## iMGP DBi Hedge Strategy ETF DBEH



Performance is born out of people

### Managed by DBi

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## Who We Are

# A worldwide network of dynamic investment boutique Partners

Since 2013, our mission has been radically simple: to find the best investment talent in the world. Based on our core belief that Performance is born out of People, our highly experienced research team uses their in-depth process to scour the world for dynamic, ambitious and entrepreneurial asset managers.

Through this process we uncover small to mid-sized, independently owned boutiques run by skilled individuals with a long-term track record and a mindset that fits with our own.

iM Global Partner takes a minority, non-controlling stake in their business and we build a long-term partnership with them based on mutual respect and fully aligned interests. We are proud to call these businesses our Partners and they are the essence of what iM Global Partner stands for: What we believe to be the best, the very best investment talent.

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**GLOBAL LOCATIONS** 

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## About DBi



### About the firm

- Dynamic Beta investments was co-founded and is led by Andrew Beer and Mathias Mamou-Mani. It is a global leader in the efficient replication of pre-fee hedge fund returns.
- In 2018, it was identified by iM Global Partner as a competitor to traditional hedge funds but with low fees and daily liquidity in regulated vehicles. iMGP is a strategic investor in DBi.
- DBi currently manages two US ETFs, four UCITS funds and other vehicles.
- DBi's research on hedge funds, managed futures and liquid ٠ alternatives is widely followed.

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\$2.7BN 10+ AUM IN LIQUID

ALTERNATIVE ASSETS

YEAR LIVE TRACK RECORD

### **Replication strategies**

Three hedge fund strategies can be replicated efficiently:

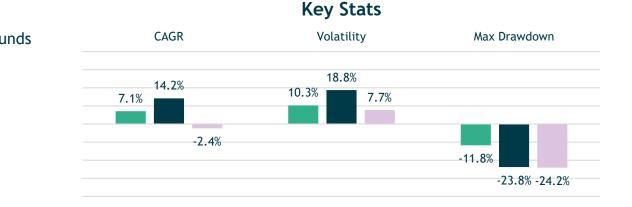
Hedge Funds Overall	Equity Hedge	Managed Futures
(2007)	(2012)	(2015)

### **DBi's approach**

- Combines strategies to meet risk-reward criteria
- Seeks to replicate 80-100% of pre-fee returns
- Attempts to diversify single-manager risk by targeting broad pools of funds
- Aims to outperform through fee and expense savings
- Invests in portfolios of vanilla futures contracts for liquidity, efficiency and clarity
- Avoids illiquid assets, single stock positions, counterparty risk, etc. in daily liquid 40Act, UCITS and similar vehicles
- Knows what not to replicate: single funds, distressed, market neutral, etc.

## iMGP DBi Hedge Strategy ETF

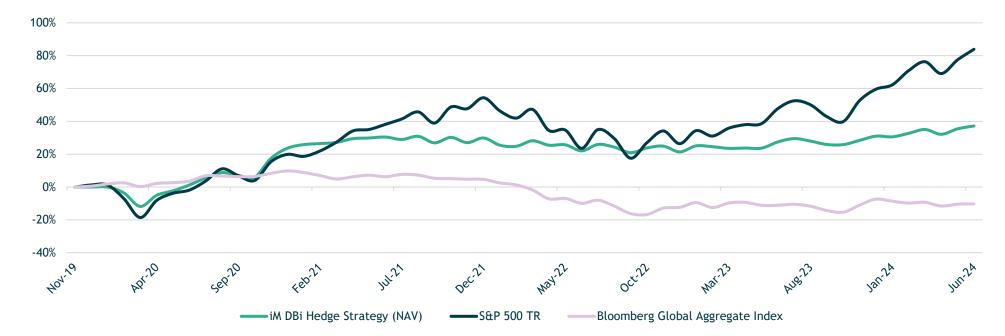




• Equity Long/Short ETF: Replicates 40 Large Hedge Funds

- Launch December 17, 2019
- Goal: 75% of S&P upside with half the risk
- \$17 million AUMs
- 0.85% expense ratio

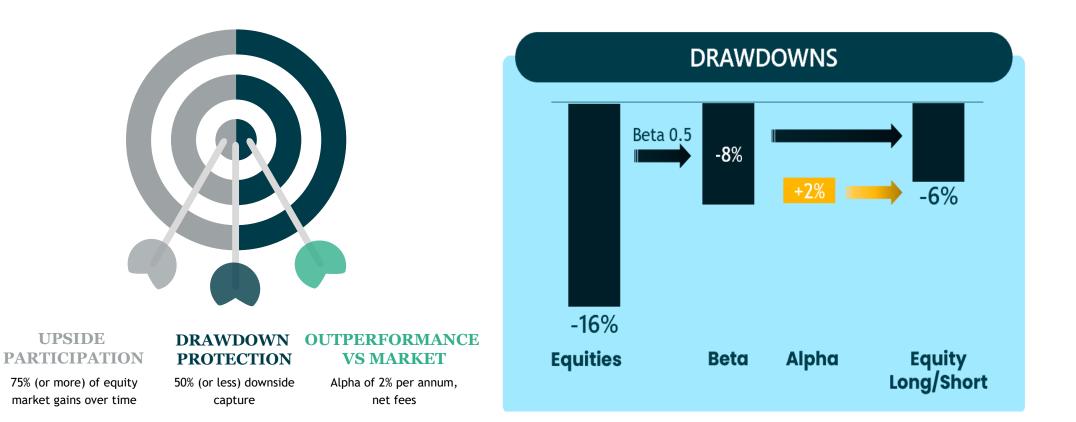
■ iM DBi Hedge Strategy (NAV) ■ S&P 500 TR ■ Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index



Source: Bloomberg. DBi. As of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024. Data refers to cumulative past performance. Cumulative past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The Fund referred to within this presentation is not managed against the indices shown in this slide or elsewhere in this presentation or against any other benchmark. This is an active ETF which is not managed in relation to any benchmark. This data is being shown for illustrative purposes only. The index is not representative of the entire population of Commodity Trading Advisors (CTAs) or hedge funds. The index's performance may not be indicative of any individual CTAs or hedge funds.

## Why Own Equity Long Short?





Source iM Global Partner, data for illustrative purposes only.

\*Assets under management include Partner assets in proportion to iM Global Partner's participations.

## Equity Long Short in a Nutshell





### **ONE MAIN SOURCE OF RETURNS**

Factor rotations explain 80% or more of pre-fee returns

### **DIVERSIFICATION IS KEY**

A single manager is much riskier than the "strategy"

### **STOCK SELECTION UNPREDICTABLE**

Single stock "alpha" can be both positive and negative

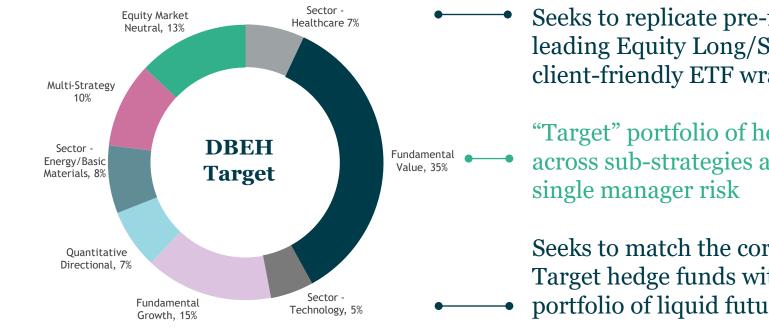
### **FEES ARE A KEY FOCUS**

High fees can consume most alpha over time

## Equity Long Short in a Nutshell



### Equity Long/Short ETF managed by iM Global Partner US and subadvised by DBi



Seeks to replicate pre-fee returns of a universe of leading Equity Long/Short hedge funds in a client-friendly ETF wrapper

"Target" portfolio of hedge funds diversified across sub-strategies and seeks to minimize

Seeks to match the core factor exposures of the Target hedge funds with a dynamically-adjusted portfolio of liquid futures contracts

DBEH does not invest in hedge funds. Rather, the sub-advisor, DBi, uses quantitative models to estimate the current factor weights of the Target hedge funds and invests directly in index futures to seek to obtain similar exposures. Portfolio is rebalanced monthly.

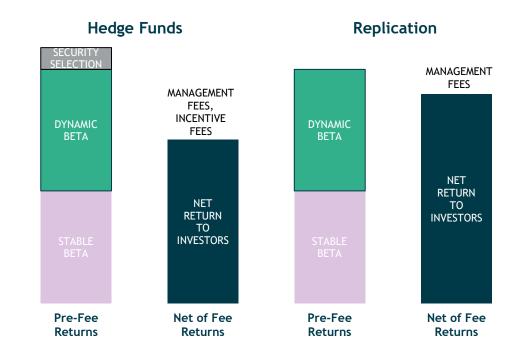
## The DBi Approach to Equity Long/Short



- Sophisticated multi-factor model analyzes recent pre-fee performance of a universe of leading Equity Long/Short hedge funds
- The model determines core long and short factor weights today: overall equity exposure, value vs growth, US vs international, small vs large, emerging vs developed, cross-asset hedges, etc.
- Exposure built with approximately 15 positions in highly-liquid, exchange-traded futures contracts for efficient execution and maximum liquidity
- Those factor weights are designed to deliver 80-100% of pre-fee returns and most alpha generation over time
- The portfolio is rebalanced monthly, consistent with the rate of change of the underlying portfolios

Top 5 Holdings		Asset Class Exposure (%)				
2 Yr Treasury	67.1%	Fixed Income	61.1%			
Dollar Index	37.7%	US Dollar	37.7%			
EAFE	14.6%	US Equities	30.0%			
Nasdaq	13.6%	International Developed Equities	14.6%			
S&P 400 MidCap	10.1%	Emerging Market Equities	6.2%			

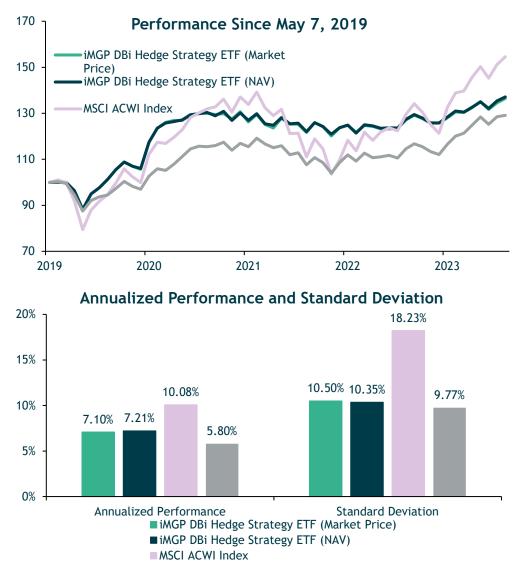
DBEH Futures Positions as of June 30, 2024



Selected Subset of Funds within the Target Portfolio				
Renaissance	Lakewood Capital			
Value Partners	Marshall Wace			
Chilton	Two Sigma			
Man GLG	Perceptive			
Lansdowne	Cadian			
Dorsal	Cryder			
Haw Ridge	Teton			
Biomedical Value	Pinpoint China			
SEG Partners	Brookdale			
Polar Capital	Electron			

Source: Dynamic Beta investments, US Bank - Data as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Fund holdings and allocations are subject to change and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

## Two Reasons to Consider DBEH





DBi replication seeks to match or outperform institutional-quality hedge funds, which in general have outperformed alternative mutual funds.

"For a decade, advisors have struggled with the fact that alternative mutual funds have delivered half or less the returns of actual hedge funds. Replication seeks to solve this 'performance drag' issue."

- DBi

#### Data as of June 30, 2024

Source: iM Global Partner, Dynamic Beta investments, NYSE, HFR - Past performance of the HFRI Equity Hedge Index, Morningstar US Fund Long-Short Equity category and iM DBi Hedge Strategy ETF (DBEH) from December 31, 2019 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 net of 0.85% p.a. fees in USD - All statistics are computed using monthly returns - Returns may increase/decrease as a result of currency fluctuations for investors whose natural currency differs from the funds currency.

See Slide 11 for standardized performance.

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#### Average annual total returns

Performance as of 6/30/2024	Three-month Y	ear-to-date	One year	Three year	Since inception (12/18/19)
iMGP DBi Hedge Strategy ETF (NAV)	1.58%	4.71%	7.64%	1.70%	7.21%
iMGP DBi Hedge Strategy ETF (Price)	1.00%	4.52%	7.34%	1.62%	7.10%
Morningstar US Fund Long-Short Equity	2.87%	11.30%	19.38%	5.43%	10.08%
Morningstar Long-Short Equity Category	0.51%	7.36%	12.58%	3.89%	5.78%

Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 888-898-1041.

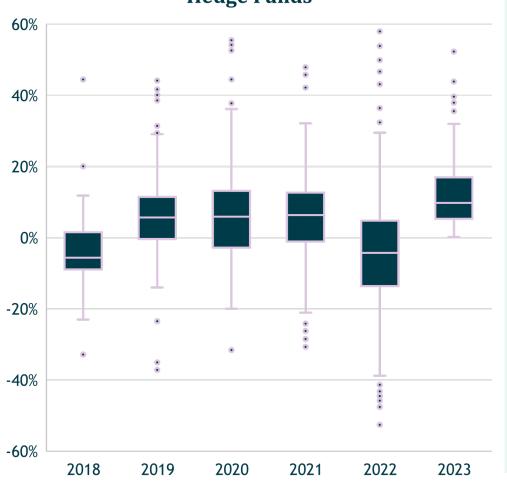
Short term performance, in particular, is not a good indication of the fund's future performance, and an investment should not be made based solely on returns.

All of the assets and liabilities of the Predecessor Fund were transferred to the Fund in a reorganization on 09/20/2021.

Shares of any ETF are bought and sold at market price (not NAV), may trade at a discount or premium to NAV and are not individually redeemed from the Fund. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns.

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### Annual Dispersion among Equity Long/Short Hedge Funds

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Replication of a diversified portfolio of hedge funds may minimize single manager risk

"Single manager risk is a huge hurdle for advisors who, unlike institutions, cannot invest in half a dozen funds per strategy. Often, the diversification benefits of the strategy can be lost when single funds blow up or underperform."

- DBi

Source: DBi, HFR. The chart shows the annual performance of equity long/short hedge funds with a minimum of \$50 million in assets under management in the Hedge Fund Research database. Boxes represent 75th and 25th percentile with median return.

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### **Questions about the fund?**

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The Funds' investment objectives, risks charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The statutory and summary prospectuses contain this and other important information about the investment company, and it may be obtained by visiting imglobalpartner.com. Read it carefully before investing.

Investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. Shares of any ETF are bought and sold at market price (not NAV), may trade at a discount or premium to NAV and are not individually redeemed from the funds. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. The Funds are "non-diversified," so they may invest a greater percentage of their assets in the securities of a single issuer. As a result, a decline in the value of an investment in a single issuer could cause the Funds' overall value to decline to a greater degree than if the Funds held a more diversified portfolio. The Funds should be considered highly leveraged and are suitable only for investors with high tolerance for investment risk. Futures contracts and forward contracts can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and changes in the value of such instruments held directly or indirectly by the Fund may not correlate with the underlying instrument or reference assets, or the Fund's other investments. Derivative instruments and futures contracts are subject to occasional rapid and substantial fluctuations. Taking a short position on a derivative instrument or security involves the risk of a theoretically unlimited increase in the value of the underlying instrument. For iM DBi Managed Futures Strategy ETF, exposure to the commodities markets may subject the Fund to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities. Exposure to foreign currencies subjects the Funds to the risk that those currencies will change in value relative to the U.S. Dollar. By investing in the Subsidiary, the Funds are indirectly exposed to the risks associated with the Subsidiary's investments. Fixed income securities, or derivatives based on fixed income securities, are subject to credit risk and interest rate risk.

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Diversification does not assure a profit, nor does it protect against a loss in a declining market.

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It is not possible to invest in an Index.

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