

Market commentary

It seems that the mantra of “No matter what – risky assets go up” is very much alive. August was another solid month for equity indices: S&P 500 +3%, NASDAQ +4%, CSI flat.

Despite geopolitical stress in Afghanistan, “regulation frenzy” in China, devastating Hurricane Ida, rising COVID infection rates worldwide, new inflation highs in Europe and the USA, the end of FED tapering indication; interest rates remain ultra-low or are even declining.

Comparing current interest rates with end of February 2021: 10y US Treasuries are at 1.28% (down from 1.7%), and 10y Bund yields are at -0.37% (after being positive 0.1%). It is therefore no surprise, that the equity and crypto markets continued their spectacular bull ride in August. Or is it that markets are walking the wall of fear with still too many participants missing out?

Portfolio commentary

After volatile summer months, the crypto market took on renewed steam in August. We have stated that our portfolio is broadly diversified and that our investment focus goes beyond the current mainstream.

One example is [Terra \(LUNA\)](#), a leading platform for the issuance of algorithmic stablecoins that offers seamless financial integration for digital applications. As an example, three larger applications are built on Terra, leveraging the Terra Stablecoin (UST) to date: The [Mirror protocol](#), which itself is a DeFi protocol that enables the creation of synthetic assets; [Anchor Protocol](#), which is a yield savings protocol; and [CHAI](#), which is a payments product used by ~5% of the population in South Korea. A higher usage of the blockchain indicates further adoption and integration into real use. LUNA was up +200% in August.

Another example is the decentralised streaming service [Audius](#), which reached a recording 6 million new monthly active users in August. It builds on the [Solana Blockchain \(SOL\)](#). SOL rose +300% in August.

Portfolio activity

[Pfizer](#) announced acquiring [Trillium Therapeutics'](#) outstanding shares for \$ 18.50 each to strengthen its blood cancer therapy portfolio. With Trillium shares trading at a 7% discount, we opened a merger arbitrage position and expect an annualized return of around 20% to 25%.

Top Positions of the Portfolio (in % of Total Assets)

Castle Alternative Invest AG	Hedge Funds	17.8%
IP Group PLC	Equity	16.9%
Cheyne New Europe Fund L.P.	Real Estate (Legacy)	10.0%
Nishkama Capital Offshore	Hedge Funds	5.5%
Yuki Japan Rep. Growth Fund	Equity	4.5%
Northwest Feilong Fund Ltd.	Hedge Funds	4.5%

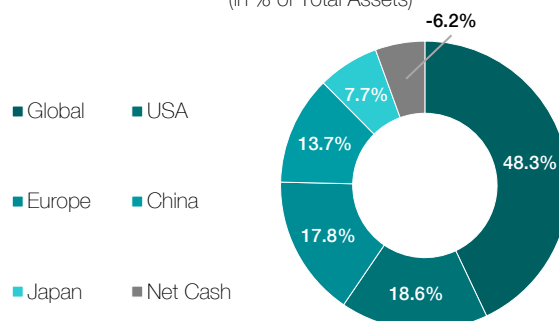
in CHF	31-Aug-21	MTD	YTD
Share price ALPN	14.60	+1.39%	14.02%
Latest NAV (net, est.)	14.34	+1.25%	11.78%
HFRX Global HF Index	1,244.17	+0.60%	3.26%

Net annualized return (30 Sept. 2003 to 31 Aug 2021)

Share price ALPN	6.78%
Monthly NAV (net, est.)	6.41%

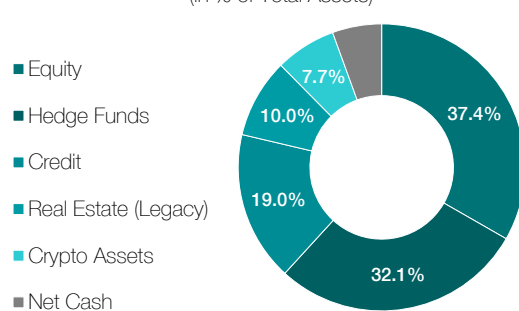
Allocation by Region

(in % of Total Assets)

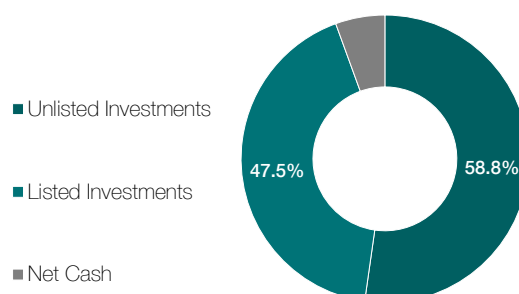


Allocation by Asset Class

(in % of Total Assets)



Allocation by Listed/Unlisted Investments and Cash (in % of Total Assets)



About Alpine Select

Alpine Select Ltd is an investment company domiciled in Zug and has been listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange since 1998. The Company offers shareholders the key benefit of investing into a global diversified and CHF hedged alternative investment portfolio.

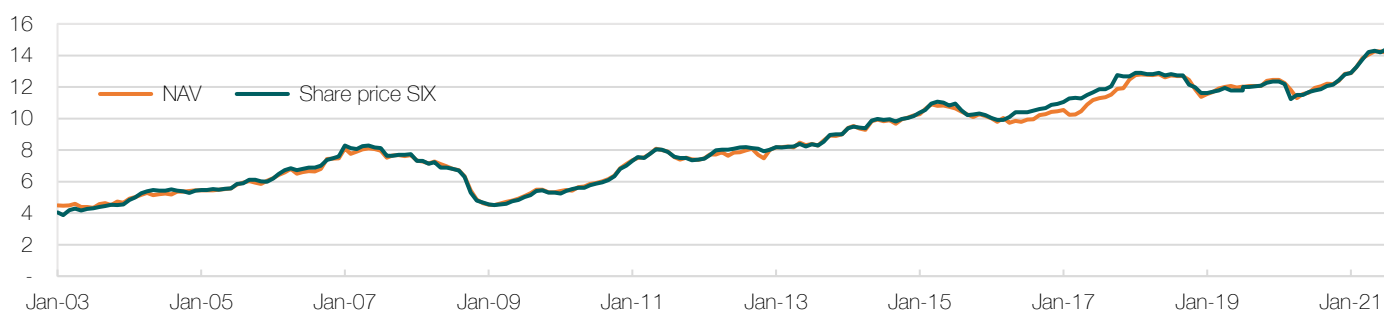
The portfolio exposure is actively being risk adjusted to current market sentiment and outlook. The investment style is value-oriented, and the investments are selected based on the Company's target return of 6-8% p.a. above CHF risk free rate.

Alpine Select maintains an active and constructive dialogue with management and board of directors of its portfolio companies in the best interest of our shareholders. Alpine Select does not charge any management or performance fees.

Price-History in CHF for the Period

30 September 2003 to 31 August 2021

(Share price: net annualized return 6.78% | NAV: Net annualized return 6.41%)



NAV Performance (in %)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	0.3	3.0	4.2	1.7	1.4	0.0	-0.6	1.2					11.8
2020	-0.1	-1.6	-3.4	-4.6	2.4	0.6	2.6	0.9	1.4	-0.2	1.7	3.5	3.1
2019	0.5	1.1	1.8	0.9	0.5	-0.9	1.7	-1.3	0.4	0.1	2.7	0.5	9.5
2018	2.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	-1.5	0.9	-0.2	-0.0	-1.9	-4.7	-3.0	-9.9
2017	0.8	-3.0	0.3	1.8	4.2	2.5	1.3	0.4	1.6	3.2	0.2	4.6	22.0

Alpine Facts

Incorporation date	18.09.1997	ISIN	CH0019199550	Management fees	None
Listing	SIX Swiss Exchange	Outstanding shares	8,897,690	Performance fees	None
Stock Exchange Symbol	ALPN	Custodian	Bank Julius Baer	Advisory fees	TCHF 108/annually

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