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BLACKSTONE ALTERNATIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT (BAAM)

# **BXMIX: 2023 Year in Review**

In 2023, BXMIX (the "Fund") delivered net returns of 7.9%, outpacing both the HFRX Global and the Morningstar Category Average, while maintaining relatively low volatility and correlation to traditional asset classes.<sup>(1)</sup>

#### Strong Uncorrelated Returns<sup>(1)</sup>

<b>7.9%</b> 2023 net return <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>2.4%</b> 2023 volatility <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>0.10</b> 2023 beta to US	equities <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	<b>0.05</b> 2023 beta to US bonds <sup>(1)(2)</sup>			
Performance Statistics <sup>(1)</sup>		2023 Return	2023 Vola	atility	ility 2023 Sharpe		
вхміх		7.9%		2.4%	1.1		
HFRX Global		3.1%		1.3%	Negative		
Morningstar Category	Average	6.7%		2.8%	0.5		

#### **Consistent Performance**

BXMIX achieved **positive net performance in every quarter** of 2023<sup>(1)</sup>

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
BXMIX	0	0	0	0
US Equities	0	0	0	0
US Bonds	0	0	0	0

#### **Downside Protection**

BXMIX was up in **75%** of down months for US equities: Average return in down months for US equities<sup>(2)(3)</sup> BXMIX was up in **71%** of down months for US fixed income: Average return in down months for US  $bonds^{(2)(3)}$ 



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#### 2023 BXMIX Portfolio Snapshot<sup>(4)</sup>

In 2023, priorities for each portion of the portfolio resulted in positive contributions across all categories:



Sub-Strategy Return (Gross) <sup>(6)</sup>	4Q23 Return	4Q23 Contribution	2023 Return	2023 Contribution
Macro	2.8%	1.1%	8.1%	3.1%
Quant	3.7%	1.2%	11.1%	3.4%
Credit	2.9%	1.0%	12.1%	3.7%
Equities	3.1%	0.6%	7.4%	1.5%
Direct <sup>(5)</sup>	9.3%	0.5%	4.4%	0.2%
Fund Return (Net)	3.4%	-	7.9%	-

#### Areas of Focus in 2024<sup>(7)</sup>

We continue to evaluate new and existing areas of opportunity in the portfolio as we head into 2024:

Macro	<b>Thesis:</b> Potential inflation and market volatility amidst geopolitical conflicts and a year of global elections <b>Focus:</b> Positive environment for our macro specialists within the cross-asset, relative value, and volatility complex
Credit	<b>Thesis:</b> Environment for fundamental credit investing remains strong given attractive yields and ample investor cash <b>Focus:</b> Retain exposures that prioritize issuer quality, stakeholder support, and strong bond features
Equities	<b>Thesis:</b> Expect increased dispersion across equity markets, benefiting market-neutral, trading strategies <b>Focus:</b> Add to existing roster of risk / factor-aware managers, specializing in geographic and industry sectors

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#### BXMIX Key Terms<sup>(7)</sup>

Fund Inception	June 16, 2014
Structure	Open-End Registered Investment Company
Contributions	Daily
Redemptions	Daily
Fees <sup>(8)</sup>	As of December 31, 2023 <sup>(8)</sup>
Expense Ratio	3.53%
Adjusted Expense Ratio	2.28%
Tax Reporting	Form 1099

#### **Performance Summary**

#### BXMIX Inception Date: June 16, 2014

AUM (as of December 31, 2023): \$3,963 Million

		As	of Decem	ber 31, 202	Inception to Date Statistics					
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	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	1.39%	1.70%	3.10%	3.10%	3.46%	1.34%	3.33%	0.78	1.35%	(0.01)
Morningstar Category Average	1.08%	1.94%	6.66%	6.66%	3.86%	2.27%	4.02%	0.73	0.66%	0.22
Barclays Global Agg	4.16%	8.10%	5.72%	5.72%	-0.32%	0.01%	5.23%	0.05	1.69%	(0.26)
MSCI World	4.94%	11.53%	24.42%	24.42%	13.38%	9.03%	15.08%	0.18	0.18%	0.51

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2014	-	-	-	-	-	0.50%	-0.40%	0.90%	0.30%	-0.59%	0.30%	-0.19%	0.80%
2015	0.70%	1.88%	0.97%	-0.39%	1.26%	-1.15%	1.93%	-1.04%	-0.67%	0.29%	0.48%	-0.71%	3.55%
2016	-2.17%	-2.22%	1.45%	1.32%	0.90%	-0.50%	1.10%	0.00%	0.89%	0.00%	-0.20%	0.85%	1.35%
2017	1.67%	0.77%	0.96%	1.52%	1.12%	-1.01%	0.93%	0.92%	-0.09%	0.92%	-0.64%	-0.05%	7.20%
2018	0.28%	-1.30%	0.38%	0.94%	-1.49%	-0.09%	0.94%	0.28%	1.21%	-1.57%	0.09%	-1.15%	-1.52%
2019	2.70%	1.13%	-0.09%	0.84%	-1.01%	1.49%	0.83%	-1.27%	-0.09%	0.18%	0.55%	1.39%	6.77%
2020	0.47%	-0.93%	-14.39%	1.65%	2.92%	3.05%	1.33%	1.11%	-0.20%	-0.70%	2.91%	3.05%	-1.10%
2021	0.49%	1.26%	0.19%	2.68%	0.37%	0.84%	-0.37%	0.37%	-0.09%	-0.09%	-1.02%	0.56%	5.27%
2022	-1.89%	-0.48%	1.26%	-1.43%	-0.58%	-2.24%	-0.70%	0.30%	-1.10%	0.61%	0.80%	0.80%	-4.62%
2023	0.99%	0.49%	-0.68%	-0.10%	-0.49%	1.78%	2.13%	0.10%	0.09%	-0.38%	2.00%	1.78%	7.92%

Because of the broadly diversified and low beta nature of the portfolio, BXMIX is not expected to participate in the full upside of broader equity markets. The indices referenced above are not benchmarks or targets for the Fund. Please see Important Disclosure Information.

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- 3. Performance is presented from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. During this period, there were four months and six months in which the S&P 500 and the Barclays US Aggregate were down, respectively. In the same time period, there were eight months and six months in which the S&P 500 and Barclays US Aggregate were up or flat, respectively. In months when the S&P 500 was up, the average monthly returns for the S&P 500 and BXMIX were 4.4% and 0.9%, respectively. In months when the Barclays Global Aggregate was up, the average monthly returns for the Barclays Global Aggregate and BXMIX were 2.9% and 0.8%, respectively. Because of the broadly diversified and low beta nature of the portfolio, BXMIX is not expected to participate in the full upside of broader markets.
- 4. As of December 31, 2023. Portfolio allocations include exposure to certain direct investments to external strategies. Portfolio allocations reflect investments into the sub-strategies, not necessarily exposure to all the asset classes listed. Equity allocation includes Equity Long/Short and Equity Market Neutral sub-strategies, and equity hedges. Credit allocation includes Fixed Income Asset Backed and Distressed/Restructuring sub-strategies, and opportunistic credit trades. Macro is comprised of Discretionary Thematic, Risk Arbitrage, Multi-Strategy, and Commodity Energy sub-strategies. Sub-strategy allocations exclude exposures to Fund level cash, hedging and expenses and are adjusted pro-rata to equal 100%. Allocations may change at any time without notice.
- 5. As of December 31, 2023, "BAIA Direct" is now referred to as "Direct".
- 6. Sub-strategy level expenses cannot show net returns given the fact expenses are incurred at the fund level and are not allocated across individual sub strategies. Further details of sub-strategy allocations, contributions and returns are available upon request. Please reach out to your client representative for further information.
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- 8. 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 the management fees, other expenses and acquired fund fees and 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% to 2%, and a performance fee, ranging from 10% to 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, (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 <u>www.bxmix.com</u>.

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- 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
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