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Amir Shakouri, Duong Hien Ngo

Use the box below to explain any attempts to reach out to a non-contributing member. Type (N/A) if all members contributed.

Amir tried contacting him by email and through WQU group forum and message for splitting the tasks and e-meeting/discussion. We receive minimal response afterwards. He committed to do at least a minimum task (step 8) but till this submission time, we haven’t heard back, unfortunately.

*\* Note, you may be required to provide proof of your outreach to non-contributing members upon request.*

9-1: Summary of the Results:

9-2: Alternative Investment Portfolio:

Considering the rapid changes in the asset prices, we maintain a diversified active approach in managing our alternative investment portfolio consisted of gold, bitcoin and cash.

Strong accommodative measures announced by the US Federal Reserve in March 2020 following the market crash and economy slow-down caused by the COVID pandemic which were in the form of historical credit and money creation has led to an outstanding reflation across almost all asset classes. As such, it was no surprise that our diversified alternative investment portfolio will benefit from this shift in the market. Our goal has been to overperform the market by an active asset management approach.

By observing early signs of the cracks in the market before the COVID crash, we moved 50% of the portfolio into cash and maintained 25% in gold and 25% in bitcoin. This allowed us to be very active following the COVID crash:

* Until June 2020: we traded 25% of our cash alternatively between gold and bitcoin in pair trading
* From June 2020 when we anticipated a new trend in gold, we moved all our cash to gold consisting 75% of the portfolio and kept our initial 25% position in bitcoin. We exited this trade in September 2020 when the trend in gold was broken.
* In October 2020, we invested our cash into bitcoin (75% of our portfolio) in anticipation of the new trend in bitcoin, a trade which has been very profitable ever since inception.

Unlike conventional belief that gold and bitcoin are both inflation hedge, we have observed uncorrelated price actions between these two assets, a situation that helps us in perusing our active strategy. Considering gold as a hedge (with historical negative correlation with the broader market), we believe bitcoin is in fact an ultimate risk asset.

Steps 0 to 4: Amir using the templates from the previous submission

Steps 5 and 6: Amir Shakouri

Steps 7 and 8: Duong Hien Ngo (considering the higher efforts required)

Step 9: Amir Shakouri and Duong Hien Ngo