## **CISDM Monthly Report**

## February 2017

Index	Feb % Returns	YTD % Returns
CISDM Equal Weighted Hedge Fund Index	0.81	2.20
CISDM Convertible Arbitrage Index	0.51	3.74
CISDM Distressed Securities Index	1.40	2.97
CISDM Equity Long/Short Index	0.95	2.33
CISDM Equity Market Neutral Index	0.11	0.36
CISDM Event Driven Multi-Strategy Index	0.73	2.25
CISDM Fixed Income Arbitrage Index	0.59	1.85
CISDM Global Macro Index	0.09	-0.50
CISDM Merger Arbitrage Index	0.62	0.38
CISDM China Long/Short Index	2.09	2.00
CISDM Fund of Fund Indices		
CISDM Fund of Funds Diversified Index	0.53	1.33
CISDM CTA Indices		
CISDM CTA Equal Weighted Index	1.73	0.78
Benchmarks		
S&P 500	3.97	5.94
MSCI ACWI	2.85	5.68
Barclays US Aggregate	0.67	0.87

The Equal Weighted Hedge Fund Index posted its 11th consecutive positive month providing investors with a return of 81 basis points. The leading strategy was the Distressed Securities Index, which provided a 1.40% return; continued improvement in the economic outlook as well as looser conditions prevailing in the credit markets that started in August 2016. The Equity Long/Short Index also had a good month as it provided investors with a return of 95 basis points, due to the surging equity markets in the US and the World. Within the Equity Long/Short Index, Asian funds had the strongest performance averaging a 1.72% return. Additionally, the China Long/Short Index recovered from a rough January to become the leading strategy within the CISDM's Indices. The Fixed Income Arbitrage Index had a solid February with a return of 59 basis points. It will be interesting to see how the index reacts to the US Federal Reserve's decision to increase interest rates for next month's results.

After a tough January, commodity traders bounced back, providing investors with a 1.73% return. Currency traders averaged a 0.67% returns. Futures traders took advantage of rising gold (2.94%) and silver (4.19%) prices, while those who shorted natural gas (down 14%) benefited. Crude and Brent Oil increased by 0.53% & 1.93%, respectively.

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