



August 2025 Monthly Letter

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To those following our investment journey:

This letter documents our personal investment journey and analytical process. It is shared for educational purposes and is not investment advice or a solicitation of any kind.

The performance of our portfolio in Q1 2025 and since inception is summarized below.

	MTD	QTD	YTD	Cummulative
BD Sterling	5.28%	4.94%	24.30%	51.34%
S&P 500	3.75%	4.44%	10.72%	16.33%
Alpha	1.53%	0.50%	13.58%	35.01%
Beta (β)	1.12	0.97	1.07	1.07
Sharpe Ratio	3.83	1.95	1.15	1.70

Cummulative number represents since inception (9/17/24)

Numbers are from Bloomberg LP and Interactive Brokers LLC

The fund delivered +5.3% in August and +24.3% YTD, comfortably outperforming the SP 500 and global indices, with moderate beta exposure. Apart from increasing our position in United Health Group by 200 bps, BD Sterling did not make any significant changes to the portfolio. The portfolio remains concentrated in U.S. growth sectors, with selective exposure to gold and European tech.

Between wrapping up our internships and starting the rush of school, we decided to couch surf in the great city of New York. We stayed at a Sinn Fund alumni's apartment and spent 5 days meeting with Aggies, market professionals, and exploring the amazing city. We will include a more detailed report of our NYC trip in a separate letter, however, one thing that we do want to highlight was the awesome food. As self-identified walkable cities enthusiasts and foodies, we made it a point to only eat at local classics. Some of our top choices from the NYC trip were Bleecker Street Pizza, Joe's Pizza, Indian Accent (thanks to Cole Hyvonen), Kolkata Chai (thanks to Arunava), and Luckin Coffee (boots on the ground research for \$SBUX).



Bleecker Street Pizza!



Rev Pups Dinner #2 in NYC



Rev Pups Dinner #3 (Austin, 9/1)

We also continue to support Rev Pups, our dinner series that Bhuvan and Elizabeth Hagelin'26 run to connect students with alumni and professionals. One of the most debated ideas was whether the “risk-free rate” should even exist. The “risk-free rate” isn’t truly risk-free; it’s the sovereign benchmark we all price off to be credible, but not absolute. That benchmark raises the hurdle for returns elsewhere, making equity risk the intentional place investors get paid, via the equity risk premium, over full cycles. History still humbles: there are long windows where holding bills wins. Is being long beta the solution when we’re being paid for it, since it’s inevitable. **Our next Rev Pups Dinner #4 will be hosted in Austin, on 9/19!**

B.D. Sterling is far from where we believe we can build this firm. We are young, hungry and truly believe there is no goal too big for us. However, even with this drive, we recognize the importance of taking our time to learn and grow, while making the most of every opportunity to meet new people and continue reading.

Thank you to mentors and friends who shared insights and encouraged our journey.

*With much gratitude,
Bhuvan and Dhruv*