# Multi Strategy Alternatives Fund

The Netherlands

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 31 December 2021

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## **General information**

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## **Historical overview**

Key figures					
, 3	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
(All amounts in USD)					
Equity at the beginning of the	162,241,383	136,060,738	126,123,063	137,832,610	127,967,483
Issue of participations	47,487,277	7,341,421	15,450,619	2,925,000	11,546,000
Direct investment result	2	2,086	138,002	114,404	63,158
Indirect investment result	2,432,094	26,898,150	10,603,815	(7,101,336)	9,030,507
-	212,160,756	170,302,395	152,315,499	133,770,678	148,607,148
Dederation of marticipations	(10.060.020)	(7 605 927)	(15 974 274)	(7.295.647)	(10.420.626)
Redemption of participations	(19,060,930)	(7,695,827)	(15,874,374)	(7,285,647)	(10,429,626)
Expenses Equity at the end of the year	(474,278) <b>192,625,548</b>	(365,185) <b>162,241,383</b>	(380,387) <b>136,060,738</b>	(361,968) <b>126,123,063</b>	(344,912) 137,832,610
Equity at the end of the year	172,023,340	102,241,363	130,000,730	120,123,003	137,032,010
Investments	189,821,230	157,073,493	135,620,353	117,844,300	137,029,417
Cash	4,519,907	9,522,594	504,646	8,344,695	858,768
Other assets and liabilities	(1,715,589)	(4,354,704)	(64,261)	(65,932)	(55,575)
Equity at the end of the year	192,625,548	162,241,383	136,060,738	126,123,063	137,832,610
Net profit/(loss)					
Investment income	2	2,086	138,002	114,404	63,158
Indirect investment result	2,432,094	26,898,150	10,603,815	(7,101,336)	9,030,507
Expenses	(474,278)	(365,185)	(380,387)	(361,968)	(344,912)
Net profit/(loss)	1,957,818	26,535,051	10,361,430	(7,348,900)	8,748,753
Number of participations					
Class A participations	233,697.1428	263,307.0547	1,207,242.9395	1,214,213.4669	1,263,567.5118
Class C participations <sup>1</sup>	233,077.1420	203,307.0347	62,864.3263	57,974.6540	50,082.8611
Class A Euro <sup>3</sup>	1,169,347.0678	940,458.1245	02,804.3203	37,974.0340	50,062.6011
Class C Euro <sup>3</sup>	74,947.5884	61,377.7259	_		_
Class C Euro	71,517.5001	01,377.7237	_	_	_
NAV per participation in					
accordance with Dutch					
GAAP <sup>2</sup>	105.65				
Class A participations	135.67	124.96	107.25	99.25	105.03
Class C participations	-	-	104.70	96.80	102.34
Class A Euro	113.98	105.90	-	-	-
Class C Euro	109.91	102.03	-	-	-
NAV per participation in					
accordance with the					
Prospectus <sup>2</sup>	135.67	124.06	107.25	00.25	105.04
Class A participations Class C participations	155.07	124.96	107.25	99.25	105.04
Class A Euro	112.09	105.00	104.70	96.80	102.35
Class C Euro	113.98 109.91	105.90 102.03	-	-	-
Class C Eulo	109.91	102.03	-	-	-
Performance					
Class A participations	8.57%	16.52%	8.05%	(5.51)%	6.94%
Class C participations <sup>4</sup>	-	13.54%	8.15%	(5.42)%	2.34%
Class A Euro <sup>5</sup>	7.63%	5.23%	-	-	-
Class C Euro <sup>6</sup>	7.72%	2.37%	-	-	-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Class C participations were issued in November 2017 and were fully redeemed during 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The NAV per participation for 2017 and 2018 was calculated in accordance with Dutch GAAP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The Class A Euro and Class C Euro share classes were issued in November and December 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The Class C participations' performance for 2020 reflects the period from 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>The Class A Euro's performance for 2020 reflects the period from inception to 31 December 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>The Class C Euro's performance for 2020 reflects the period from inception to 31 December 2020.

## **Management Report**

## Report of the Fund Manager

The Multi Strategy Alternatives Fund gained +8.57% (Class A USD) in 2021. The Class A EUR shares returned +7.63% and the Class C EUR shares returned +7.72%.

The below review will cover the period between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

#### Review 2021

Last year had its fair share - and more - of exogenous shocks: the Texas big freeze, the Suez Canal shutdown, the delta variant, wildfires in California, and supply chain disruptions everywhere. It was also rich in extraordinary policy responses: quantitative easing amid the highest inflation rates for a generation, fiscal stimulus despite nominal GDP growth in double digits, new lockdowns, sweeping vaccine mandates, and in some countries naked discrimination against the unvaccinated. On top of all that, add a hefty sprinkling of unexpected market developments: GameStop, Spac speculation, and the NFT craze to name just three.

Risk assets ended 2021 notably higher, while sovereign debt markets suffered losses. The MSCI World (in EUR) gained +25.4% and the JPMorgan Global GBI fell -3.1% (in EUR). Growth was strong through the first half of the year as economic activity recovered but subsequently softened as the initial re-opening euphoria faded and Covid concerns re-emerged, initially over the Delta variant and then Omicron towards year-end. Meanwhile inflation rose and remained persistently higher than expected, which led to a significant shift in monetary policy that weighed on bonds and secular growth equity.

The main investment objective of the Multi Strategy Alternatives Fund (MSAF) is to achieve long term capital growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of alternative investment funds. To achieve the objective, the strategy of the Fund is to focus on investment boutiques within larger asset managers.

In 2021 all the strategies and all the underlying managers except one within the MSAF added value. Per year end, the portfolio of the Multi Strategy Alternatives Fund was allocated to the following five investment strategies:

- Long/Short Equity
- Event Driven
- Diversified Fixed Income/Fixed Income Relative Value
- Global Macro
- Long/Short Credit

All strategies contributed positively to returns during 2021. Especially the Diversified Fixed Income/Fixed Income Relative Value and Long/Short Equity strategies posted strong returns. During the year we increased our exposure to Long/Short Equity strategies. We added one new Long/Short Equity Fund (Contour). All in all, we are very satisfied with the allocations which are all qualitative in nature.

As of December 31, 2021, the portfolio of the MSAF consists of 11 (2020: 10) underlying funds. In the Euro Share Classes of the fund, direct FX exposures are being hedged.

## Outlook 2022

Despite the very challenging start of the year due to inflation fears, rising interest rates and the unrest in Ukraine we expect a continuation of the trend we witnessed during 2021; global stock gains and bond losses for a second year on a row – what would be the first occasion since data started in 1977. This unusual outcome is the next phase of our new nominal theme that is still playing out: Central banks and bond yields have been slower to respond to higher inflation in the powerful restart than in the past. That should keep real, or inflation-adjusted, bond yields historically low and support stocks.

The big change in 2022: Central banks will be withdrawing some monetary support as the restart does not need stimulus. We see more moderate equities returns as a result. We expect the Fed to kick off rate hikes but remain more tolerant of inflation. The Fed has achieved its inflation target, so its interpretation of its employment mandate will determine the timing and pace of higher rates. The European Central Bank, facing a weaker inflation outlook, is likely to stay easier on policy.

#### Outlook 2022 (continued)

We expect inflation to be persistent and settle above pre-Covid levels. We expect central banks to kick off rate hikes but remain more tolerant of price pressures, keeping real interest rates historically low and supportive of risk assets.

We continue to closely monitor the Covid-19 situation and the potential development of new variants.

We continue to monitor the persistence of higher inflation and policy responses, including the impact of the synchronized hawkish shift in monetary policy from many central banks, along with developments in economic data as we remain in the slowdown phase of the cycle globally.

We also continue to monitor the geopolitical developments in Eastern Europe. Further escalation will dampen global growth, especially in Europe.

It is foreseen that we will maintain and probably increase the allocation to Long/Short Equity given the increased dispersions across stocks and their ability to preserve capital (depending on the respective positioning). We expect limited changes within the current strategy allocation although we are always looking for funds that offer a better risk/return ratio than any of the existing investments of the MSAF.

Going into 2022 the fund only maintains investments in USD denominated investments. For investors in the Euro Share Classes we hedge the USD exposure on a monthly basis.

## **Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR)**

As per 10 March 2021 the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) has come into force. In the context of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR), the Fund has been classified as an Article 6 fund. Not all investments of the Fund take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## General principles of remuneration policy Privium Fund Management B.V. ('Privium')

Privium Fund Management B.V., Fund Manager of various funds, has a careful, controlled and sustainable remuneration policy which meets all the regulatory requirements as included in the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD), the guidelines on sound remuneration policies under the AIFMD (ESMA Guidelines) and the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. The remuneration policy is consistent with and contributes to a sound and effective risk management framework and does not encourage risk taking beyond what is acceptable for Privium Fund Management B.V.

The Board of Privium is responsible for establishing the Remuneration policy. The Board of Privium reviews the Remuneration policy at least once a year and the policy may be amended if circumstances warrant that. Remunerations at Privium may consist out of a fixed remuneration (this may include a payment to cover certain expenses of staff members) and a variable remuneration.

Privium may reclaim all or part of the variable remuneration paid if (i) this payment was made on the basis of incorrect information, (ii) in the event of fraud by the employee, (iii) in the event of serious improper behaviour by the employee or serious negligence in the performance of his tasks, or (iv) in the event of behaviour that has resulted in considerable losses for the fund or Privium.

## **Remuneration policy 2021**

This policy is based on the situation as of December 31, 2021. The financial year of Privium ends on December 31 of any year. For some of the funds the compensation consists of both a management and a performance fee. Amounts reflect remuneration related to funds managed by Privium, for the time Privium was the Fund Manager of those funds.

The two tables overleaf offer an overview of the remuneration at the level of Privium. The first table shows the remuneration overview as of December 31, 2020 and the second table shows the remuneration overview as of December 31, 2021.

## Remuneration policy 2021 (continued)

Information per fund is not available. The Board of Privium is being described as Identified Staff in senior management roles. All other staff members are categorized as identified staff outside senior management roles.

## Overview as December 31, 2020

	Identified staff in senior management roles	Identified staff outside senior management roles	Total staff
Number of staff	2	34	36
Total fixed remuneration	€ 148,421	€ 4,839,700	€ 4,988,121
Total variable remuneration	€ 35,000	€ 5,331,064	€ 5,366,064
Total remuneration	€ 183,421	€ 10,170,764	€ 10,354,185

#### Overview as December 31, 2021

	Identified staff in senior management roles	Identified staff outside senior management roles	Total staff
Number of staff	2	37	39
Total fixed remuneration	€ 167,492	€ 9,691,135	€ 9,858,627
Total variable remuneration	€ 42,500	€ 9,326,680	€ 9,369,180
Total remuneration	€ 209,992	€ 19,017,815	€ 19,227,807

Privium has delegated certain portfolio management duties of some of its funds to outside investment advisers ('delegates'). Remuneration of identified staff of delegates is not included in the table. The delegates are subject to regulatory requirements on remuneration policies and disclosures that are comparable with the requirements applicable to Privium. Reference to the remuneration of the delegates is included in the Prospectus and annual report of the funds concerned.

Variable payments to both identified staff members in senior management roles and identified staff outside senior management depend e.g. on the profitability of the company, the performance of the funds, extraordinary commitment to the firm, customer satisfaction, work according best practice ethical, compliance and risk management standards and other performance/non-performance related criteria. In 2021 no variable payments regarding the Multi Strategy Alternatives Fund have been paid to any Identified Staff of Privium. Privium does not charge any employee remuneration fees to the funds, except for the Supermarkt Vastgoed fund.

Employee remuneration is paid out of the management and performance fees (if applicable). In total 39 staff members were involved during (some part of) the year 2021 (2020: 36), including consultants and including both part-time and full-time staff.

Three staff members, active in portfolio management, have earned more than EUR 1,000,000 in relation to the performance results during the year 2021 (2020: one).

## Remuneration policy 2021 (continued)

#### Remuneration Investee Funds

The Multi Strategy Alternatives Fund invests in other Investee Funds. These Funds are managed by other Investment Managers. These Investment Managers are regulated and need to comply with the local legislation in the countries in which they are regulated.

The Investment Objective and Investment Strategy of the Investee Funds are guided by a clear framework and should avoid any excessive risk taking. The Investment Managers of the Investee Funds each have remuneration policies in place as required by law. This both includes fixed and variable remuneration. In the audited financial statements of the Investee Funds these remuneration policies are explained in greater detail.

#### Risk management

Privium Fund Management B.V. has a clear and elaborate Risk Management framework, in line with current legislation, such as the Alternative Investment Fund Manager Directive (AIFMD). The Risk Management function within Privium is performed by an independent Risk Manager. Privium has a Risk Management Committee which meets at least on a monthly basis.

The Risk Management framework consists of several individual components, whereby Risk Monitoring is being performed on an ongoing basis.

Under the AIFM Directive, the Fund Manager is required to establish and maintain a permanent risk management function. This function should have a primary role in shaping the risk policy of each Alternative Investment Fund ("AIF") under management by the Fund Manager, risk monitoring and risk measuring in order to ensure that the risk level complies on an ongoing basis with the AIF's risk profile.

The risk management function performs the following roles:

- Implement effective risk management policies and procedures in order to identify, measure, manage and monitor risks;
- Ensure that the risk profile of an AIF is consistent with the risk limits set for the AIF;
- Monitor the liquidity profile of the AIF;
- Monitor sustainability risk levels;
- Monitor compliance with risk limits; and
- Provide regular updates to senior management concerning:
  - 1: The consistency of stated profile versus risk limits;
  - 2: The adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management process; and
  - 3: The current level of risk of each AIF and any actual or foreseeable breaches of risk limits.

As described by the AIFM Directive, quantitative risk limits are, where possible, constructed for various risk categories: market risk, liquidity risk, credit risk, counterparty risk, and operational risk. These risk limits should be in agreement with the risk profile of the fund.

The risk management function is fully independent from the portfolio management function of the Fund Manager. The risk manager has full authority to close positions or the authorization to instruct the closing of positions on his behalf in case of a risk breach.

To ensure that all risk management tasks are executed correctly and timely, the Fund Manager uses an automated system that registers all risk tasks, keeps a list of all pending risk tasks, and escalates risk tasks that have not been executed or report a violation of a risk rule. The system produces an audit log that can be verified by the internal auditor, the external auditor, the management board, the regulator or other stake holders. Not all risk variables have limits but to identify any new relevant risks, every variable that is reported in the system flows through a sanity check. The sanity check will raise an exception if the variable falls outside its "normal" boundaries. The Risk Manager is notified of these exceptions and will make an assessment whether the situation is stable or whether further escalation is needed.

#### Risk management (continued)

The positions of the fund are administered and reconciled by using a professional portfolio management system. Risk reports such as Value at Risk and Stress Scenarios are run using Bloomberg.

The CM system is responsible for monitoring of the pre-defined risk limits. The limits can either be configured as notification limits, soft limits or hard limits. In case of a breach of any of the limits, the escalation procedures are followed as described in the Risk Management Procedures (Annex 17) of the Privium Handbook.

The reoccurring risk tasks are:

- Weekly risk report by risk management, including Value at Risk
- Monthly reporting by portfolio management
- Quarterly Operational risk management
- Monthly stress scenarios. On ad hoc basis extra stress scenarios can be done.

On a monthly basis the Risk Committee of the Fund Manager meets to discuss the performances and risks of the Fund. Any breaches are discussed. On a yearly basis a Risk Evaluation and Product Review is conducted.

In 2016 Privium's senior management team decided to engage an external party in the annual evaluation of the internal processes. This audit primarily focuses on risk management and compliance processes. In Q4 2021 this audit was executed for the sixth time and the findings were reported to Privium's management. The audit did not demonstrate any material deviations.

## Risk management and willingness to take risks

There have been no risk breaches during the year 2021. The risk profile of the Fund has not changed during the reporting period. Neither did the investment objective (s) or any of the investment restrictions of the Fund changed during the reporting period.

Reference to the investment objective (s), risk profile and the investment restrictions of the Fund is made in the Prospectus of the Fund and the Key Investor Information Document.

In the table overleaf we list the various risk to which investors in the Fund are exposed and we discuss the measures applied to manage these risks and their potential impact on the Fund's NAV's.

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## $\textbf{Risk management and willingness to take risks} \ (continued)$

Sorts of risks	Risk hedged	Measures applied and expected effectiveness	Impact on 2021 NAV	Expected impact on 2022 NAV if risk materializes	Adjustments made or expected adjustments to risk management in 2021 or 2022
Manager Risk/Price risk	No	The Fund maintains investments in other investment funds (hedge funds). These funds are managed by external Fund Management companies. A rigid due diligence process is in place when investment funds are selected.	In 2021 the Fund gained +8.57% for the USD Class A and +7.63% for the EUR Class A. The Fund outperformed its benchmark which gained +3.65% in 2021 (HFRX Hedge Fund Index in USD). In EUR this benchmark gained +2.65%.	Much will depend on the actual positioning of the underlying investment funds. However we expect that the selected investments funds will perform better that general equity markets over the long term. Especially measured on a risk/return basis.	No
Interest rate risk	No	The Fund has no interest bearing financial instruments except for cash at bank. Therefore the Fund is not exposed to significant interest rate risk.	None	None	No
Foreign Exchange risk	Yes	Direct FX risk is hedged within the fund.	None	Currently all underlying investments are denominated in USD. The appreciation of the USD during the year 2021 had no material impact on the EUR share classes since the increase in portfolio value, measured in EUR (but not reflected in the P&L), due to the appreciation of the USD was neutralized by the FX hedges that were maintained in the EUR denominated share classes.	No
Liquidity risk	No	Liquidity risk mostly has been mitigated by investing in positions that offer sufficient liquidity.	None	We would not expect a negative NAV impact if this risk would materialize.	No
Credit risk	No	Spare cash is maintained at ABN AMRO. ABN AMRO has an A credit rating (S&P credit rating) and we would reconsider the relationship if this changes.	None	None	No
Operational risk	No	This risk is mostly mitigated by having rigid operational procedures in place. Next to that duties and responsibilities are clearly divided between Privium employees. The same is applicable at the service providers of the several Privium Funds.	None	None	No
Counterparty Risk	No	This risk is mostly mitigated by selecting and maintaining relationships with top tier counterparties and service providers.	None	None	No
Leverage Risk	No	The Fund is not utilizing any borrowings to take positions. Because the Fund is hedging direct FX risk by using FX swaps and forwards, the fund is utilizing implied leverage. As of December 31, 2021 the leverage calculations according to the Gross method and Commitment method are as follows: Gross method: 185.61% and Commitment method: 100%.	None	None	None
Sustainability Risk	No	Sustainability risks are categorized into Environmental, Social or Governance (ESG) issues and may pose a material risk to the value of an investment. Since the Fund is investing in other investment funds, a clear understanding of the sustainability risks in these investee funds is required. Therefore, the due diligence process for any new fund investment will contain at a minimum the following topics:  Analysis of the fund's sustainability risk related disclosures and reporting;  Questioning the fund manager on the sustainability risks the fund is exposed to;  Questioning the fund manager on the concentration of sustainability risks in the portfolio and its development over time;  Analysis of the fund manager's policy for identifying, measuring and monitoring sustainability risks; and  Questioning if the fund manager takes Principle Adverse Impacts into account as prescribed by the SFDR.	None	None	No

## **Control Statement**

The Board of Privium Fund Management B.V. declares to have an AO/IB (Handbook) that meets the requirements of the "Wet op het financieel toezicht and the 'Besluit gedragstoezicht financiële ondernemingen ('Bgfo")". During 2021 we assessed the various aspects of the Privium operations as outlined in the AO/IB (Handbook). We have not identified any internal control measures that do not meet the requirements of Article 121 of the Bgfo and as such we declare that the operations in the year 2021 functioned effectively as described. During 2021 a number of independent service providers have conducted checks on Privium's operations as part of their ongoing responsibility and investor demand. No errors have been signalled.

Privium is updating its AO/IC (Handbook) on a regular basis as required by law. The 2021 update was completed in December 2021. During the fourth quarter of 2021 the external audit officer performed its annual due diligence on a number of internal procedures at the Fund Manager. These are mostly related to Compliance and Risk Management. The external audit officer has reported his findings to the Fund Manager in a report. No meaningful errors have been signalled.

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## **Financial statements**

**BALANCE SHEET** (As at 31 December)

	Note(s)	31 December 2021 USD	31 December 2020 USD
Assets			
Investments			
Investee funds		188,904,573	157,828,642
Derivative financial assets	_	916,657	
	3	189,821,230	157,828,642
Current assets (fall due in less than 1 year)			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	4,519,907	9,522,594
		4,519,907	9,522,594
Total assets	_	194,341,137	167,351,236
Liabilities			
Investments			
Derivative financial liabilities	_		(755,149)
	3 _	-	(755,149)
Current liabilities (fall due in less than 1 year)			
Subscriptions received in advance	6	(1,660,020)	(4,275,950)
Accrued expenses and other payables	5 _	(55,569)	(78,754)
	_	(1,715,589)	(4,354,704)
Total liabilities	_	(1,715,589)	(5,109,853)
Total assets minus total liabilities	<del>-</del>	192,625,548	162,241,383
Participants' equity			
Contribution of participants		154,962,251	126,535,904
Unappropriated gain		37,663,297	35,705,479
Total participants' equity	7 _	192,625,548	162,241,383

## **Financial statements**

## INCOME STATEMENT

(For the years ended 31 December)

		2021	2020
	Note(s)	USD	USD
Investment result			
Direct investment result			
Interest income	8 _	2	2,086
	_	2	2,086
Indirect investment result			
Realised gains on investee funds	3,10	4,379,354	755,359
Realised (losses)/gains on derivative financial instruments	3,10	(13,971,132)	5,036,112
Unrealised gains on investee funds	3,10	10,196,578	21,777,634
Unrealised gains/(losses) on derivative financial instruments	3,10	1,671,806	(755,149)
Foreign currency gains on translation	9	155,488	84,194
	<del>-</del>	2,432,094	26,898,150
Total investment income	<u>-</u>	2,432,096	26,900,236
Expenses			
Management fee	11,12,13	(151,986)	(122,531)
Administration fee	11,12	(77,139)	(62,721)
Custody fee	11,12	(75,449)	(65,578)
Bank charges		(68,923)	(23,053)
Depositary fee	11,12	(28,651)	(24,024)
Audit fee	11,12	(23,434)	(21,982)
Other operational costs		(21,797)	(31,918)
Interest expense	11,12	(16,877)	(3,775)
Legal ownership fee	11	(10,022)	(9,603)
Total expenses	11 _	(474,278)	(365,185)
Net profit	<u>-</u>	1,957,818	26,535,051

## **Financial statements**

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(For the years ended 31 December)

	Note	2021 USD	2020 USD
Cash flows from operating activities			
Purchase of investments	3	(36,750,000)	(24,075,000)
Proceeds from sale of investments	3	20,250,001	24,399,704
Net receipts from derivative financial assets and liabilities	3	(13,971,132)	5,036,112
Management fee paid		(149,836)	(120,648)
Administration fee paid		(79,925)	(58,603)
Custody fee paid		(78,658)	(57,637)
Other general expenses paid		(48,019)	(34,187)
Depositary fee paid		(28,651)	(24,024)
Bank charges paid		(72,860)	(20,517)
Audit fee paid		(23,686)	(34,621)
Interest received		2	1,631
Interest paid	·-	(15,828)	
Net cash flows used in operating activities	·-	(30,968,592)	5,012,210
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from sales of participations		44,871,347	11,617,371
Payments on redemptions of participations	_	(19,060,930)	(7,695,827)
Net cash flows provided by/(used in) financing activities	-	25,810,417	3,921,544
Net decrease in cash		(5,158,175)	8,933,754
Cash at the beginning of the year		9,522,594	504,646
Foreign currency gains/(losses) on translation of cash positions	<u>-</u>	155,488	84,194
Cash at the end of the year	4	4,519,907	9,522,594
Analysis of cash			
Cash at banks		1,769,907	9,522,594
Due from broker		4,000,000	-
Due to broker		(1,250,000)	
Total of cash	4	4,519,907	9,522,594

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Multi Strategy Alternatives Fund (the "Fund") is an open-ended investment fund (beleggingsfonds) for joint account (besloten fonds voor gemene rekening) organised and established on 30 July 2014 under the laws of the Netherlands. The Fund is not a legal entity (rechtspersoon), but a contractual arrangement sui generis between the Fund Manager, the Legal Owner and each of the participants separately, governing the assets and liabilities acquired or assumed by the Legal Owner for the account and risk of the Participants. The Legal Owner of the Fund is registered at the commercial register of the Chamber of Commerce of the Netherlands under number 61167649. The Fund commenced operations on 15 January 2015. The most recent Prospectus of the Fund was issued in November 2020.

The Fund may issue Class A participations, Class B participations and Class C participations. As at 31 December 2021, only the Class A participations and the Class C participations are in issue.

During 2020, the Fund Manager also started issuing EUR denominated Class A participations and Class C participations.

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long term growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of investee funds worldwide, predominantly hedge funds. When selecting investee funds, the Fund Manager will focus on fund managers that manage at least EUR 100,000,000 in the same strategy. The aim is to avoid illiquid strategies and illiquid investee funds.

The Fund's investment activities are managed by Privium Fund Management B.V. (the "Fund Manager"), with the administration delegated to Apex Fund Services (Netherlands) B.V. (the "Administrator").

The Fund had no employees during the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020.

The Fund Manager is subject to supervision by the AFM (Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten) and DNB (Central Bank of the Netherlands). On 22 July 2014, the AFM licence of the Fund Manager was automatically converted into an Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ("AIFMD") licence by the AFM.

As per 10 March 2021 the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) has come into force. In the context of the SFDR, the Fund is classified as an Article 6 fund. Additional SFDR related disclosures can be found in the Prospectus of the Fund.

The financial statements have been authorised for issue by the Fund Manager on 24 June 2022.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES

## **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in accordance with the reporting principles generally accepted in the Netherlands ("Dutch GAAP") including the guidelines for annual reporting (RJ) 615 and the statutory provisions concerning annual accounts contained in Part 9, Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. The financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Dutch Financial Supervision Act ("FSA").

The financial statements are prepared on a fair value basis for financial investments, except those for which a reliable measure of fair value is not available. Other financial assets and liabilities and non-financial assets and liabilities are stated at amortised cost or historical cost.

Below is a summary of the accounting policies of the Fund.

## **Functional currency**

The financial statements are presented in United States Dollar ("USD"), which is the Fund's functional currency.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### **Recognition and measurement**

An asset is recognised in the balance sheet when it is probable that future economic benefits of the asset will flow to the Fund and the amount of the asset can be reliably measured. A liability is recognised in the balance sheet when it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will result from the settlement of a present obligation and the amount at which the settlement will take place can be measured reliably. Income is recognised in the income statement when an increase in future economic benefit related to an increase in an asset or decrease in a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

Expenses (including value added tax ("VAT"), where applicable) are recognised in the income statement when a decrease in future economic benefit related to a decrease in an asset or an increase in a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

#### **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the relevant rules requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. If necessary, for the purposes of providing the view required under Section 362, subsection 1, Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code, the nature of these estimates and judgements, including related assumptions, is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements in question.

### Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currency are converted at the rates prevailing on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the USD are converted to USD at the exchange rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Foreign currency exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year end exchange rates are recognised in the income statement. Currency translation differences arising upon the settlement or conversion of monetary items are recognised in the income statement in the period that they are realised, unless hedge accounting is applied. Translation differences on non-monetary assets held at cost are recognised using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of transactions.

Translation differences in non-monetary assets such as equities, investments in investee funds and debt instruments held at fair value through profit or loss are recognised through profit or loss as part of the fair value gain or loss.

## Classification of participations

The participations of the Fund are classified as equity. These participations are recognised and measured at the redemption amount. Any distribution of equity is recognised through equity.

## Basis of valuation - policies in preparing the balance sheet

Financial investments and financial derivatives are initially measured at fair value which is the fair value of the consideration given or received. Financial investments are subsequently re-measured at fair value.

The Fund measures the fair value of any security which is listed or quoted on any securities exchange or similar electronic system and regularly traded thereon using its last traded price on the relevant business day. If no trades occurred on such day, it will be valued at the closing price on the previous business day.

Gains and losses arising from fair value changes are calculated based on historical cost and recognised in the income statement as 'realised gains on investee funds' and 'realised (losses)/gains on derivative financial instruments' or 'unrealised gains on investee funds' and 'unrealised gains/(losses) on derivative financial instruments'.

The Fund's investments in investee funds are valued based on the reporting received from the administrators of those funds. As at 31 December 2021 and 2020, the value of investments in investee funds is the aggregate of the Fund's attributable share of the latest available net asset value ("NAV") of the investee funds.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## **Basis of valuation - policies in preparing the balance sheet** (continued)

The profit or loss of the Fund on its investments in investee funds is the aggregate of the Fund's attributable share of the result of the investee funds. The Fund Manager may, if it thinks fit, make adjustments as a result of the different bases of determination of results applied by the investee funds. As at 31 December 2021 and 2020, no such adjustments were made.

Where an up-to-date value of an underlying investment is not available yet, or the valuation date does not coincide with that of the Fund, the Fund Manager will use an estimated value. As at 31 December 2021, certain estimated values were used since the official NAV's from the administrators of the investee funds were not available yet.

## Receivables and prepayments

The value of accounts receivable and prepaid expenses will be deemed to be the full amount unless it is unlikely to be paid or received in full. Appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts are recognised in the income statement when there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired. Cash is carried at face value.

#### Payables and accruals

Payables and accruals and deferred income are included at fair value.

#### Cash

Cash comprises cash on hand and demand deposits.

#### Statement of cash flows

The statement of cash flows is prepared according to the direct method. The statement of cash flows shows the Fund's cash flows for the year divided into cash flows from operations and financing activities and how the cash flows have affected cash funds.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are included under operating activities. Cash flows from financing activities include proceeds from subscriptions and payments for redemptions of shares of the Fund. As the nature of the Fund is to invest in financial instruments, all cash flows related to investments are classified as cash flows from operating activities.

#### Participants' equity

All references to NAV throughout the financial statements are equivalent to participants' equity.

#### Tax position

The Fund qualifies as a transparent or "closed" fund for joint account Dutch tax purposes. This implies that the Fund is not subject to corporate income tax. Distributions made by the Fund (for example in case of redemption by a participant) are not subject to dividend withholding tax.

## **Principles for determining the result**

The Fund recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. A regular way purchase and sale of investments is recognised using trade date accounting.

The changes in value of investments in investee funds are accounted for in the income statement. The Fund uses forward currency contracts to limit the exchange rate risk. Forward currency contracts are accounted for as currency transactions. The change in value of forward currency contracts are also accounted for in the income statement.

Interest income and expense are accounted for in the income statement on the accrual basis.

## NOTES FOR INDIVIDUAL BALANCE SHEET ITEMS

## 3. Investments

Movement in schedule of investments

	31 December	31 December
(All amounts in USD)	2021	2020
Investment in investee funds		
As at 1 January	157,828,642	135,620,353
Purchases	36,750,000	24,075,000
Sales	(20,250,001)	(24,399,704)
Realised gains	4,379,354	755,359
Unrealised gains	10,196,578	21,777,634
As at 31 December	188,904,573	157,828,642
Derivative financial instruments		
As at 1 January	(755,149)	-
Sales	13,971,132	(5,036,112)
Realised (losses)/gains	(13,971,132)	5,036,112
Unrealised gains/(losses)	1,671,806	(755,149)
As at 31 December	916,657	(755,149)
Total investments		
As at 1 January	157,073,493	135,620,353
Purchases	36,750,000	24,075,000
Sales	(6,278,869)	(29,435,816)
Realised (losses)/gains	(9,591,778)	5,791,471
Unrealised gains	11,868,384	21,022,485
As at 31 December	189,821,230	157,073,493

## NOTES FOR INDIVIDUAL BALANCE SHEET ITEMS (CONTINUED)

### 3. Investments (continued)

Movement in schedule of investments (continued)

The table below provides an analysis of the forward currency contracts at 31 December 2021.

## 2021

Expiration date	Contract currency	Bought	Contract currency	Sold	Contract rate*	Valuation rate*	Unrealised USD
31/01/2022	EUR	40,000,000	USD	45,247,920	1.1312	1.1376	254,440
31/01/2022	EUR	21,500,000	USD	24,315,382	1.1309	1.1376	142,137
31/01/2022	EUR	40,000,000	USD	45,245,520	1.1311	1.1376	256,840
31/01/2022	EUR	40,000,000	USD	45,239,120	1.1310	1.1376	263,240

## Total unrealised gains on open forward currency contracts

916,657

The table below provides an analysis of the forward currency contracts at 31 December 2020.

#### 2020

Expiration date	Contract currency	Bought	Contract currency	Sold	Contract rate*	Valuation rate*	Unrealised USD
29/01/2021	EUR	105,400,000	USD	129,598,111	1.2296	1.2224	(755,149)

## $Total\ unrealised\ loss\ on\ open\ forward\ currency\ contracts$

(755,149)

The tables below provide an analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value based on how that fair value is determined.

## **31 December 2021**

	Total	Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets	Other
	USD	USD	USD
Investment in investee funds (assets)	188,904,573	101,320,222	87,584,351*
Total	188,904,573	101,320,222	87,584,351
31 December 2020			
	Total	Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets	Other
	USD	USD	USD
Investment in investee funds (assets)	157,828,643	76,502,502	81,326,141*
Total	157,828,643	76,502,502	81,326,141

<sup>\*</sup>For the investment in investee funds, the fair value is derived from Administrator statements.

<sup>\*</sup> Showing the equivalent of 1 Euro.

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## NOTES FOR INDIVIDUAL BALANCE SHEET ITEMS (CONTINUED)

#### 4. Cash

As at 31 December 2021, cash comprises of balances held with ABN AMRO Clearing Bank N.V. amounting to USD 146,500 (2020: USD 5,192,362) and with ABN AMRO Bank N.V. of USD 1,623,407 (2020: USD 4,330,232). As at 31 December 2021 and 2020, no restrictions in the use of these balances exist.

As at 31 December 2021, balances due from ABN AMRO Clearing Bank N.V. amount to USD 4,000,000 (2020: USD Nil).

As at 31 December 2021, balances due to ABN AMRO Clearing Bank N.V. amount to USD 1,250,000 (2020: USD Nil).

## 5. Accrued expenses and other payables

As at 31 December, accrued expenses and other payables consist of the following:

	31 December	31 December
(All amounts in USD)	2021	2020
Administration fee payable	(19,014)	(21,800)
Management fee payable	(13,745)	(11,595)
Custody fee payable	(11,757)	(14,966)
Audit fee payable	(7,677)	(7,929)
Interest payable	(1,616)	(567)
Other payables	(950)	(610)
Brokerage fee payable	(810)	(4,747)
Regulator fee payable	-	(12,540)
FATCA fee payable	<u></u>	(4,000)
Total	(55,569)	(78,754)

## 6. Subscriptions received in advance

Subscriptions received in advance represent the amounts received from participants for subscription to participations of the Fund for the first business day after the reporting period. Participants are required to deposit in advance the amounts with the Fund prior to the issuance of participations.

As at 31 December 2021, the subscriptions received in advance amounts to USD 1,660,020 (2020: USD 4,275,950). On 3 January 2022, the Fund issued 12,808.3943 Class A EUR participations.

### 7. Share capital

Structure of the Fund's capital

The Multi Strategy Alternatives Fund is structured as an open-ended contractual fund for joint accounts which is subject to Dutch law. The Fund may issue Class A participations, Class B participations and Class C participations, each denominated in USD and EUR. All classes are subject to the same investment objective and investment strategy. The sole difference between the different classes is that Class A participants will pay a lower management fee, due to the fact that the Delegate/Investment Advisor will waive its advisory fee that is payable out of the management fee for Class A. Only investors that are a client of the Delegate/Investment Advisor shall be issued Class A participations against each such participant's individual subscription. Class C participations will pay no management fee, due to the fact that both the Delegate and the Fund Manager will waive, respectively, the delegation fee payable out of the management fee and the management fee payable for this Class. Other participants subscribing will be issued Class B participations, unless otherwise determined by the Fund Manager in its sole discretion. The holders of Class A participations at any time wishing to increase their subscriptions, shall be issued Class A participations. As at 31 December 2021, only the Class A participations and Class C participations are in issue.

## NOTES FOR INDIVIDUAL BALANCE SHEET ITEMS (CONTINUED)

## 7. Share capital (continued)

Structure of the Fund's capital (continued)

The movement of equity in the participations during the year ended 31 December 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

	31 December	31 December
(All amounts in USD)	2021	2020
Contributions of participants		
Balance at the beginning of the year	126,535,904	126,890,310
Issue of participations	47,487,277	7,341,421
Redemption of participations	(19,060,930)	(7,695,827)
Total contributions at the end of the year	154,962,251	126,535,904
Unappropriated gains		
Balance at the beginning of the year	35,705,479	9,170,428
Net gain	1,957,818	26,535,051
Total undistributed gain at the end of the year	37,663,297	35,705,479
Equity at the end of the year	192,625,548	162,241,383

## Subscriptions and redemptions

Participants can, at the sole discretion of the Fund Manager, subscribe to the Fund on the first business day of each calendar month ("subscription day") at the NAV per participation as at the valuation day immediately preceding the subscription day ("subscription price"). The minimum initial subscription for each participant is USD 100,000. Participations were issued at an initial subscription price of USD 100 per participation and thereafter at the NAV per participation. No subscriptions fees are charged to the participants of the Fund.

The Fund will enable participants to redeem participations at the NAV per participation as at the valuation day immediately preceding the redemption day ("redemption price") on the first business day of each calendar month ("redemption day"). The Administrator must receive the redemption request in proper form at least one month before the relevant redemption day. The Fund Manager may decide, in its sole discretion to accept redemption notices which are not received in a timely manner. No redemption fees are charged to the participants of the Fund.

The movement of the participations during the year ended 31 December 2021 was as follows:

	Participations at the beginning of the year	Participations issued	Participations redeemed	Participations at the end of the year
Class A	263,307.0547	29,962.9555	(59,572.8674)	233,697.1428
Class A Euro	940,458.1244	357,587.4225	(128,698.4791)	1,169,347.0678
Class C Euro	61,377.7259	13,569.8625		74,947.5884
Total	1,265,142.9050	401,120.2405	(188,271.3465)	1,477,991.7990

## NOTES FOR INDIVIDUAL BALANCE SHEET ITEMS (CONTINUED)

## 7. Share capital (continued)

Subscriptions and redemptions (continued)

The movement of the participations during the year ended 31 December 2020 was as follows:

	Participations at the beginning of the year	Participations issued	Participations redeemed	Participations at the end of the year
Class A	1,207,242.9395	27,147.3773	(971,083.2621)	263,307.0547
Class C	62,864.3263	-	(62,864.3263)	-
Class A Euro	-	940,458.1244	-	940,458.1244
Class C Euro		61,377.7259		61,377.7259
Total	1,270,107.2658	1,028,983.2276	(1,033,947.5884)	1,265,142.9050

## Capital management

The Fund's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for participants and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Fund does not intend to pay dividends. All earnings will normally be retained for investments. However, the Fund reserves the right to declare dividends or make distributions if the Fund Manager so decides. As at 31 December 2021 and 2020, the Fund did not declare dividends or make distributions and all earnings were reinvested in the Fund.

## NOTES FOR INDIVIDUAL INCOME STATEMENT ITEMS

### 8. Interest income

Interest income relates to the interest on bank and broker balances.

## 9. Foreign currency gains on translation

Realised and unrealised exchange differences consist of realised and unrealised translation gains and losses on assets and liabilities other than financial assets and liabilities. For the year ended 31 December 2021, this amounted to gains of USD 155,488 (2020: gains of USD 84,194). The following average and closing rates have been applied in the preparation of these financial statements (the equivalent of one United States Dollar is shown):

	2021		2020	
	Average	Closing	Average	Closing
(Showing the equivalent of 1 United States Dollar)				
Euro	0.8452	0.8795	0.8757	0.8185

## ${\bf NOTES\ FOR\ INDIVIDUAL\ INCOME\ STATEMENT\ ITEMS\ (\it CONTINUED)}$

## 10. Investment return

		2021	2021	2020
(All amounts in USD)	Profit	Loss	Total	Total
Investee funds				
Realised result	4,379,354	-	4,379,354	755,359
Unrealised result	12,577,333	(2,380,755)	10,196,578	21,777,634
	16,956,687	(2,380,755)	14,575,932	22,532,993
Derivative financial instruments				
Realised result	3,228,034	(17,199,166)	(13,971,132)	5,036,112
Unrealised result	1,671,806	<u> </u>	1,671,806	(755,149)
	4,899,840	(17,199,166)	(12,299,326)	4,280,963
Total result	21,856,527	(19,579,921)	2,276,606	26,813,956

## 11. Costs

The Fund makes use of various parties for management, administration and custody services. The table below provides a breakdown of expenses.

(All amounts in USD)	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Expenses accruing to Fund Manager		
Management fee	(151,986)	(122,531)
Other expenses		
Administration fee	(77,139)	(62,721)
Custody fee	(75,449)	(65,578)
Bank charges	(68,923)	(23,053)
Depositary fee	(28,651)	(24,024)
Audit fee	(23,434)	(21,982)
Interest expense	(16,877)	(3,775)
Regulatory fee	(14,104)	(12,485)
Legal ownership fee	(10,022)	(9,603)
FATCA fees	(4,000)	(17,013)
Other operational costs	(3,693)	(2,420)
Total	(474,278)	(365,185)

## NOTES FOR INDIVIDUAL INCOME STATEMENT ITEMS (CONTINUED)

### **11.** Costs (continued)

The basis on which various costs are charged to the Fund are disclosed in detail in the Prospectus. It is a Dutch regulatory requirement to disclose any differences between actual costs and the costs disclosed in the Prospectus. During the year ended 31 December 2021, all costs actually charged to the Fund were in accordance with the costs disclosed in the Prospectus. During the year, the Fund also incurred costs such as interest expense of USD 16,877 (2020: USD 3,775), regulatory fees of USD 14,104 (2020: USD 12,485), bank charges of USD 68,923 (2020: USD 23,053), FATCA fees of USD 4,000 (2020: USD 17,013) and other operational costs of USD 3,693 (2020: USD 2,420) which are not detailed in the Prospectus.

#### Ongoing charges ratio

The ongoing charges ratio is the ratio of the total costs (excluding interest costs) to the average net assets of the Fund. The average net assets are based on the Fund's net assets at each calculation of the NAV i.e. monthly.

For the year ended 31 December 2021 and 2020, the ongoing charges ratio for the Fund is as follows:

	2021	2020
Ongoing charges ratio	0.26%	0.25%
Ongoing charges ratio including expenses of underlying funds	1.73%	1.54%

### Turnover factor

For the year ended 31 December 2021, the turnover factor for the Fund is 28.67% (2020: 27.28%). The turnover factor is calculated by adding total purchases and sales, subtracting total subscriptions plus total redemptions and dividing the total by the average NAV.

### 12. RELEVANT CONTRACTS

#### **Fund Manager**

#### Management fee

Privium Fund Management B.V. acts as the Fund Manager to the Fund. The Fund Manager is entitled to an annual management fee of 0.09% of the NAV of Class A participations and 1.09% of the NAV of Class B participations as at the last day of each calendar month. The management fee is calculated monthly and payable monthly in arrears. The Fund Manager pays a delegation fee to the Delegate for the Class B participations. No management fee is applicable to Class C participations.

Details of management fees charged for the year are disclosed in the income statement.

## Administrator

The Fund has entered into an administration agreement with Apex Fund Services (Netherlands) B.V. The Administrator charges an annual fee of 0.04% of the NAV, as of the last day of each month, subject to an annual minimum fee of EUR 20,000 (including VAT). The fee is calculated monthly and paid quarterly in arrears.

The Administrator also charges a fee of EUR 5,000 per annum for the preparation of the financial statements.

Details of administration fees charged for the year are disclosed in the income statement.

#### Custodian

ABN AMRO Clearing Bank N.V. acts as custodian to the Fund. The custodian is entitled to receive fees from the Fund in accordance with its customary charges.

## Legal owner fee

CSC Governance B.V. has been appointed as Management Board of the Legal Owner. The remuneration consists of an annual fixed fee of EUR 3,500 and variable remuneration of 0.0125%.

## 12. RELEVANT CONTRACTS (CONTINUED)

#### **Independent Auditor**

The Fund appointed Ernst & Young Accountants LLP as the Independent Auditor. The Independent Auditor's remuneration consists of USD 23,434 (2020: USD 21,982) audit fee (including VAT) for the audit of the financial statements.

## **Depositary**

The Fund has entered into a depositary agreement with Darwin Depositary Services B.V. The Depositary charges an annual minimum fee of EUR 16,500, (excluding VAT), payable quarterly in advance, for depositary services provided to the Fund. This also includes a fee for management of the legal owner. Details of depositary fees charged for the year are disclosed in the income statement.

## 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related party transactions are transfers of resources, services or obligations between related parties and the Fund, regardless of whether a price has been charged. Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions or is part of key management of the Fund.

The following provides details on the related parties of the Fund and transactions with the related parties.

The Global Allocation Fund, a fund also being managed by the Fund Manager, maintains an investment in the Multi Strategy Alternatives Fund. Box Consultants B.V. has also been appointed as Delegate of the Fund. The investment in Multi Strategy Alternatives Fund is maintained in the Class C participations. No management fee is applicable for this share class.

The Fund Manager is considered a related party also.

The following transactions occurred between the Fund and the Fund Manager during the reporting year.

Transactions from 1 January 2021 - 31 December 2021 and balances as at 31 December 2021

•	Paid USD	Balance USD
Management fee	(149,836)	(13,745)
Transactions from 1 January 2020 - 31 December 2020 and balan	ces as at 31 December 2020 Paid USD	Balance USD
Management fee	(120,648)	(11,595)

### 14. FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long term growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of investee funds worldwide, predominantly hedge funds. When selecting investee funds, the Fund Manager will focus on fund managers that manage at least EUR 100,000,000 in the same strategy. The aim is to avoid illiquid strategies and illiquid investee funds.

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including market price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The funds, to which the Fund subscribes, indirectly expose the Fund to various risks which are not outlined below. These risks are monitored by the Investment Manager of the Fund.

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument fluctuates as a result of changes in market prices whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual security or its issuer or factors affecting all securities traded in the market. There may be various reasons why markets fall, like recessions caused by a change in the economic business cycle or a pandemic. Market risk comprises market price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk. The Fund's market risk is managed through diversification of its investments.

### Market price risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of the instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer or all factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

As at 31 December 2021 and 2020, price risk arises on the Fund's investments in investee funds.

The Fund's diversification of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss represented per significant strategy as at 31 December 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

	2021		2020	
	Amounts in		<b>Amounts in</b>	
Strategy	USD	% of NAV	USD	% of NAV
Long/Short Equity	105,784,015	54.92%	81,227,930	50.07%
Multi Strategy	51,463,520	26.72%	46,030,226	28.37%
Fixed Income	31,657,038	16.43%	30,570,486	18.84%
	188,904,573	98.07%	157,828,642	97.28%

The table below details the sensitivity of the Fund's investments to a reasonable possible increase of 5% at 31 December 2021 and 2020:

	2021		2020	
	Amounts in		Amounts in	
Strategy	USD	% of NAV	USD	% of NAV
Long/Short Equity	5,289,201	2.75%	4,061,397	2.50%
Multi Strategy	2,573,176	1.34%	2,301,511	1.42%
Fixed Income	1,582,852	0.82%	1,528,524	0.94%

A 5% decrease of the Fund's investments in each strategy would have resulted in an equal but opposite effect, on the basis that all other variables remain constant.

## 14. FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS (CONTINUED)

#### Market risk (continued)

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Fund has no interest bearing financial instruments except for cash and amounts due to broker which are subject to normal market related short-term interest rates. Therefore, the Fund is not exposed to significant interest rate risks.

#### Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Currency risk exposure arises from the Fund investing in financial instruments and entering into transactions which are denominated in currencies other than its functional currency.

The Fund uses forward rate contracts to mitigate the foreign currency exchange risk. This hedging strategy is intended to substantially mitigate the currency risk but does not eliminate such risk.

The Fund uses forward currency contracts in order to manage the currency risk exposure of foreign currency positions. The forward currency contracts are settled on a gross basis and as such, the Fund has a settlement risk of USD 290 million (31 December 2020: USD 130 million) and a credit risk exposure towards the counterparty at 31 December 2021 of USD Nil (31 December 2020: USD Nil).

The currency exposure of the Fund at 31 December 2021 is as follows:

2021		
Net position USD	Notional amounts forwards USD	Total currency exposure USD
2,778,747	(289,646,053)	(286,867,306)
	USD	Notional amounts Net position forwards USD USD

As at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020 all forward contracts will mature within 1 month. The notional amounts represent the undiscounted cash flow at the maturity date.

The currency exposure of the Fund at 31 December 2020 is as follows:

		2020	
	Net position USD	Notional amounts forwards USD	Total currency exposure USD
Currency			
Euro	5,184,033	(129,598,111)	(124,414,078)

### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. It arises from cash, derivative financial assets and interest receivable. The carrying values of financial assets (excluding any investments in investee funds) best represent the maximum credit risk exposure at the reporting date and amount to USD 5,436,564 (2020: USD 9,522,594).

## 14. FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS (CONTINUED)

#### Credit risk (continued)

All transactions of the Fund are cleared by ABN AMRO Clearing Bank N.V. representing a concentration risk. Bankruptcy or insolvency of ABN AMRO Clearing Bank N.V. may cause the Fund's rights with respect to the cash and/or its investments to be delayed or limited. The Fund regularly monitors its risk by monitoring the credit quality of ABN AMRO Clearing Bank N.V. as reported.

The current credit rating of ABN AMRO Bank N.V., the parent company of ABN AMRO Clearing Bank N.V., is A (2020: 'A'), as determined by Standard and Poor's. If the credit quality or the financial position of this entity deteriorates significantly the Fund Manager will deal with another provider.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations arising from its financial liabilities.

The Fund's Prospectus provides for the monthly creation and cancellation of participations and it is therefore exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting participants' redemptions. The Fund's policy only allows for redemptions on the last day of each calendar month and notice of one month must be provided.

The Fund is exposed to liquidity risk as the investments of the Fund in investee funds cannot immediately be converted into cash. The liquidity risk involved with the investee funds will be dependent on the redemption policies of the individual investee funds. Some of the investee funds may be or become illiquid, and the realisation of investments from them may take a considerable time and/or be costly. The Fund's investments in such investee funds may not be readily realisable and their marketability may be restricted, in particular because the investee funds may have restrictions that allow redemptions only at specific infrequent dates with considerable notice periods and apply lock-ups and/or redemption fees.

The liquidity risk is significantly reduced because the Fund diversifies its investments across different investee funds.

The Fund's other liabilities are short-term in nature.

### Sustainability risk

Sustainability risk in the context of the Fund is defined as the risk of a decrease in the value of an investment of the Fund due to an environmental, social or governance (ESG) related event. Such an event may have a direct negative impact on the financials of an investment or a longer-term impact on the operations or earnings/performance capacity of the investment.

## 15. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

The Russian invasion in Ukraine has caused clear market volatility. The Fund has no direct exposure to Ukraine, Belarus or Russia.

On behalf of the Fund Manager, the administrator of the Fund carries out ongoing sanctions screening on the investors of the Fund. Here, no hits have been identified.

Further escalation of the conflict is expected to dampen global growth, especially in Europe. This might have an impact on the performance of the Fund.

No other material events occurred after the balance sheet date that could influence the transparency of the financial statements.

## Investment portfolio as at 31 December 2021

Assets		Fair Value	% of
	Currency	USD	NAV
Investee funds			
BlackRock Credit Alpha Offshore Class A1-USD-Series 1	USD	19,107,318	10.0
BlackRock European Hedge - Class I USD	USD	19,282,340	10.1
BlackRock Strategic Funds - UK Emerging Companies			
Absolute Return Fund	USD	18,566,433	9.6
GIM Portfolio Strategies Fund - Technology Long-Short Fund			
Class A-12-2021-USD	USD	1,250,000	0.6
GIM Portfolio Strategies Fund - Technology Long-Short Fund			
Class A-04-2012-USD	USD	12,778,126	6.6
Global Event Partners Ltd. Class A1-USD-Series 1	USD	15,169,152	7.9
Global Event Partners Ltd. Class A1-USD-Series 20	USD	768,606	0.4
Global Event Partners Ltd. Class A1-USD-Series 21	USD	1,916,564	1.0
JPMorgan Investment Funds - Global Macro Opportunities	USD	14,501,880	7.5
Legg Mason Global Funds PLC-Legg Mason Western Asset			
Macro Opportunities Bond Fund	USD	14,344,793	7.4
Schroder GAIA Contour Tech Equity	USD	15,460,222	8.0
Schroder GAIA Egerton Equity	USD	19,040,753	9.9
Serviced Platform SICAV - Select Equity Long/Short UCITS			
Sub-Fund	USD	19,406,141	10.1
The Obsidian (Offshore) Fund Ltd Class V Master Series	USD	17,312,245	9.0
		188,904,573	98.1

## **Investment portfolio as at 31 December 2020**

Assets		Fair Value	% of
	Currency	USD	NAV
Investee funds			
BlackRock Credit Alpha Offshore Class A1-USD-Series 1	USD	15,297,224	9.4
BlackRock Credit Alpha Offshore Class A1-USD-Series 2	USD	944,121	0.6
BlackRock European Hedge - Class I USD	USD	20,547,498	12.7
BlackRock Strategic Funds - UK Emerging Companies			
Absolute Return Fund	USD	14,680,705	9.0
GIM Portfolio Strategies Fund - Technology Long-Short Fund			
Class A-04-2012-USD	USD	15,211,962	9.4
Global Event Partners Ltd. Class A1-USD-Series 1	USD	14,388,325	8.9
JPMorgan Investment Funds - Global Macro Opportunities	USD	15,400,556	9.5
Legg Mason Global Funds PLC-Legg Mason Western Asset			
Macro Opportunities Bond Fund	USD	15,633,476	9.6
Schroder GAIA Egerton Equity	USD	15,539,815	9.6
Serviced Platform SICAV - Select Equity Long/Short UCITS			
Sub-Fund	USD	15,247,949	9.4
The Obsidian (Offshore) Fund Ltd Class V Master Series	USD	14,937,011	9.2
		157,828,642	97.3

## Other information

## Provisions of the Prospectus on distribution policy

The Fund Manager does not intend to distribute any income of the Fund to participants. The Fund Manager shall have sole discretion whether to distribute any income of the Fund or whether to retain it within the Fund.

## **Interests held by the Directors**

As at 31 December 2021, the Board of Directors did not hold any shares in the Fund or in any of the investments that the Fund holds.

### **Provision of information**

The annual report and the Prospectus of the Fund are available free of charge from the Fund Manager or available for download free of charge from the Fund Manager's website: <a href="www.priviumfund.com">www.priviumfund.com</a>.

#### Date of authorisation

The financial statements have been authorised for issue by the Fund Manager in Amsterdam on 24 June 2022.



## Independent auditor's report

To: the shareholders and the directors of Privium Fund Management B.V. as investment manager of Multi Strategy Alternatives Fund

# Report on the audit of the financial statements 2021 included in the annual report

## Our opinion

We have audited the financial statements 2021 of Multi Strategy Alternatives Fund, based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Multi Strategy Alternatives Fund as at 31 December 2021, and of its result and its cash flows for 2021 in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

### The financial statements comprise:

- The balance sheet as at 31 December 2021
- The following statements for 2021: Profit and loss statement and cash flow statement
- The notes comprising a summary of the accounting policies and other explanatory information

### Basis for our opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of Multi Strategy Alternatives Fund in accordance with the Wet toezicht accountantsorganisaties (Wta, Audit firms supervision act), the Verordening inzake de onafhankelijkheid van accountants bij assurance-opdrachten (ViO, Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, a regulation with respect to independence) and other relevant independence regulations in the Netherlands. Furthermore we have complied with the Verordening gedrags- en beroepsregels accountants (VGBA, Dutch Code of Ethics).

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Report on other information included in the annual report

In addition to the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, the annual report contains other information that consists of:

- The management report
- Other information as required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code
- General information

Based on the following procedures performed, we conclude that the other information:

- Is consistent with the financial statements and does not contain material misstatements
- Contains the information as required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code



We have read the other information. Based on our knowledge and understanding obtained through our audit of the financial statements or otherwise, we have considered whether the other information contains material misstatements. By performing these procedures, we comply with the requirements of Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and the Dutch Standard 720. The scope of the procedures performed is substantially less than the scope of those performed in our audit of the financial statements.

Management is responsible for the preparation of the other information, including the management report in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and other information required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

## Description of responsibilities for the financial statements

Responsibilities of management for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. Furthermore, management is responsible for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

As part of the preparation of the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern. Based on the financial reporting framework mentioned, management should prepare the financial statements using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Management should disclose events and circumstances that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern in the financial statements.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objective is to plan and perform the audit engagement in a manner that allows us to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence for our opinion.

Our audit has been performed with a high, but not absolute, level of assurance, which means we may not detect all material errors and fraud during our audit.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. The materiality affects the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and the evaluation of the effect of identified misstatements on our opinion.

We have exercised professional judgment and have maintained professional skepticism throughout the audit, in accordance with Dutch Standards on Auditing, ethical requirements and independence requirements. Our audit included among others:

Identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designing and performing audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control



- Obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control
- Evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management
- Concluding on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting, and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause a company to cease to continue as a going concern
- Evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures
- Evaluating whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation

We communicate with the management board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant findings in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The Hague, 24 June 2022

Ernst & Young Accountants LLP

signed by R.J. Bleijs