

# **ASTOR MACRO ALTERNATIVE FUND FACTSHEET**

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30 | Q3 2023

## CLASS I: GBLMX





The Fund received a 3-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ as of 9/30/2023 among 68 funds in the Macro Trading category based on risk-adjusted performance.





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#### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM

**Brvan Novak** CEO. Portfolio Manager







VP Research Portfolio Manager

Nick Porter

Cohesive team of investment professionals with decades of experience investing in global markets.

The funds investment team is comprised of Bryan Novak (CEO), John Eckstein (CIO), and Nick Porter (PM).

Mr. Bryan Novak was a trader at Second City Trading, LLC. John Eckstein was founder/CIO of Cornerstone Quantitative Investment Group, LLC and held research roles earlier in his career. Mr. Nick Porter was a senior analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's International Affairs and Strategy department.

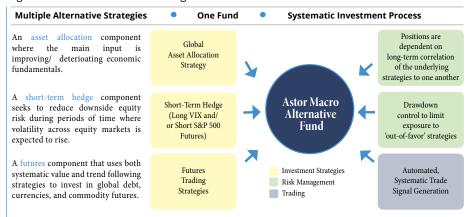
## **FUND DETAILS**

Share Class	Symbol	Maximum Load	Investment Minimum*	
Α	ASTMX	4.75%	\$1,000	
I	GBLMX	N/A	\$5,000	
Share Class	Net Expense	Gross Expense	Redemption Fees	

<sup>\*</sup> Class A and C shares \$1,000 minimum initial investment applies only to qualified accounts such as IRA and 401k. Minimum initial investment for taxable accounts is \$5,000.

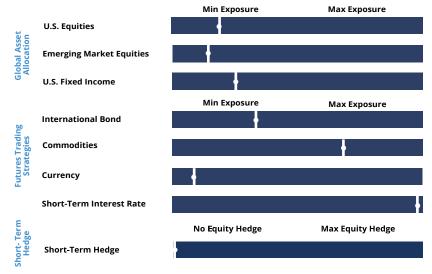
#### **FUND OVERVIEW**

The Astor Macro Alternative Fund seeks to provide positive returns over a market cycle regardless of market conditions or general market direction.



The Fund may execute portions of its investment strategy, by investing up to 25% of its total assets (measured at the time of purchase) in a wholly-owned and controlled Subsidiary. The Subsidiary will invest primarily in futures contracts. There is no guarantee that any investment strategy will achieve its objectives, generate profits or avoid losses.

# **FUND EXPOSURE RANGES & CURRENT EXPOSURE**



Calculation: Global Asset Allocation - percentage of Fund NAV invested, Short-Term Hedge - target percentage of Fund beta hedged, Futures Trading Strategies - percentage of Fund NAV invested based on notional value.

Source: Astor, Data: 9/30/2023. The exposure ranges shown represent the minimum and maximum percentage to be invested in each asset class based on the strategy model. The exact percentage may fluctuate due to market movement in held securities and the portfolio managers may make adjustments to thresholds based on research and discretion. Portfolio holdings are subject to change and should not be considered to be investment advice. Each of these asset classes has its own set of investment characteristics and risks and investors should consider these risks carefully prior to making any investments.

#### PERFORMANCE AND RISK STATISTICS

AS OF 9/30/2023

	Annualized Return Since Inception	QTD Return	YTD Return	Annualized 1 Year	Annualized 3 Year	Annualized 5 Year
Class I (NAV) (Inception 6/22/15)	4.71%	4.98%	-0.57%	-0.78%	0.93%	3.86%
Class A (ASTMX) (Inception 2/24/21)	-2.50%	4.94%	-0.72%	-1.00%	N/A	N/A
Class A (Load)	-4.30%	-0.06%	-5.44%	-5.69%	N/A	N/A
S&P 500 TR Index	10.91%	-3.27%	13.07%	21.62%	10.15%	9.92%
U.S. Fund Macro Trading	2.04%	1.14%	1.91%	2.77%	3.00%	2.55%

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The Fund's investment adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund, at least until November 30, 2024. Total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver are 2.09%, and 1.84%, for Class A and Class I shares, respectively. Without the waiver, total annual operating expenses would be 2.96% and 2.71% for Class A and Class I shares, respectively. Since inception returns reflect performance calculated from the last day of a given month due to monthly reporting. Since inception dates for benchmark indices show since inception returns that match the inception date of the oldest share class shown 6/22/15.The maximum sale charge (load) for Class A Shares is 4.75%. Source: Astor, Bloomberg, Morningstar. The performance data quoted here represents past performance. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted above. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. For performance information current to the most recent month end, please call toll-free 877.738.0333 or visit astorimfunds.com

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The Astor Macro Alternative Fund, Class I (GBLMX) received a Refinitiv Lipper Award for the Best Fund over the past 3 and 5 years ending 11/30/2021 in the Alternative Multi-Strategy Fund category among 39 and 31 funds, respectively. The Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards, granted annually, highlight funds and fund companies that have excelled in delivering consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers.

The Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards are based on the Lipper Leader for Consistent Return rating, which is a risk-adjusted performance measure calculated over 36, 60 and 120 months. The fund with the highest Lipper Leader for Consistent Return (Effective Return) value in each eligible classification wins the Refinitiv Lipper Fund Award.

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# **DISCLOSURES**

### Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

#### **BENCHMARK INFORMATION:**

**Standard & Poor's 500 Total Return Index:** The S&P 500 Index measures the performance of 500 large cap stocks, which together represent approximately 80% of the total equities market in the United States. The Total Return calculation includes the price-plus-gross cash dividend return. The S&P 500 is registered trademark of McGraw Hill Financial.

U.S. Fund Macro Trading: Represented by the Morningstar Macro Trading fund category. Funds in this category utilize macro trading strategies, either through systematic or discretionary methods, to look for investment opportunities by studying such factors as the global economy, government policies, interest rates, inflation, and market trends. Macro trading funds are not restricted by asset class and may invest across such disparate assets as global equities, bonds, currencies, and commodities, and make extensive use of derivatives. Although these strategies aim to provide returns that are not correlated to traditional market indexes over a full market cycle, they can take significant directional long or short positions on any asset class over short periods and may have relatively high portfolio turnover.

# **IMPORTANT RISK INFORMATION**

Mutual funds involve risk including the possible loss of principal. Past results are no guarantee of future results and no representation is made that a client will or is likely to achieve positive returns, avoid losses, or experience returns similar to those shown or experienced in the past. All information contained herein is for informational purposes only.

The Fund seeks to achieve its objectives by investing primarily in Exchange-Traded Funds ("ETFs"). An ETF is a type of Investment Company which attempts to achieve a return similar to a set benchmark or index. The value of an ETF is dependent on the value of the underlying assets held. ETFs are subject to investment advisory and other expenses which results in a layering of fees for clients. As a result, your cost of investing in the fund will be higher than the cost of investing directly in ETFs and may be higher than other mutual funds with similar investment objectives. ETFs may trade for less than their net asset value. Although ETFs are exchanged traded, a lack of demand can prevent daily pricing and liquidity from being available. The Fund can purchase ETFs with exposure to equities, fixed income commodities, currencies, developed/emerging international markets, real estate, and specific sectors. The underlying investments of these ETFs will have different risks. Equity prices can fluctuate for a variety of reasons including market sentiment and economic conditions. The prices of small and mid-cap companies tend to be more volatile than those of larger, more established companies. It is important to note that bond prices move inversely with interest rates and fixed income ETFs can experience negative performance in a period of rising interest rates. High yield bonds are subject to higher risk of principal loss due to an increased chance of default. Commodity ETFs generally gain exposure through the use of fluctuate with changing monetary policies, economic conditions, and other factors. International markets have risks due to currency valuations and political or economic events.

Emerging markets typically have more risk than developed markets. Real estate investments can experience losses due to lower property prices, changes in interest rates, economic conditions, and other factors. Investments in specific sectors can experience greater levels of volatility than broad-based investments due to their more narrow focus. The Fund can also purchase unleveraged, inverse fixed income and equity ETFs.

The Fund may execute portions of its investment strategy (e.g. commodities exposure), by investing up to 25% of its total assets (measured at the time of purchase) in a wholly-owned and controlled Subsidiary. The Subsidiary will invest primarily in futures contracts for assets such as commodities, currencies and fixed income securities. However, the Fund may also make these investments outside of the Subsidiary. The Subsidiary is subject to the same investment restrictions as the Fund, when viewed on a consolidated basis. By investing in futures contracts indirectly through the Subsidiary, the Fund will obtain exposure to financial markets such as commodities within the federal tax requirements that apply to the Fund.

such as commodities within the federal tax requirements that apply to the Fund. The Fund may directly or indirectly invest in derivatives (including stock index, fixed income, currency and commodity futures or swaps) to enhance returns or hedge against market declines. The Fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. These risks include (i) the risk that the issuer to a derivative transaction may not fulfill its contractual obligations; (ii) risk of mispricing or improper valuation; and (iii) the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index. Derivative prices are highly volatile and may fluctuate substantially during a short period of time. Such prices are influenced by numerous factors that affect the markets, including, but not limited to: changing supply and demand relationships; government programs and policies; national and international political and economic events, changes in interest rates, inflation and deflation and changes in supply and demand relationships. Trading derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities. Derivative contracts ordinarily have leverage inherent in their terms. The low margin deposits normally required in trading derivatives, including futures contracts, permit a high degree of leverage. Accordingly, a relatively small price movement may result in an immediate and substantial loss to the Fund.

An investor should consider the Astor funds' investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses carefully before investing. This and other information about the Astor funds are contained in the funds' prospectus, which can be obtained by calling 877.738.0333. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing. The funds are distributed by Northern Lights Distributors, LLC a FINRA/SIPC member. Astor Investment Management is not affiliated with Northern Lights Distributors, LLC. This is not a solicitation to offer investment advice or services in any state where to do so would be unlawful.

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