

# **Three Rock Capital Management**

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### **Monthly Performance**

Global Macro Program	Monthly Return	Year to Date	Since Inception
January 2017	-3.57%	-3.57%	82.14%

#### Performance Record (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2017	-3.57												-3.57
2016	2.63	2.08	-1.04	-0.18	0.20	0.76	0.98	-0.25	-2.90	3.32	4.57	-0.73	9.60
2015	5.05	2.36	4.15	1.17	2.75	-3.98	-0.17	0.14	-2.08	2.93	0.09	1.12	13.98
2014	-1.43	-1.69	-1.42	-1.43	-1.02	-0.34	-0.46	0.88	5.68	3.67	5.47	0.30	8.09
2013	2.85	0.14	-1.16	0.55	0.45	1.84	-0.80	1.41	-0.69	-1.36	2.19	0.68	6.15
2012	1.36	2.07	1.99	-1.12	1.91	-0.61	1.98	0.98	0.30	-1.92	1.82	0.02	9.03
2011	-4.33	-1.06	2.20	4.25	-3.75	-3.22	1.18	0.43	-0.78	2.79	0.01	2.96	0.24
2010	-0.76	3.97	4.79	2.51	1.81	-3.01	0.27	2.33	6.30	2.73	2.52	2.96	29.44
2009	-4.32	4.36	3.68	-3.14	8.00	-7.19	-1.53	-7.42	-0.20	3.34	1.14	-2.54	-6.85

From January 2009 to November 2012 Three Rock Capital Management traded as Anark Capital Ltd. The firm has been regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland since December 2012 and has been registered with the CFTC and a member of the NFA since January 2013. The performance record from January 2009 to December 2014 has been reviewed by KPMG. The performance record from January 2015 to December 2015 has been reviewed by Arthur Bell. Performance data is net of management and incentive fees. The current fee structure is 1% management fee & 20% incentive fee. Past Performance is not necessarily indicative of future results.

### Commentary

Long USD and short government bond trades accounted for January's loss. Well understood reasons exist to be constructive on the USD outlook - we were long post the election until early January. However, following weak price action in the first week of the month we changed our USD bias to 'neutral' from 'long'. While the price action was weak, in the background we were also conscious the incoming administration may indicate an intention to weaken the currency (see 'Scoring the Trump Economic Plan' – Peter Navarro and Wilbur Ross). In recent days, both Mr Navarro (Head of the newly formed National Trade Council) and President Trump have made clear their intentions and we have now adopted a 'short' USD bias.

We interpret the administration's attitude toward the currency partly in the broader context of a stated objective of increasing real GDP growth from the 2% pace of recent years to a 3-4% range.

GDP = Personal Consumption + Business Investment + Government Spending + Net Exports

A trade defict subtracts from GDP while a surplus adds. The US will record a trade deficit of approximately \$500 bio or -2.5% of GDP in 2016. It seems clear the new administration aims to turn the deficit into a surplus. Taxation and regulatory changes will strongly incentivise exports and onshoring while discouraging imports and overseas production. The other element is the currency:

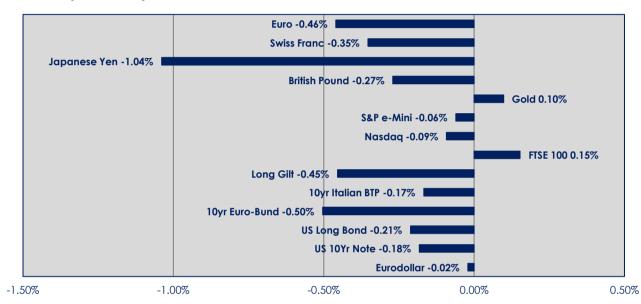
# President Trump Comments to Pharmaceutical Industry Representatives - Jan 31st

"It's very unfair what other countries are doing to us. One thing I want you to do –I've seen this over the years - a lot of companies have moved out – they don't make the drugs in our country anymore, a lot of that has to do with regulation, a lot of that has to do with the fact that other countries take advantage of us with their money and their money supply and devaluation – because we don't know anything – our country has been run so badly – we know nothing about

devaluation – every other country lives on devaluation – you look at what China is doing – you look at what Japan has done over the years, they play the money market, they play the devaluation market and we sit there like a bunch of dummies. So, you have to get your companies here, we have to make products back here – we're going to get rid of a tremendous amount of regulation....

Ex - Treasury Secretary Larry Summers has described 'Scoring the Trump Economic Plan' as being "off the spectrum in terms of responsible economics". This may be, but rightly or wrongly it is the direction of policy. Judging from the administration's modus operandi to date, we should expect an aggressive attempted policy implementation which takes little account of the international political or economic order. This may include unilateral intervention to weaken the USD. The break with the gold standard in 1971 comes to mind – "it's our currency but your problem" as then Treasury Secretary John Connolly told European finance ministers.

### **Monthly Return by Contract**



# Correlations

S&P 500	MSCI World	JP Morgan Global Bond Index	, ,		HFR Macro / CTA Index	Newedge CTA Index
0.07	0.10	-0.01	0.10	0.20	0.27	0.29

#### Fee Structure and other Information

Management Fee: 1% Performance Fee: 20%

Minimum Managed Account: \$1 mio

Average Margin to Equity Ratio (since 2013): 2.75%

Benchmark Index: HFRX Macro / CTA YTD: -0.95%

Executing FCM: RJ O'Brien
Administrator: HedgeFacts LLP
Legal: Greenberg Traurig LLP
Bloomberg: TRCGMCP ID

**AUM:** \$74.0 mio

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