

# Blackstone Alternative Multi-Strategy Fund (BXMIX)

### Fund Net Performance vs. Peers<sup>1,2,3</sup>

	As of December 31, 2023				Inception to Date Statistics					
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Yr	5 Yr	ITD	St. Dev.	Beta	Alpha	Sharpe
BXMIX	1.78%	3.42%	7.92%	7.92%	2.73%	2.60%	4.05%	-	-	0.31
HFRX Global HF Index	1.39%	1.70%	3.10%	3.10%	3.46%	1.34%	3.33%	0.78	1.35%	(0.01)
Morningstar Category Avg.	1.08%	1.94%	6.66%	6.66%	3.86%	2.27%	4.02%	0.73	0.66%	0.22
Barclays Global Agg Index TR	4.16%	8.10%	5.72%	5.72%	(0.32%)	0.01%	5.23%	0.05	1.69%	(0.26)
MSCI World Index TR	4.94%	11.53%	24.42%	24.42%	13.38%	9.03%	15.08%	0.18	0.18%	0.51

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Performance is presented through December 31, 2023, for the Fund's Class I share class (BXMIX). Returns are shown net of all fees and expenses less waived expenses (see Fund Terms). Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not predict future returns. Statistics above are calculated using daily performance and are annualized. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost and current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Additional information and performance data current to the most recent monthend is available at <a href="https://www.bxmix.com">www.bxmix.com</a>.

## Q42023 Market Commentary<sup>4</sup>

Global markets returned to positive performance in the fourth quarter of 2023, with the MSCI World Index returning 11.5%, bringing YTD returns to 24.4%.<sup>5</sup> A continuation of the previous quarter's negative performance in equity markets transitioned to a broad market rally in the last two months of the year, likely on the back of positive economic data and commentary from the Federal Reserve. As we move into 2024, economic data and the subsequent responsiveness of the Federal Reserve will remain top of mind for investors.

The beginning of the fourth quarter was marked by a continuation of declining equity markets with the MSCI World dropping 2.9% in October and entering into correction territory. Long-dated treasury yields continued to move higher coinciding with fresh geopolitical risks and a slightly higher than expected reading for both headline (3.7% vs. 3.6% expected) and core inflation (4.1% [rounded] vs. 4.1% expected). Further data released in October pointed to a US economic growth rate of 4.8%, exceeding expectations for Q3 (4.3% expected)<sup>8</sup> and bolstering the narrative for "higher-for-longer" rates, as the Fed continued its battle against persistent inflation and a strong labor market.

However, the drawdown in markets was met with a reversal to the upside off the back of favorable economic data prints in November which coincided with the largest monthly shift downward in long-dated treasury yields since December of 2008. A cooler than expected inflation reading released in the same month showed CPI fall to 3.2% YoY from the 3.7% reading in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All ITD statistics are calculated using daily performance since inception. All returns include dividend and capital gain distributions. Standard Deviation and Sharpe calculations are annualized. Beta and Alpha are measured to the respective index.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> None of the indices presented are benchmarks or targets for the Fund. Indices are unmanaged and investors cannot invest in an index. Please see the end of this document for additional disclosures regarding indices presented.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Opinions and views expressed reflect the current opinions and views of BAIA as of the date of this material only. There can be no assurance that such opinions and views will come to pass.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Source: Bloomberg as of December 31, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Source: Bloomberg as of October 31, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics: Consumer Price Index as of October 12, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Source: United States Bureau of Economic Analysis as of October 26, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Source: Bloomberg as of November 30, 2023.

October. <sup>10</sup> Perhaps being influenced by a cool inflation print, market participants wagered that the Fed was not just finished with the current rate hiking cycle but that it would be implementing as many as six rates cuts in 2024. <sup>11</sup>

Positive sentiment held strong through the last month of the year with the broader risk-asset rally gaining steam. The last Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") meeting of 2023 seemingly confirmed investor sentiment of a dovish Fed pivot following the decision to hold rates steady for the third meeting in a row.<sup>12</sup> The policy statement released on the same day indicated members projected 75bps of rate cuts in 2024 an increase from the previous projection of 50bps.<sup>13</sup> The perceived trend towards dovishness may have bolstered risk assets into the end of the year, with the MSCI World finishing the month up 4.9%.<sup>14</sup>

Economic data released in the fourth quarter alluded to a US economic situation that was remaining resilient and adding credence to hopes for a 'soft-landing'. However, the market may be a bit early in assuming the Fed is ready to declare victory in its battle against inflation. While commentary at the last meeting may be perceived as dovish, the FOMC maintained that it is committed to bringing inflation below the target level of 2%, which is well below current levels. The labor market remains tight at 3.7% as of the latest reading in December, and while it may be moderating some, the Fed is watching this and other data readings closely as it prepares to enact any policy decisions.

Against this macroeconomic backdrop, rates remain higher than levels seen in the previous era of quantitative easing, and as such, there is still potential for pockets of volatility in the current market. Coupled with ongoing geopolitical conflicts and a year of global elections, a level of uncertainty persists for markets in 2024. Taking these factors into consideration, BXMIX remains positioned to be underweight in strategies we believe have directional market exposures while being overweight relative value and trading strategies across macro rates, credit, and commodities as of December 31, 2023.<sup>17</sup>

## Q42023 Fund Performance Highlights

The investment objective of the Blackstone Alternative Multi-Strategy Fund (the "Fund") is to seek capital appreciation. The Fund aims to achieve its objective by allocating assets among a variety of sub-advisers and investment funds generally employing non-traditional or "alternative" investment strategies and by managing assets directly (via BAIA<sup>17</sup>). In Q4, the Fund's Class I share class returned 3.4%<sup>1</sup> net of fees and expenses versus 1.7% for the HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index, 8.1% for the Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index, and 11.5% for the MSCI World Index.<sup>1,3</sup>

Note: Highlighted contributors/detractors are not exhaustive of all contributors/detractors for the Fund.

Macro <sup>18</sup>	+1	+1.12%			
Contributors	+	Benefited from positive regulatory developments in the Carbon Credit Allowance ("CCA") market			
Detractors	-	Negative performance from positions in US Natural Gas, which sold off during Q4			

Quant <sup>17</sup>	+1.21%			
Contributors	+ Accretive performance from commodities and rates positions and longer-term quant trading strategies			
Detractors	<ul> <li>Certain shorter term quant equity strategies struggled towards the end of Q4</li> </ul>			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics: Consumer Price Index as of November 14, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Source: Bloomberg as of November 14, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Federal Open Market Committee as of December 13, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Federal Open Market Committee as of December 13, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Source: Bloomberg as of December 31, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Federal Open Market Committee as of December 13, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics as of December 8, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> BAIA manages a portion of the Fund's assets directly and BAIA's fees on such assets are not reduced by a payment to a sub-adviser. Allocations to sub-advisors and BAIA vary from time to time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Past performance does not predict future returns. Sub-strategy performance is shown gross of all fees and expenses and is calculated using daily performance. Performance attribution represents the contribution of each sub-strategy to the Fund's total return. Additional information and performance data current to the most recent month-end is available at <a href="https://www.bxmix.com">www.bxmix.com</a>.

Credit <sup>17</sup>	+1.03%
Contributors	+ Positive performance as high yield bond spreads continued to tighten along with positive economic data prints
Detractors	<ul> <li>Idiosyncratic losses from a CMBS position being marked down in December</li> </ul>
Equities <sup>17</sup>	+0.62%
Equities <sup>17</sup> Contributors	<ul><li>+0.62%</li><li>+ Small-cap equities positions gained along with the broader equity market rally in Q4</li></ul>

## 2023 Full Year Fund Performance Highlights

For the full year of 2023, the Fund's Class I share class returned 7.9% net of fees and expenses versus 3.1% for the HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index, 5.7% for the Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index, and 24.4% for the MSCI World Index. 1.3				
Note: Highlighted contributors/detractors are not exhaustive of all contributors/detractors for the Fund.				
17		100/		
Macro <sup>17</sup>	+3	3.10%		
Contributors	+	Benefited from positive regulatory developments in the Carbon Credit Allowance ("CCA") market in 2023		
Detractors	_	Detractions from negative carry in the portfolio's defensive positions		
Quant <sup>17</sup>	+3	3.39%		
Contributors	+	Accretive performance from commodities and rates positions throughout the year		
Detractors	-	An Asian equities focused strategy took on losses from mark to market beta hedge positions during the year		
Credit <sup>17</sup>	+3	3.72%		
Contributors	+	Corporate credit strategies benefited from tightening HY spreads and positive carry in the portfolio		
Detractors	_	Agency mortgage strategies detracted at points in 2023 when the Mortgage Basis Spread widened		
Equities <sup>17</sup>	+1	.51%		
Contributors	+	Financials focused strategies benefited from the rally in equities and nimble trading around periods of volatility		
Detractors	-	Small-cap exposures detracted at several points in the year during equity market contractions (e.g., Q3)		

## 2023 Sub-Advisers Added/Removed

At Blackstone, we believe that managing the optimal mix of strategies across the portfolio and adjusting it over time are key to generating returns in different market environments. Over the course of 2023, five new sub-advisers were added, and three sub-advisers were removed.

#### **Sub-Adviser Additions:**

- 1. **Keal Melqart:** The manager invests in macro-opportunities, aiming at delivering returns with bounded risk in a portfolio constructed through tactical allocation across equities, FX, and commodities, with an emphasis on capturing risk asymmetry using derivative instruments.
- 2. Merritt Point Partners LLC ("Merritt Point"): Merritt Point manages a global macro strategy that specializes in commodities, employing a bottom-up, fundamental research process, paired with extensive derivatives expertise to construct a diversified portfolio of asymmetric trades.
- 3. Fort Baker Capital Management, L.P.: The manager takes an opportunistic, dynamic approach to asset allocation and trade construction. The strategy has historically invested in opportunities borne out of restructurings, mergers, spin-offs/split-offs, capital market activities, and legal/regulatory events.
- **4. Varick Capital Partners LP ("Varick"):** Aims to employ a trading futures strategy, focusing on CTA-like signals with a dynamic method of allocating risk using non-linear models to avoid significant drawdowns during stress periods.
- 5. Maren Capital LLC ("Maren"): Strategy aims to construct a portfolio of North American small- and mid-cap equities using a low turnover approach, skewed towards high quality businesses with a focus on industrials and an emphasis on risk management and downside protection.

#### **Sub-Adviser Removals:**

- 1. **HealthCor Management, L.P.:** The manager invests in global biotech and specialty pharma companies using a bottom-up research process to construct a portfolio of single name longs and shorts. The strategy focuses on companies with markets caps greater than \$1 billion.
- 2. Aperture Investors LLC ("Aperture"): Strategy aims to identify and invest in enablers, beneficiaries, and targets of transformation. Leveraging an investable universe that includes over 2,000 small cap companies traded in the US, the strategy focuses primarily within the Consumer Discretionary, Information Technology, Healthcare, Industrials and Materials sectors.
- 3. EMSO Asset Management Limited ("EMSO"): Emerging markets strategy focused on credit, rates and currencies, combining a value-oriented investment approach with a macro-overlay. The strategy typically pursues transactions in the securities of sovereign and corporate obligors, principally in emerging markets, which are primarily rated non-investment grade.
- **4. Jasper Capital Hong Kong ("Jasper"):** An institutionally focused quantitative investment manager that aims to take advantage of the idiosyncrasies of the Chinese A share market regulatory environment and investor participant behavior.

Additions and terminations are normal events in our investment process and result from our dynamic evaluation of the top-down assessment of the opportunity set for specific investment strategies as well as the bottom-up evaluation of a sub-adviser's ability to deliver alpha in a given environment.

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Fund Terms (Class I)1

As of Date: 12/31/2023

Expense Ratio: 3.53%

Adjusted Expense Ratio: 2.28%

1. Through August 31, 2024 Blackstone Alternative Investment Advisers LLC has agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse expenses of the Fund so that certain of the Fund's expenses, together with the Fund's management fees, will not exceed 2.40% annualized. Expense Ratio represents the expense ratio applicable to investors and is comprised of BAIA's management fee, sub-adviser fees and underlying manager fees in the case of investments in third-party managed funds and other expenses as noted in the Fund's Prospectus. BAIA is paid an asset-based management fee of 1.87% per annum; all sub-adviser fees are paid by BAIA out of its management fee. Fees for third-party fund investments are paid by the Fund (in addition to BAIA's management fee) and typically include a management fee, ranging from 0% - 2%, and a performance fee, ranging from 10% - 20%. The Adjusted Expense ratio represents the Expense Ratio net of Excluded Expenses. "Excluded Expenses" are expenses excluded from reimbursement by the Investment Adviser which include: (i) distribution or servicing fees, (ii) acquired fund fees and expenses (e.g the fees associated with third-party investments), (iii) brokerage and trading costs, (iv) interest payments (including any interest expenses, commitment fees, or other expenses related to any line of credit of the Fund), (v) taxes, (vi) dividends and interest on short positions, and (vii) extraordinary expenses (in each case, as determined in the sole discretion of the Adviser). Please see the Fund's Prospectus at <a href="https://www.bxmix.com">www.bxmix.com</a>.

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Allocation Risk – Blackstone's judgment about the attractiveness, value or market trends affecting a particular asset class, investment style, sub-adviser or security may be incorrect and this may have a negative impact upon performance. Market Risk and Selection Risk – One or more markets may go down in value, possibly sharply and unpredictably, affecting the values of individual securities held by the Fund. Derivatives Risk – the use of derivatives involves the risk that their value may not move as expected relative to the value of the relevant underlying assets, rates, or indices. Derivatives can be subject to counterparty credit risk and may entail investment exposure greater than their notional amount. Debt Securities Risk – investments in bonds and certain asset-backed securities are subject to risks, including but not ismit to, the credit risk of the issuer of the security, the risk that the issuer undergoes a restructuring or a similar event, the risk that inflation decreases the value of assets or income from the investments, and the risk that interest rates changes adversely impact the debt investments. Equity Securities Risk – prices of equity and preferred securities fluctuate based on changes in a company's financial condition and overall market and economic conditions. Mortgage- and Asset-Backed Securities Risk – involves credit, interest rate, prepayment and extension risk, as well as the risk of default of the underlying mortgage or asset, particularly during times of

economic downturn. **Multi-Manager Risk**— managers may make investment decisions which conflict with each other and as a result, the Fund could incur transaction costs without accomplishing any net investment result. **Leverage Risk** — use of leverage can produce volatility and may exaggerate changes in the net asset value of Fund shares and in the return on the portfolio, which may increase the risk that the Fund will lose more than it has invested. **Large Purchase or Redemption Risk** — large redemption or purchase activity could have adverse effects on performance to the extent that the Fund incurs additional costs or is required to sell securities, invest cash, or hold a relatively large amount of cash at times when it would not otherwise do so.

In addition, you should be aware of the following risks and conflicts relating specifically to the Fund:

- The fees paid by the Fund to Blackstone will be reduced by the full amount of any fees paid to the Fund's underlying managers. This compensation offset arrangement may give Blackstone an incentive to favor underlying managers that charge lower fees.
- Subject to applicable law, the Fund is not restricted from selecting underlying managers in which Blackstone, Blackstone Clients or their affiliates have a financial interest.

Recent Market Events Risk. Local, regional, or global events such as war (e.g., Russia/Ukraine), acts of terrorism, public health issues like pandemics or epidemics (e.g., COVID-19), recessions, or other economic, political and global macro factors and events could lead to a substantial economic downturn or recession in the U.S. and global economies and have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments. The recovery from such downturns is uncertain and may last for an extended period of time or result in significant volatility, and many of the risks discussed herein associated with an investment in the Fund may be increased.

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**Selection of Sub-Advisers.** Blackstone compensates the Sub-Advisers out of the management fee it receives from the Fund. This could create an incentive for Blackstone to select Sub-Advisers with lower fee rates.

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- Blackstone Strategic Alliance Advisors L.L.C. ("BSAA"), an affiliate of BAIA, manages the Strategic Alliance Funds (the "SAF Funds") that provide seed capital to emerging alternative asset managers (the "SAF Managers") in exchange for a revenue share arrangement. Seiga Asset Management Limited, a SAF Manager, is a sub-adviser to the Fund. The revenue generated for BSAA related to the Fund's investment with a SAF Manager is rebated to the Fund. The Fund will not otherwise participate in any of the economic arrangements between the SAF Funds and any SAF Manager with which the Fund invests.
- Blackstone Strategic Capital Advisors L.L.C. ("BSCA"), an affiliate of BAIA, manages certain funds (the "BSCA Funds") that acquire equity interests in
  established alternative asset managers (the "Strategic Capital Managers"). One of the Strategic Capital Managers in which the BSCA Funds have a minority
  interest is Magnetar Capital Partners L.P., a control affiliate of Magnetar Asset Management LLC, a sub-adviser for the Fund. The revenue generated for BSCA
  related to the Fund's investment with a Strategic Capital Manager is rebated to the Fund. The Fund will not participate in any of the economic arrangements
  between the BSCA Funds and any Strategic Capital Manager with which the Fund invests.
- Blackstone Real Estate Special Situations Advisors L.L.C. ("BRESSA"), an affiliate of BAIA and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Blackstone Inc., serves as a Sub-Advisor Sub-Advisor. BRESSA invests primarily in liquid, commercial and residential real estate-related debt instruments.
- Blackstone Liquid Credit Strategies LLC ("BX LCS"), an affiliate of BAIA and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Blackstone Inc., serves as a Sub-Adviser. BX LCS invests primarily in below investment grade corporate credit.
- Blackstone utilizes technology offered by Arcesium LLC ("Arcesium") to provide certain middle- and back-office services and technology to the Fund. The
  parent company of a Sub-Adviser owns a controlling, majority interest in Arcesium and Blackstone Alternative Asset Management L.P. owns a non-controlling,
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Glossary of Terms: Gross Exposure: Reflects the aggregate of long and short investment positions in relation to the net asset value. The gross exposure is one indication of the level of leverage in a portfolio. Net Exposure: This is the difference between long and short investment positions in relation to the net asset value. Long Exposure: A long position occurs when an individual owns securities. Short Exposure: Short selling a security not actually owned at the time of sale. Short positions can also generate returns when the price of a security declines. Beta: A measure of the volatility, or systemic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. Alpha: A risk-adjusted performance measure that represents the average return on a portfolio over and above that predicted by the capital asset pricing model (CAPM), given the portfolio's beta and the average market return. More specifically, Jensen's Measure is used to calculate alpha. Standard Deviation: A measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean. The more spread apart the data, the higher the deviation. Standard deviation is calculated as the square root of variance. Basis points (BPS): Refers to a common unit of measure for interest rates and other percentages in finance. One basis point is equal to 1/100<sup>th</sup> of 1%, or 0.01%, or 0.0001, and is used to denote the percentage change in a financial instrument.

Glossary of Indices: Market indices obtained through Bloomberg. HFR Indices obtained through HFR Asset Management. MSCI World Index TR: Market capitalization weighted index designed to provide a broad measure of large and mid-cap equity performance across 23 developed markets countries. HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index: Designed to be representative of the overall composition of the hedge fund universe. It is comprised of all eligible hedge fund strategies falling within four principal strategies: equity hedge, event driven, macro/CTA, and relative value arbitrage. Strategies are asset weighted based on the distribution of assets in the hedge fund industry. Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index TR: Flagship measure of global investment grade debt from twenty-four local currency markets. This multi-currency benchmark includes treasury, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-rate bonds from both developed and emerging markets issuers. Morningstar Multistrategy Category: Represents the average performance of mutual funds categorized as "multistrategy" funds by Morningstar, Inc. These funds allocate capital (at least 30% combined) to a mix of alternative strategies that aim to minimize exposure to traditional market risks. S&P 500 Index: Market-capitalization-weighted index of the 500 largest U.S. publicly traded companies. The S&P is a float-weighted index, meaning company market capitalizations are adjusted by the number of shares available for public trading. Bloomberg High Yield Index: US Dollar-denominated index which measures the performance of high-yield debt issued by corporations domiciled in the US. Consumer Price Index: Measures the weighted average of prices of a basket of consumer goods and services, such as transportation, food, and medical care.

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