## 1000FTAD AG

### **VANGUARD**

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## **Investment Strategy**

#### **Investment Policy**

The investment strategy of the Guardian is a managed account that invests in a targeted, broadly diversified manner across a wide range of currency pairs. It is based on a double GRID and smooth sub-martingale trading approach, fully automated, systematically hedged on both sides. The primary objective is to achieve a high expected return with manageable risk. The selection of currency pairs follows a qualitative approach, while the strategy is implemented using a quantitative methodology. Regardless of market conditions, returns can be generated in both rising and falling markets. The strategic objective is to minimize risk within this asset class while targeting a return of 35-40% per annum.

The investment strategy focuses on investing in major currencies globally through managed accounts. The strategy allows for up to 100% allocation in a single asset class or the holding of up to 100% of assets in cash.

#### **Management Commentary**

In December, the US Dollar continued its upward trajectory, showing significant strength particularly against the Canadian Dollar. The Greenback also appears poised to retest its June high against the Japanese Yen. Meanwhile, the Euro weakened further, hovering around its 50% Fibonacci retracement level, measured from its September 2022 low to the interim high of September 2024, effectively erasing half of its prior gains. Geopolitical ramifications from the US election, the Federal Reserve's monetary policy, and broader economic trends are exerting substantial influence on currency pairs, leaving the first quarter of 2025 as a pivotal period to watch. According to a Bank of America analysis, the US Dollar is now more overvalued than at any point in history.

Top Performers: The Russian RTSI surged impressively, gaining +18.50%, followed by the Nasdaq 100 with a robust +9.33%. US Treasury bonds also performed well, with gains of +9.32% (U.S. 30Y) and +8.86% (U.S. 10Y). Natural Gas continued its ascent, rising +8.12%, while Japan's Nikkei posted a +4.59% increase. Brent Oil gained +2.51%, and the Italian MIB added +2.15%.

Lagging Performers: The Baltic Dry Index dropped sharply by -26.37%, signaling a slow-down in container trade. Palladium fell -8.46%, US Small Caps declined by -8.40%, and the Dow Jones lost -5.27%. Silver and Platinum retreated by -4.63% and -4.21%, respectively. The Brazilian Bovespa shed -4.29%, and the AMEX Gold Bugs Index was down -4.20%.

Forex Winners: USDJPY and USDZAR saw gains of +4.59% and +4.03%, respectively, followed by GBPNZD (+3.53%) and EURNZD (+3.31%). GBPAUD rose +2.97%, USDCAD and USDCHF advanced by +2.93% and +2.77%, respectively. EURAUD gained +2.74%, while GBPJPY climbed +2.66%.

Forex Losers: NZDUSD and AUDUSD dropped significantly by -5.09% and -4.61%, respectively. NZDSGD and AUDUSD declined -3.44% and -2.94%, followed by NZDCHF (-2.48%) and NZDCAD (-2.33%). EURUSD and GBPUSD fell by -2.05% and -1.83%, respectively, while AUDCAD slid -1.81%.

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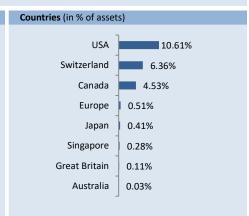
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Cumulative value (in %)								
1M	3M	6M	12M	CJ	2024	2025	2026	
2.26%	10.80%	28.20%	30.93%	30.93%	30.93%	n/a	n/a	

Structure Of The Investment Strategy									
Largest Currency Pairs (Exposure in %)		Types Of Securities (in % of assets)							
EURJPY	12.1554%	Cash	77.14%						
USDCHF	9.0607%	CFDs	22.86%						
USDCAD	0.8104%	Shares							
EURPLN	0.5636%	Commodities							
GBPPLN	0.2028%	Money Market							
CHFSGD	0.0337%	Options							
AUDNZD	0.0219%	Certificates							
GBPUSD	0.0082%	Investment funds							
GBPAUD	0.0045%	Futures							
EURAUD	0.0023%	Precious metals							
	22.8635%	Sum	100.00%						





### **Greatest Opportunities**

- Largest market: The foreign exchange with a daily trading volume of approx. 7.5 trillion US dollars
- Fully automated algorithm 24/5
- Fully automated hedging of significant positions
- High available margin volume is maintained through a robust wallet system
- Trading is conducted without benchmark orientation, offering flexibility
- Low correlation to other markets
- CFDs, futures, warrants and knock-outs: provide the opportunity to profit disproportionately from price movements of underlying assets, including currencies, commodities, and indices.
- SWAP: If applicable, interest may be collected.
- Diversification: Broad diversification across countries and currencies reduces risk.
- Investors benefit in rising and falling prices

### **Greatest Risks**

- Credit and Counterparty Risk: Exposure to potential defaults from countries, issuers, or counterparties.
- Currency Risk: Involves trading instruments in non-EUR currencies, with heightened risk from unhedged or forward positions.
- Market Gaps and Liquidity: Markets may experience GAPs or temporary liquidity shortages.
- Margin Risk: Low margins increase default

  probability
- Value Fluctuations: Investment values can fall below the purchase price.
- No Guarantee: Investments carry the risk of partial or total loss without guarantees or capital protection.

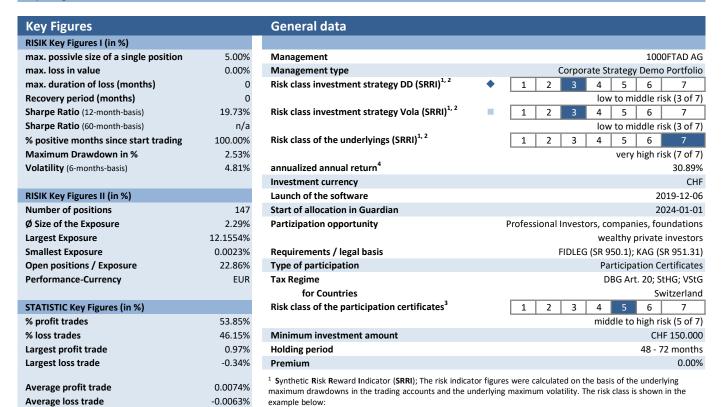
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#### Risk Return Diagram (6 Months)



### **Risk Assessment and Key Notes**

Low Risk

Typically lower returns

<sup>2,3</sup> Risk scale from 1 (lowest risk) to 7 (highest risk), where 1 does not imply a risk-free investment. The risk category assigned to this investment strategy or participation certificates is not guaranteed and may change over time

High Risk

Typically higher returns

DD (Drawdown): Refers to the peak-to-trough decline during a specific period of an investment.

### Vola (Volatility): Indicates the degree of variation in the price of an investment over time.

# Performance Calculation

Annualized return: This represents the average annual return on an investment over a specified period, factoring in the effect of compound interest. It illustrates how much an investor would earn on average per year if returns were distributed evenly over the entire period.

#### Management Software

1000FTAD AG utilizes its proprietary, fully automated foreign exchange trading software for portfolio management. This software is available under license to professional investors, companies, foundations, and high-net-worth

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