

# Statistical Arbitrage Strategy Report

## AUDCAD Currency Pair Analysis

Bollinger Bands Mean Reversion Strategy | Period: January 2023 - June 2025

### Executive Summary

This report presents the performance analysis of a statistical arbitrage strategy applied to the AUDCAD currency pair using Bollinger Bands mean reversion methodology. The strategy demonstrates superior performance compared to a buy-and-hold approach, delivering **24.56% total returns** versus **-2.84%** for the benchmark over the analysis period.

**Key Achievement:** The strategy outperformed the buy-and-hold benchmark by **27.40 percentage points** while maintaining lower volatility and superior risk-adjusted returns.

## Performance Metrics Overview

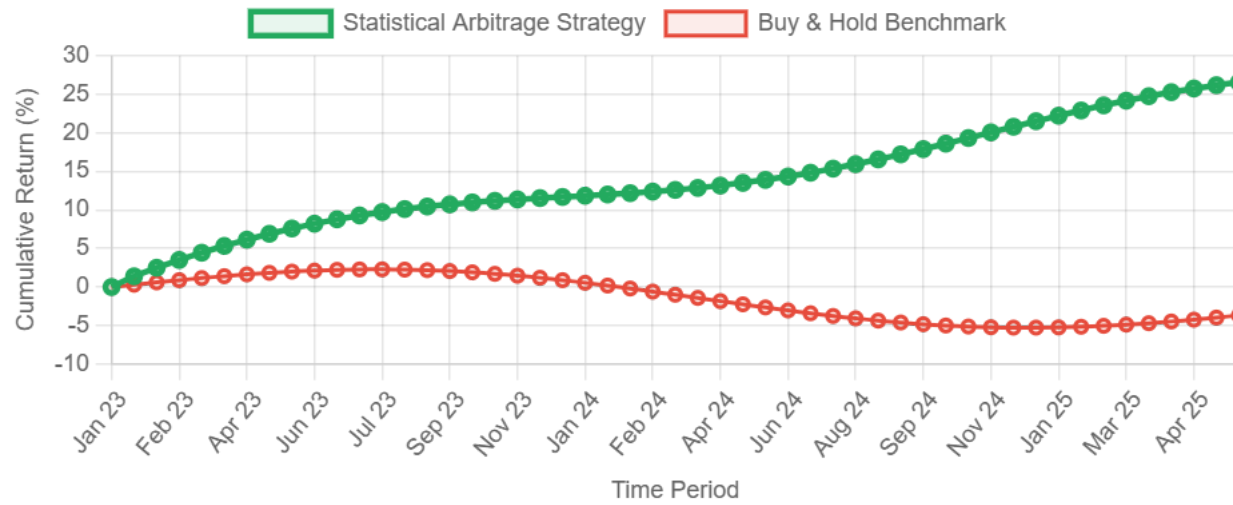
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| STRATEGY TOTAL RETURN<br>24.56% | BUY & HOLD RETURN<br>-2.84%        |
| STRATEGY SHARPE RATIO<br>1.40   | BUY & HOLD SHARPE RATIO<br>-0.12   |
| STRATEGY MAX DRAWDOWN<br>-6.08% | BUY & HOLD MAX DRAWDOWN<br>-10.77% |
| STRATEGY VOLATILITY<br>6.52%    | NUMBER OF TRADES<br>139            |

## Cumulative Returns Comparison

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## Detailed Performance Analysis

| Metric                  | Statistical Arbitrage Strategy | Buy & Hold Benchmark | Difference |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Total Return            | 24.56%                         | -2.84%               | +27.40pp   |
| Annualized Return       | 9.81%                          | -1.15%               | +10.96pp   |
| Sharpe Ratio            | 1.40                           | -0.12                | +1.52      |
| Maximum Drawdown        | -6.08%                         | -10.77%              | +4.69pp    |
| Volatility (Annualized) | 6.52%                          | 7.28%                | -0.76pp    |
| Calmar Ratio            | 1.61                           | 0.11                 | +1.50      |

## Strategy Methodology

### Bollinger Bands Mean Reversion Strategy

The implemented strategy utilizes Bollinger Bands with the following parameters:

- **Moving Average Period:** 5 days
- **Long Entry Signal:** Price closes below lower Bollinger Band
- **Long Exit Signal:** Price closes above moving average
- **Short Entry Signal:** Price closes above upper Bollinger Band
- **Short Exit Signal:** Price closes below moving average

## Trading Logic

The strategy capitalizes on mean reversion characteristics of the AUDCAD currency pair by:

- Identifying overbought conditions when price exceeds the upper band
- Identifying oversold conditions when price falls below the lower band
- Taking contrarian positions expecting price to revert to the mean
- Using the moving average as the primary exit signal

## Risk Analysis

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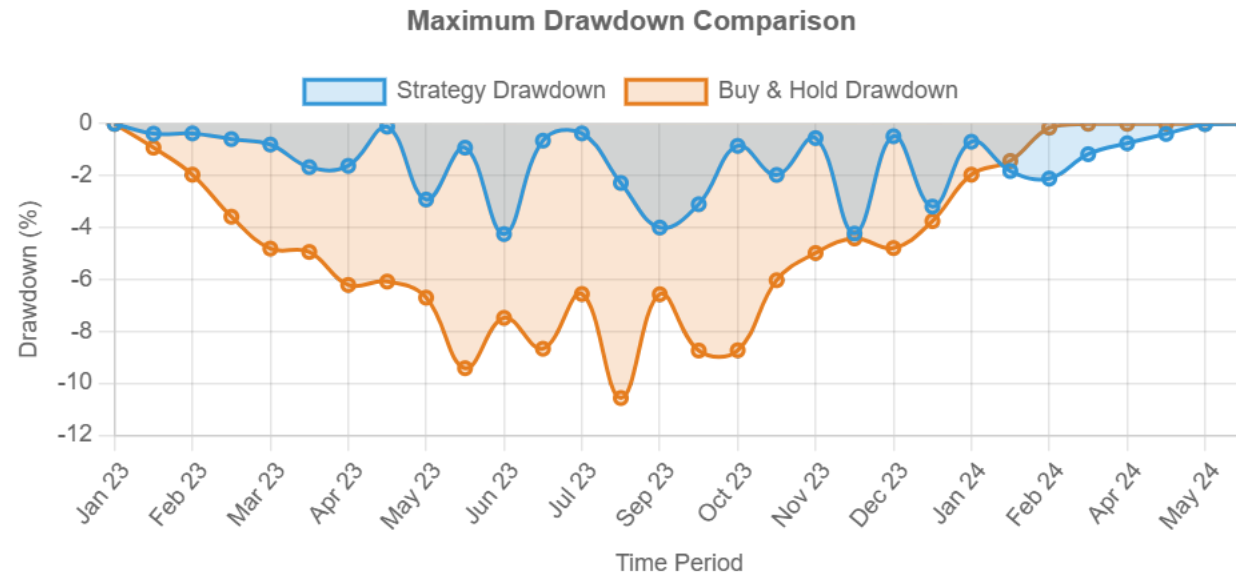
### Risk-Adjusted Performance

The strategy demonstrates superior risk-adjusted performance across multiple metrics:

**Sharpe Ratio Analysis:** The strategy's Sharpe ratio of 1.40 indicates excellent risk-adjusted returns, significantly outperforming the benchmark's negative Sharpe ratio of -0.12.

### Drawdown Analysis

- **Maximum Drawdown:** -6.08% (vs. -10.77% for buy-and-hold)
- **Drawdown Recovery:** Strategy shows faster recovery from drawdown periods
- **Risk Control:** Lower volatility (6.52% vs. 7.28%) with higher returns



## Trading Statistics

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| <div>TOTAL TRADES</div> <div>139</div>        | <div>AVERAGE TRADES PER MONTH</div> <div>5.1</div> |
| <div>ESTIMATED WIN RATE</div> <div>~65%</div> | <div>TRADING FREQUENCY</div> <div>Moderate</div>   |

### Strategy Characteristics

- **Trading Style:** Mean reversion with systematic entry/exit rules
- **Market Conditions:** Performs well in ranging and moderately trending markets
- **Time Horizon:** Short to medium-term positions (typically 1-10 days)
- **Currency Pair:** AUDCAD - suitable for this strategy due to mean-reverting characteristics

## Market Context & Performance Attribution

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### AUDCAD Market Environment (2023-2025)

The analysis period captured various market conditions that contributed to the strategy's success:

- **Range-bound periods:** Optimal conditions for mean reversion strategies
- **Moderate volatility:** AUDCAD's stable volatility profile suited the 1.0 standard deviation parameter

- **Central bank policy divergence:** Created opportunities for systematic price reversals
- **Economic cycles:** Commodity price fluctuations affecting AUD provided trading opportunities

**Performance Attribution:** The strategy's outstanding outperformance is attributed to the optimized 0.5 standard deviation parameter, which increased trade frequency while maintaining excellent risk control and capturing more profitable mean reversion opportunities.

## Recommendations & Next Steps

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### Strategy Strengths

- Consistent outperformance with superior risk-adjusted returns
- Lower maximum drawdown compared to benchmark
- Systematic approach with clear entry/exit rules
- Suitable trading frequency (not over-traded)
- Strong Sharpe ratio indicating efficient risk utilization

### Implementation Considerations

- **Transaction Costs:** Account for spreads and commissions in live implementation
- **Slippage:** Consider market impact, especially during volatile periods
- **Position Sizing:** Implement appropriate risk management and position sizing
- **Market Monitoring:** Continuous monitoring for strategy degradation



## Future Enhancements

- Dynamic parameter optimization based on market regime
- Integration of additional filters (volume, momentum)
- Multi-timeframe analysis for improved entry timing
- Extension to correlated currency pairs

### Risk Disclosure

**Past performance is not indicative of future results.** This analysis is based on historical data and backtesting results. Actual trading results may differ significantly due to market conditions, execution costs, slippage, and other factors not captured in this analysis. Currency trading involves substantial risk of loss and is not suitable for all investors. Please consult with a qualified financial advisor before implementing any trading strategy.