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In October global equity markets pushed toward new record highs. The S&P 500 rose 2.3% on the back of continued corporate earnings, an anticipated trade truce with China and declining inflation indicators that allowed the Fed to deliver a 25-bp cut despite some key US data being unavailable because of the shutdown. The Euro Stoxx 50 rose 2.4% as GDP growth came in higher than expected. The main story was in Japan, where the Nikkei gained 16.6% in October and moved above 50,000 — the strongest one-month move since October 1990, a 35-year record — following the election of new Prime Minister Mrs. Takaichi; her economic policy, “Sanaenomics,” is perceived as both pro-growth and dovish, while the BOJ remained on hold. Only the HSI in China was down, falling 3.5%.

Short-term realized volatilities finally started to rise, especially in the US and Japan; short-term implied volatility indices rose accordingly. The VIX increased slightly, gaining 0.9 points to 17.4. The VSTOXX rose 1.1 points to 17.8. The VNKY reacted the most, rising 3.0 points to 28.2, while the VHSI remained almost stable at 21.1 (down 0.1 point). The one-year implied volatility of our basket performed well in this very bullish context, posting a gain of 1.2 points to 18.6%. The performance of our first engine was therefore positive, with an average exposure to volatility (vega) of 145 basis points over the month. The second engine was slightly negative as cost of carry remained challenging and the replication process more difficult in the current environment. The third engine was slightly negative as well. On the portfolio-construction side, while slightly reducing overall positions, we strengthened our protection on the December-2026 maturity plot while maintaining cost-of-carry control strategies. In detail, our geographic allocation is 49% in the U.S., 32% in Europe and 19% in Asia. The distribution of our vega by maturity plot is now -3% up to December 2025, +43% on June 2026 and +60% on December 2026.

The market continued to focus on good news while downplaying bad news such as the private-credit issues we saw in October. The euphoria we have experienced so far in 2025 could lead to a period of severe volatility during which our strategy would be very profitable.

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