02%	0,32
Credit Suisse Multi Asset			Fondo di fondi		
Premia Fund	+2,77%	0,56	Exane Pleiade Tresore rie	+1,49%	0,48
Volatility Trading					
Amundi Funds Volatility World	+22,23%	1,34	and the second		
Fondo di fondi		and the	Miglior Piatlaforma Fondi	hroder G	aia (
New Capital All Weather UCITS Fund	+4,70%	0,57	Liquid Alternative 2020	and a second	

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Fondo di fondi			Fondo di fondi		
China Managers Selection Fund	+23.07%	1,51	Global Managers Selection Fund	+13.78%	0,44
Single Manager			Single Manager	maril	
AlpiHedge	+3,84%	1,72	Einint Bond	+13.03%	0,78

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### The ranking Performance of liquid alternative funds

	2020	Volatilità 2020	
Media generale	0,29%	6,7:9%	1
Emerging Markets	10,87%	9,41%	
Relative Value	5.44%	6.32%	
Credit Long/Short	3,23%	8,49%	
Long/Short Equity	3,00%	7,65%	
Multi Asset	1,82%	8,46%	
Fixed Income	1,78%	6,93%	
Event Driven	1,02%	10,07%	
Multistrategy	-0.74%	7.56%	
Equity Market Neutral	-2.52%	2,50%	3
Global Macro	-2.64%	10,41%	-
Managed Futures	-3,73%	5,99%	1
Volatility Trading	-6,68%	7,56%	Antondol numero
Risk Premia	-13,54%	6,92%	N. T
Fondi di fondi	0.08%	6.60%	1



## Analysis

Stefano Gaspari, who heads the industry publisher Mondolnvestor