

THE TANTALLON FUND

The Tantallon Fund is a Cayman Island vehicle which targets a concentrated portfolio of 35 names, with a 3-5 year investment horizon. At the portfolio manager's discretion the fund may hedge its market and currency exposure, and short sell individual securities.

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The fund declined 2.1%, reducing our ytd performance to +41.8%.

I entered August with a high conviction that the extreme chop of July was behind us and that we could expect a significant rally in any names carrying any taint of ownership by Aschenbrenner (or indeed me!). Mid-month, with the portfolio up 14%, all appeared to be going to plan, but I under-estimated the impact of the unwind of those same positions by Citadel, and in a market still being buffeted by the circular worries of Hormuz closure, higher oil, weaker bonds, dollar debasement etc etc, the gains evaporated with startling speed in the final stretch of August, forcing me to trim our sails (somewhat) once again.

A significant portion of our under-performance last month can be ascribed to our short book, which always infuriates me. SMCI, a stock which I have long viewed with extreme suspicion, and have shorted with success in the past, was notably costly this month, as an earnings beat and adoption of its liquid cooling technology by CISCO produced a +30% pop in the name. SMCI has been the primary conduit for the evasion of restrictions of advanced Nvidia GPU's to China, via Singapore, Thailand etc. and I am deeply sceptical that this practice has changed despite much talk of improved internal compliance. Equally irritating was strength in Freeport McMoran, about the ONLY copper stock to trade higher in line with sharply higher copper prices, in the face of wildly optimistic assumptions on progress on the re-opening of Grasberg's block cave, the site of major accident last year that halted production. Grasberg is a 2km wide and 1.2km deep hole on a 4000m high mountain in the wettest part of Papua New Guinea (as it was called when I first worked there in the 1970's) with the block cave developed several hundred metres below the inevitable lake. Using FCX as a proximate hedge to our long-standing position in Ivanhoe has been

Performance

Tantallon Fund Size USD 94mn (Cayman is Feeder)
(Inception Nov 03)

	Tan	MSCI Pacific Free Index	Over/(Under)perf
August 2026	- 2.06%	+ 2.90%	- 4.96%
2026 YTD	+ 41.79%	+ 17.91%	+ 23.88%
2025	+ 95.95%	+ 20.20%	+ 75.75%
2024	+ 69.71%	+ 4.33%	+ 65.38%
Inception	+ 846.79%	+ 174.17%	+ 672.62%
Compound	+10.35%pa	Volatility	+27.92%
3 mth T-bill return	+3.81%	Sharpe Ratio	+0.23

FUND DETAILS

Investment Manager: Tantallon Capital Advisors Pte Ltd	Fees: 1.5%pa Management fees
Administrator: Portcullis Trust (Singapore) Ltd	Minimum Investment: USD 1,000,000
Domicile: Cayman Islands	Prime Broker: Morgan Stanley
Feeder funds Offshore (Cayman Is)	
Auditor: PricewaterhouseCoopers	Lawyers Harney Westwood & Riegels Shearman & Sterling LLP
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costly, with IVN having halved, despite copper's strength, and FCX being buoyed by its residual gold production. Elsewhere our long-standing shorts in the Australia banks and Fortescue contributed, as did our short in GE Vernova. Overall the short-book detracted 5.5%, and we gave back a further 2.2% in futures and options premium, largely on Bloom 270 and 300 calls, which as I write in late September we have sold at handsome profit.

Our long book ended the month +5.7%, driven principally by Micron (where we also hold calls), our long-standing positions in Impinj and SiTime, and a nice recovery in the photonic stock Lumentum. As the dollar debasement debate heated up mid-month with Bessent's intervention in both bond and FX markets, I opted to go long the beaten-up crypto player Micro Strategy (a long-standing and profitable

	RETURN	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Inception	+846.79%												
2026	+41.79%	+49.43%	+3.79%	-15.10%	+49.81%	+10.29%	-2.54%	-31.72%	-2.06%				
2025	+95.95%	-10.92%	-11.53%	-6.53%	+11.68%	+10.76%	+10.61%	+18.27%	+28.85%	+31.89%	-0.02%	-2.92%	-0.34%
2024	+69.71%	+5.20%	+3.86%	+1.68%	+2.29%	+16.65%	+0.97%	+3.77%	+2.76%	-0.95%	-0.27%	+43.60%	-16.20%
2023	-20.03%	+3.69%	-11.50%	-3.55%	-3.60%	+7.62%	+3.31%	-0.33%	-14.03%	-6.53%	-11.25%	+11.84%	+6.03%
2022	-22.55%	-9.65%	+7.55%	-5.02%	+0.64%	-0.78%	+1.17%	-14.53%	+3.17%	+7.94%	-7.77%	-7.66%	+2.49%

short hitherto), and the stock ended the month as our largest holding. This pivot has worked nicely and as the crypto names have recovered further into September the position has been reduced.

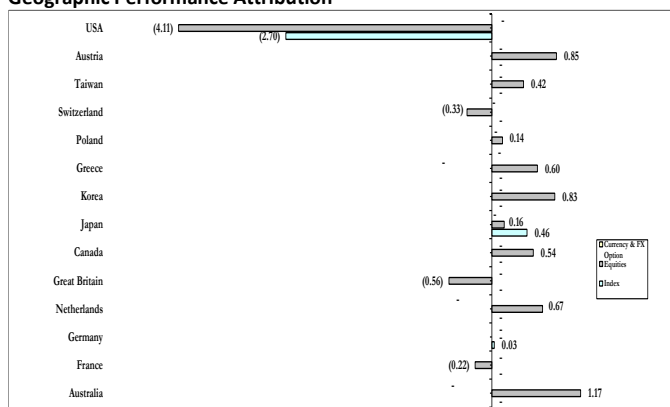
Our European defence names were removed from the portfolio at good prices in late March, and have since underperformed sharply, even as the proximate threat from Putin has escalated alarmingly, particularly in the last few weeks. The thesis for their removal was my conviction that optimism on European defence spending was at its peak, that much of what RheinMetall and others were pouring money into was the wrong kit, and that there was far greater upside and valuation support in moving into what I would loosely term the “Ukraine reconstruction” plays spread broadly across Poland, Germany and France. While it is now clear that Ukraine is facing an exceptionally ugly winter, as a combination of jet-powered drones and ballistic missiles for which they have as yet no ability to protect themselves are poised to destroy more civilian infrastructure, the inability of the Russians to make headway on the ground and the increasingly successful Ukrainian strikes on Russia’s own military and oil and gas infrastructure, reduces this

conflict to bloody and pointless stalemate. The elite hate the war, the banning of Yabloko from this weekend’s elections speaks to a level of paranoia that undercuts the absurdly triumphalist rhetoric spouted by Lavrov et al, and as we grind on into a fifth year the odds of some sort of coup must be rising. In the meantime, the positions we bought in European steels, cement, construction and financials (despite a short seller attack on Raiffeisen this week) have performed steadily with sharply lower volatility than the AI themed names which have been the primary driver of our performance this year. I am however looking at rebuilding our exposure to the Korean defence sector, whose success in penetrating the Middle Eastern market looks especially interesting as that quagmire deepens.

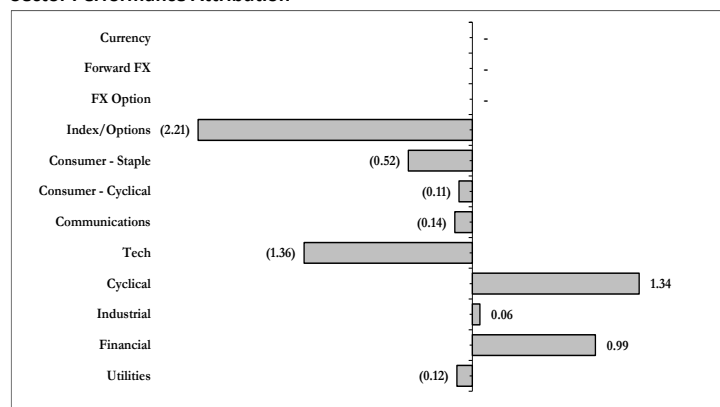
Geopolitics remains a higher, and less discounted, risk than the interminable debate about weaker bond markets and higher oil prices and dollar debasement. Equities meanwhile remain the asset class of choice as revenues, eps and profit margins rise globally. We have had a brutal Q3 correction, but I am confident we are set up for a strong Q4 finish. Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead.

% OF ASSETS ALLOCATION	EQUITY LONG	EQUITY SHORT	INDEX LONG	INDEX SHORT	NET EXPOSURE	GROSS EXPOSURE
Australia	5.42%	(24.49%)			(19.07%)	29.91%
Japan	14.75%			(14.53%)	0.22%	29.28%
South Korea	10.92%				10.92%	10.92%
Taiwan	8.47%				8.47%	8.47%
Canada	0.44%				0.44%	0.44%
Europe	66.15%	(0.02%)			66.13%	66.17%
United States	65.79%	(62.15%)	2.70%	(55.95%)	(49.61%)	186.59%
Total	171.94%	(86.66%)	2.70%	(70.48%)	17.50%	331.78%

Geographic Performance Attribution



Sector Performance Attribution



Equity Positions

Long	47	Largest 10 Longs	89.80% of NAV	Long Liquidity	1.02days	Mkt Capitalization	>2Bn	92%
Short	18	Largest 10 Shorts	71.77% of NAV	Short Liquidity	0.00days	Gross Exposure (USD)	>500m-2Bn< <500mn	3% 5%

Top 5 % Longs		Top 5 Contributors		Top 5 Detractors	
Strategy Inc	13.26%	Micron Tech (L)		Super Micro Comp (S)	
Impinj Inc	11.25%	Impinj Inc (L)		Cerebras Systems (L)	
ArcelorMittal	11.16%	Lumentum Holdings (L)		Palantir Tech (S)	
Piraeus Financial	8.94%	SiTime Corp (L)		Intel Corp (L)	
Holcim Ltd	8.77%	Strategy Inc (L)		Freeport-McMoRan (S)	

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