

# Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly

## Summary of Performance

### Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly: Performance as of 11 Aug 2023

In this weekly performance report, we present the historical returns for the Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly List since its inception on 1 July 2013.

The Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly List decreased by 0.56% last week and has increased 0.08% quarter to date, compared to a 0.35% increase quarter to date for the benchmark HFRXEHE (Equity Hedge Index EUR).

#### Exhibit 1: Performance of Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly List as of 11 Aug 2023

Performance of list

| Performance Period | Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly List Total Return | HFRXEHE Index Total Return | Relative Performance Long-Short Portfolio TR vs HFRXEHE TR in % points |
|--------------------|---|----------------------------|--|
| 1 week             | -0.56%  | 0.14%                      | -0.70%   |
| Qtr to date*       | 0.08%   | 0.35%                      | -0.27%   |
| Yr to date         | 0.98%   | 2.02%                      | -1.04%   |
| 12 months          | -0.91%  | 0.76%                      | -1.67%   |
| 3 Years            | 37.88%  | 17.36%                     | 20.53%   |
| 5 Years            | 47.46%  | 7.42%                      | 40.04%   |
| Since inception    | 101.34%                                       | 14.91%                     | 86.43%   |

Source: : BofA Global Research

\*Quarter to date beginning 03 July 2023

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Based on relative performance vs the benchmark HFRXEHE, the best performing ideas this quarter, beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul, are UBS, Pirelli and EssilorLuxottica. The worst performing ones are Worldline, Heineken and Admiral.

#### Exhibit 2: Performance of stocks quarter to date\* as of 11 Aug 2023

Performance of stocks

| Bberg   | Company Name     | Recommendation | Absolute Performance (EUR) | Relative Performance vs HFRXEHE in % points |
|---------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---|
| UBSG SW | UBS              | BUY            | 13.11%                     | 12.76%                                      |
| PIRC IM | Pirelli          | BUY            | 3.57%                      | 3.22%                                       |
| EL FP   | EssilorLuxottica | BUY            | 2.82%                      | 2.47%                                       |
| FPE3 GY | Fuchs Petrolub   | BUY            | 1.61%                      | 1.26%                                       |
| UHR SW  | Swatch           | BUY            | -0.42%                     | -0.76%                                      |
| ALO FP  | Alstom           | BUY            | -3.49%                     | -3.84%                                      |
| HEIA NA | Heineken         | BUY            | -5.52%                     | -5.86%                                      |
| WLN FP  | Worldline        | BUY            | -6.83%                     | -7.18%                                      |
| AMS SW  | ams              | UNDERPERFORM   | -1.03%                     | 1.38%                                       |
| ADM LN  | Admiral          | UNDERPERFORM   | 5.12%                      | -4.77%                                      |

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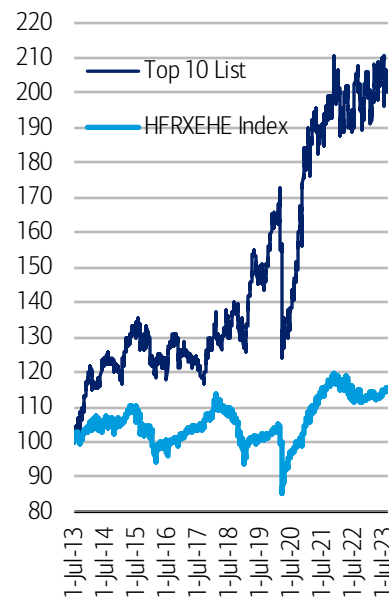
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#### Chart 1: Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly Total Return vs HFRXEHE since inception

The List has risen 101.34% against the Index up 14.91% since inception



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# The Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly List

The Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly List represents 10 short-term recommendations for EMEA companies we cover based on our views of significant market and business related catalysts that we think will affect these stocks in the quarter ahead. Our idea in constructing this Top 10 EMEA Ideas List is to canvass the views of our fundamental equity teams across each of the 24 clusters which we cover in EMEA with a view towards identifying 10 stocks which we believe will either significantly outperform or underperform their peers in a given sector by the most significant amount during the quarter. We publish this list at the beginning of each quarter.

## Stock Selection, Committee and Investment Process

Given the breadth and scope of our overall coverage of stocks and sectors in EMEA, we recognize this recommended list cannot include nor is it designed to include all major catalysts. Our objective is to identify what we believe will be the highest impact trading ideas in each quarter which we publish the list. To provide structure and discipline to the stock selection process, a committee drawn from members of Bank of America Research Management is responsible for soliciting views on catalysts from our fundamental equity teams and making determinations of which companies will comprise the list for each quarter.

In order to qualify as an outperform idea, a stock must have a BUY recommendation from a BofA fundamental analyst. In order to qualify as an underperform idea, a stock must have an UNDERPERFORM recommendation from a BofA fundamental analyst. Once selected, our intention is that a stock would remain on the list for that quarter, unless the committee, at its discretion, removes the stock in connection with an analyst's rating change or a significant event on the stock. Notwithstanding this intention, a stock pick may be included on the list for a subsequent quarter if we think a catalyst we have identified for that stock in a particular quarter continues to apply as well as our relative views on share price outperformance or underperformance.

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Because market conditions are not static, catalysts and levels of conviction will vary over time and consequently, the balance between outperform ideas and underperform ideas will vary over time. Investors should read and consider the fundamental research report prior to making an investment decision related to any stock on the Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly List.

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As the Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly List comprises both long and short ideas, in our view, its construction is closer to that of a hedge fund than a traditional long only list or index. As such, we have chosen the HFRXEHE(Eur) or "HFRXEHE", a Euro denominated index as our benchmark.

The HFR Indices apply various methodologies to give a broad view of the total return of hedge funds. As of this time, these indices comprise approximately 6000 funds meeting certain criteria, including criteria related to the size of assets under management, length of manager track record, and certain transparency standards. Funds that are closed to new investment are excluded.

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The Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly List differs from HFRXEHE in that: 1) it is more exposed to stock specific risk than the HFRXEHE Index as the hedge funds are both likely to be more diversified in the number of equities held and can also invest in other assets; 2) the HFRXEHE includes hedge funds that use leverage 3) the HFRXEHE Index reflects fees; 4) the HFRXEHE incorporates funds with varying investment strategies (5) the Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly List is equal weighted; and 6) the HFRXEHE and the Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly List reflect different conversion strategies. The HFRXEHE is also subject to selection and survivorship bias. As a result of these differences, the performance of the Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly Ideas List is not directly correlated to the HFRXEHE.

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The indicative performance of the Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly List is calculated by the BofA Research group. We note that as of 11 Aug 23, the Top 10 EMEA Ideas Quarterly Total Return List has risen by 101.34% since inception on 1 July 2013. In comparison the HFRXEHE Index has risen by 14.91%.



## Current Constituents

### Exhibit 3: Top 10 EMEA Quarterly Ideas List Stocks

| Company          | Analyst            | Bberg   | Symbol | Rating | Rec          | Date added | Currency | Current Price | Addition Price |
|------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------------|------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| Alstom           | Virgo,Alexander    | ALO FP  | AOMFF  | B-1-7  | BUY          | 03/07/2023 | EUR      | 25.93         | 27.15          |
| EssilorLuxottica | Adurno,Maria-Laura | EL FP   | ESLOF  | A-1-7  | BUY          | 03/07/2023 | EUR      | 175.74        | 170.50         |
| Fuchs Petrolub   | Kotecha,Riya       | FPE3 GY | FUPPF  | B-1-7  | BUY          | 03/07/2023 | EUR      | 36.84         | 36.12          |
| Heineken         | Pistacchi,Andrea   | HEIA NA | HINKF  | A-1-7  | BUY          | 03/07/2023 | EUR      | 90.26         | 96.04          |
| Pirelli          | Jacks,Michael      | PIRC IM | PLLIF  | B-1-7  | BUY          | 03/07/2023 | EUR      | 4.54          | 4.56           |
| Swatch           | Wallace,Ashley     | UHR SW  | SWGAF  | B-1-7  | BUY          | 03/07/2023 | CHF      | 260.90        | 267.50         |
| UBS              | Ryan,Alastair      | UBSG SW | XUHJF  | B-1-7  | BUY          | 03/07/2023 | CHF      | 20.46         | 18.28          |
| Worldline        | Boulan,Frederic    | WLN FP  | WWLNF  | B-1-9  | BUY          | 03/07/2023 | EUR      | 32.19         | 34.69          |
| Admiral          | Kong,Freya         | ADM LN  | AMIGF  | B-3-8  | UNDERPERFORM | 03/07/2023 | GBP      | 2227.00       | 2091.00        |
| ams              | Scemama,Didier     | AMS SW  | AUKUF  | C-3-9  | UNDERPERFORM | 03/07/2023 | CHF      | 6.24          | 6.44           |

Source: BofA Global Research  
Current Price as of 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023

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|-------------------|---|--|
| Buy               | ≥ 10%   | ≤ 70%  |
| Neutral           | ≥ 0%  | ≤ 30%  |
| Underperform      | N/A   | ≥ 20%  |

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