



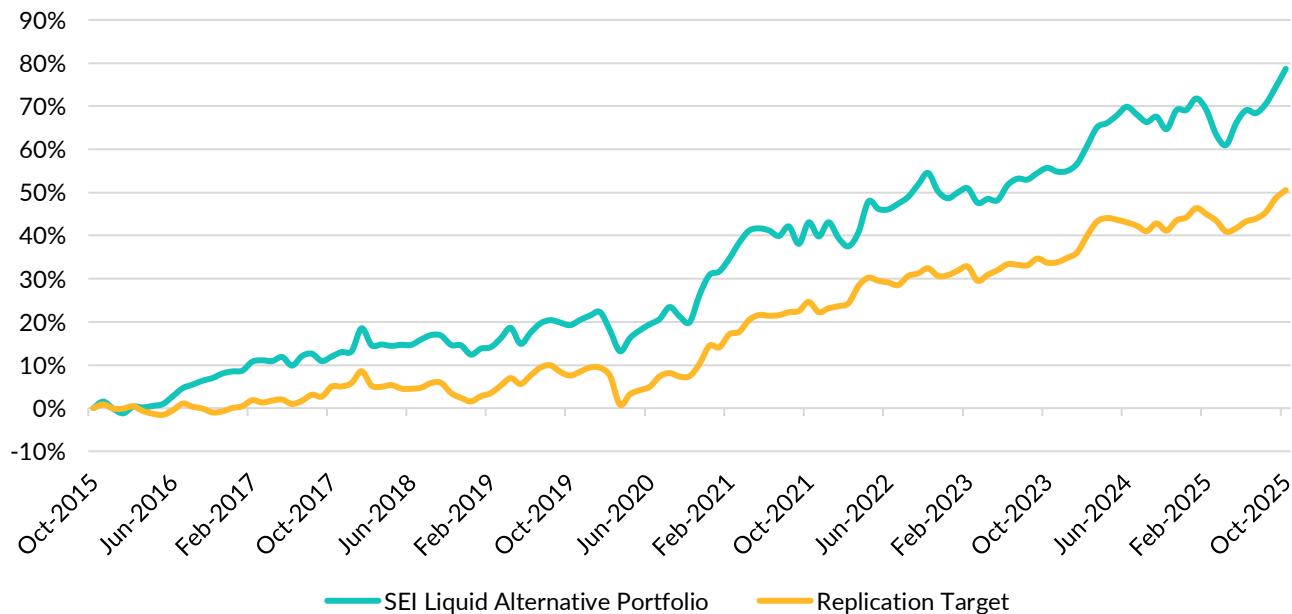
## SEI LIQUID ALTERNATIVE FUND

### OCTOBER 2025

Dear Colleagues:

The Portfolio<sup>1</sup> gained **2.4%** net in October and is up **5.6%** this year. The MSCI World Index increased 2.0% for the month, while the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index declined -0.3% in October.

#### Performance



\*Source: DBi and Bloomberg. Data as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

<sup>1</sup> Performance of the portfolios managed by DBi, net of estimated fees and expenses. Please consult SEI directly for performance of individual share classes.

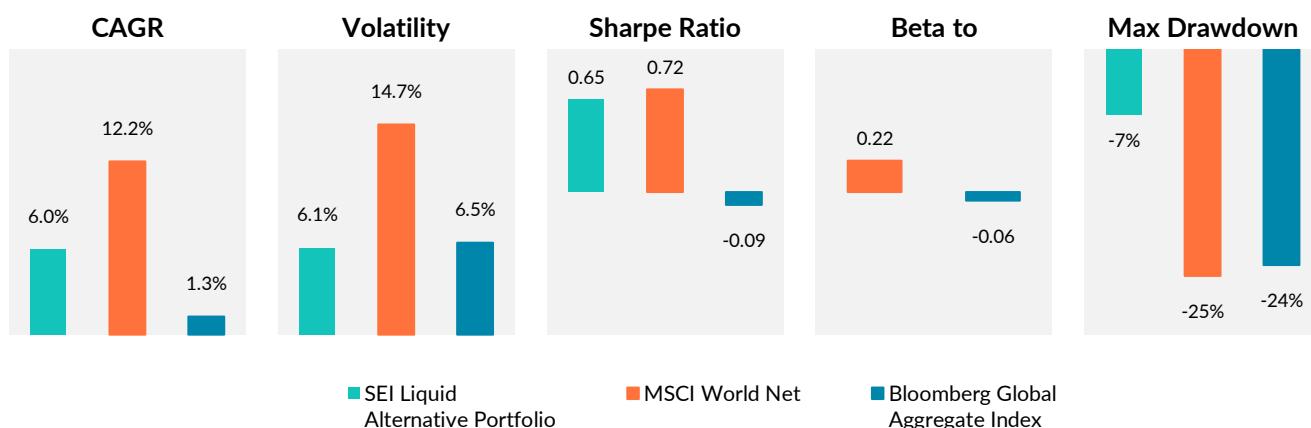
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“Run it hot” is working. For now, at least.

In October, equities had another strong month, despite some periodic jitters about the Ai bubble. Bonds were flattish, as concerns about tariff-induced inflation and profligate government spending were offset by fears of a recession. The dollar rebounded and stabilized, against other major currencies if not against gold and cryptocurrencies.

The challenge for allocators is how to diversify today. That equities are expensive is uncontroversial. Or that credit spreads are priced to perfection. Or that some sovereign debt is at risk of the Mother of All bond market tantrums. Or that the easy money has been made in gold’s historic run. We used to call this an Everything Bubble.

Here is our solution. This fund was built with a large allocation to managed futures. The statistical argument for the strategy is simple and unassailable: low or zero correlation to stocks and bonds over time, and a tendency to perform best during a protracted bear market. Today, there is another benefit: the strategy is not valuation dependent. In other words, trends can be up or down, early or late in a cycle, concentrated in one asset class or spread across others. That flexibility explains the recent rebound in the strategy, as touched on below. It also explains why, if markets collectively revert over the coming year or two, CTAs should have a wide open opportunity set -- like in 2022.



\* Source: DBi, Bloomberg and DBi calculations. November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, till October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

The **Strategic Alpha** (Multi-Strategy) replication portfolio rose **1.2%** in October and is up **6.5%** this year. Based on preliminary reporting of the Target portfolio of Equity Long/Short, Relative Value and Event-Driven hedge funds, the portfolio outperformed in October. Although the portfolio trails the target for the year, it has recovered strongly since the dollar driven underperformance in January through April. Since the replication removed the dollar hedge in May, the portfolio has outperformed the target by approximately 400 bps. Gains last month were driven by technology, emerging markets, and EAFE equities, where the portfolio maintains an overweight stance. The U.S. dollar rally also helped performance, though the impact was more modest given the portfolio’s conservative positioning. Meanwhile, the long-bond hedge partially

detracted as rates moved lower. Since inception, the replication portfolio has outperformed the Target by over 120 bps per annum with a correlation of around 0.80.

The **Tactical Alpha** (Managed Futures) replication portfolio returned **4.2%** in October, 300 bps ahead the performance of the SG CTA index. The portfolio is ahead of the Target by approximately 600 bps this year – primarily due to shallower drawdowns and a faster rebound post-Liberation Day. Gains for the month were driven by an early embrace of the “run it hot” trade: primarily the rise of the USD against the Japanese yen, strength in U.S. (and emerging markets) equities, and declining long term Treasury yields. Commodity currencies contributed positively, as gains from the Canadian dollar short offset losses from the Australian dollar. Since inception nearly ten years ago, the replication portfolio has generated 312 bps per annum of alpha relative to the Target with a correlation of 0.80 – which, even without direct commodity exposure, equates to outperforming 19 of the 20 hedge fund constituents of the Index.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or comments.

All the best,  
The DBi Team

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Alpha represents the portion of a fund return not attributable to beta.

Annualized Standard Deviation measures the annualized volatility of an asset over multiple time periods.

Beta is a measure of systematic risk of a fund compared to a market index.

Compounded Annual Return measures the annual rate of return of an asset over multiple time periods.

Maximum Drawdown measures the peak to trough decline of investment performance over a given period of time.

Sharpe Ratio measures the risk-adjusted returns of a fund and is a ratio equal to the annualized excess returns of the fund divided by its annualized standard deviation.

## INDEX DEFINITIONS

The MSCI World Index is an index maintained by MSCI that reflects the performance of large and mid-cap equities across 23 developed markets with net dividends reinvested. (Source Bloomberg. Ticker: M1WO Index)

Additional definitions available upon request.