## August 2022

	Fund		S&P500 Index	
	Performan ce	Inception to Date	Performance	Inception to Date
2005	+14.01%	+14.01%	+4.78%	+4.78%
2006	+16.91%	+33.29%	+13.62%	+19.05%
2007	+4.06%	+38.70%	+3.53%	+23.25%
2008	-47.99%	-27.86%	-38.49%	-24.18%
2009	+42.74%	+2.97%	+23.45%	-6.40%
2010	+24.94%	+28.65%	+12.78%	+5.57%
2011	+1.79%	+30.96%	0.00%	+5.56%
2012	+24.17%	+62.61%	+13.41%	+19.71%
2013	+42.96%	+132.46%	+29.60%	+55.15%
2014	+3.92%	+141.59%	+11.39%	+72.82%
2015	-2.10%	+136.51%	-0.73%	+71.56%
2016	+31.95%	+212.07%	+9.54%	+87.93%

	MTD	YTD	ITD	MTD	YTD	ITD
2017		+13.43%	+254.00%		+19.42%	+124.42%
2018		-20.44%	+181.65%		-6.24%	+110.42%
2019		+27.60%	+259.39%		+28.88%	+171.19%
2020		+16.17%	+317.49%		+16.26%	+215.28%
2021		+35.18%	+464.37%		+26.89%	+300.07%
Jan 2022	-4.55%	-4.55%	+438.69%	-5.26%	-5.26%	+279.03%
Feb 2022	+1.94%	-2.70%	+449.13%	-3.14%	-8.23%	+267.15%
Mar 2022	-0.47%	-3.16%	+446.56%	+3.58%	-4.95%	+280.28%
Apr 2022	-5.54%	-8.53%	+416.23%	-8.80%	-13.31%	+246.83%
May 2022	+1.33%	-7.32%	+423.10%	+0.01%	-13.30%	+246.85%
Jun 2022	-11.82%	-18.27%	+361.24%	-8.39%	-20.58%	+217.74%
Jul 2022	+7.74%	-11.94%	+396.96%	+9.11%	-13.34%	+246.70%
Aug 2022	+0.29%	-11.69%	+398.41%	-4.24%	-17.02%	+231.98%

In August the Fund rose 0.29% and the S&P500 fell 4.24%. Sterling holders rose 6.23% as sterling declined from \$1.224 to \$1.156. The market continued its rally until August 16<sup>th</sup> when it abruptly reversed and has already given back half its gains since the June 16<sup>th</sup> low. The market is sensitive to interest rates; rallying on the prospect of an interest rate peak and falling if the peak is pushed out. This means the volatile stocks are the interest rate sensitive high growth stocks, which we don't hold. Consequently, we underperformed the rally and outperformed the reversal. Additionally, the dollar is strong when US stocks are weak which dampens sterling class volatility. Our sterling quote has been within a 15% range since April 2021.

During the month, the weakness in sterling meant we made a new sterling high at 636, beating the previous high of 623 made on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Year to date we are down 12% in dollars and 15% from the dollar high. Eight months into the bear market we haven't slipped

much. Within asset classes the only ones with comparably small falls are the value components of the indices. This is encouraging because in a bear market the new leadership is formed and these value groups are similar to us. Small stocks generally have performed in line with the S&P500 from the top of the market. Even at the top of the summer bounce, all growth classes remained worst. The abrupt reversal suggests this was their bear market rally and now we have resumed our outperformance by losing money at a slower rate than everyone else.

In the portfolio, our Blue Knight, asphalter arbitrage, 2.2% position, became cash which has raised our liquidity to a multi-year high of 6.8%. As in early June, we have just reduced oil weightings from 19 to 17% selling Valero at \$123, Cheniere at \$170, FlexLNG at \$36 and Ring at \$3.26. Once again we have caught high prices but not sold enough to make much impact.

Sentiment is again falling quickly and recession fears are predominant. It seems prudent to keep the P/E low and the cash high.

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