

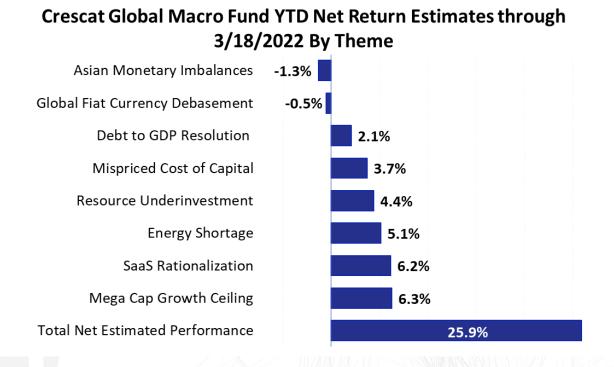
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#### **Dear Investors:**

We are excited to report that Crescat has delivered strong absolute and relative performance across the firm year to date as financial markets have been in turmoil. Crescat's flagship Global Macro Fund is up an estimated 25.6% net year-to-date through March 18. In comparison, the S&P 500 is down 6.1% while the HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index is down an estimated 2.4% over the same period.

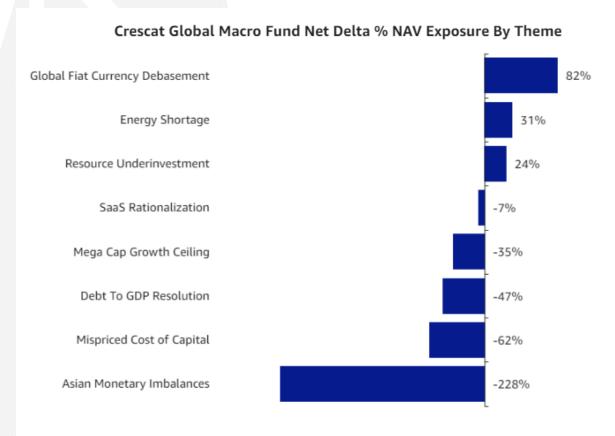
Global stock, bond, commodity, and FX markets present ample opportunities to grow and protect wealth amidst the chaos on both the long and short side of the market through value and macro-oriented hedge fund strategies. Historic global debt-to-GDP, extreme valuations for developed market financial assets, and worldwide resource shortages are an explosive mix of economic imbalances that are still in the early stages of resolution. Rising inflationary pressure, the escalation of geopolitical tensions, and the meltdown in Chinese financial markets are catalysts for a variety of Crescat's investment themes.



## Macro Thematic + Value Approach to Investment Allocation

The cornerstone of Crescat's investment management process is the combination of macro themes with value investing principles. A broad mix of Crescat's long and short positions has been working year to date as global investors continue to rotate out of historically overvalued equity and fixed income securities and into inflation hedge assets, including scarce commodities and resource producing companies. We call this overriding theme

the Great Rotation. Overall, Crescat has eight active themes at the firm today, all of which are expressed in our global macro fund:



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#### **Global Fiat Currency Debasement**

Our activist long precious metal theme continues to be one of our most significant deep value and high appreciation potential exposures across the firm. Crescat's takes friendly activist stakes that we negotiate often as a lead investor through private investments in public companies (PIPEs) that typically come at discounts to public prices and include warrants. Our goal is to get capital to companies to make large high-grade, gold, silver, and copper discoveries. Crescat's geologic and technical director is Quinton Hennigh, PhD, one the world's leading exploration geologists with three decades of experience.

Our portfolio companies have 138 drills that are expected to be turning over the next 12 months. This is more than five times the greenfield drill programs of Newmont and Barrick combined, the two largest miners. Overall, we are invested in 91 companies including 48 that we consider activist positions where we own between 5 and 22% stakes on a partially diluted basis which includes warrants. Our portfolio companies control 246 million target gold equivalent ounces of viable deposits on a probability adjusted basis in some of the best mining jurisdictions around the world as shown in the map below. To put that into perspective, this is almost as much gold as is owned by the US Treasury, the largest officially reported single entity owner of gold in the world at 262 million ounces.

We own what we believe is the highest quality diversified precious metals portfolio on the planet ahead of a likely raging gold and silver bull market. After an unsustainably long period of declining capital spending by the major miners, we believe the coming M&A cycle will dwarf anything we have seen in the past and our companies have the potential to benefit tremendously from such environment. This macro theme is so important for us that the activist equity precious metals portfolio is a both a sleeve of Crescat's Global Macro and Long/Short hedge funds as well as its own Precious Metals fund.



# Resource Underinvestment

Crescat's macro research has uncovered historic underinvestment in critical natural resource industries throughout the energy, materials, and agricultural sectors of the economy. The political and social pressure to go green has been massive, but the transitional planning on how to get there from an engineering and economic standpoint has been abysmal. As a result, an economic crisis driven by commodity price shocks is the tradeoff that we will almost certainly face. This theme includes long positions in a broad spectrum of commodities and the companies that produce them including agricultural commodities, fertilizer, farm and equipment, base metals, forest products, construction aggregates, and steel.

#### **Energy Shortage**

The underinvestment in oil and gas is a result of well-intentioned but uncoordinated environmental agenda that has obstructed the permitting process and thwarted the attraction of capital to finance new oil and gas projects around the world. The US is the world's largest oil producing country and largest LNG exporter. In the era of rising inflation, we believe politicians will be forced to allow more production to ensure our basic needs as an attempt to relieve inflationary pressure. In the meantime, global oil and gas supply constraints should continue

to prop up energy prices. Companies that control these valuable assets across the exploration, production, and transportation, and distribution value chain are likely to be the beneficiaries in the intermediate term.

#### SaaS Rationalization

Software stocks became one of the most popular, overvalued, and over-extended industries in the last investment cycle. This industry has finally been coming under pressure but still wildly expensive. Competition is much more intense in this space than advertised and recurring revenues are unlikely to grow indefinitely. We continue to find short opportunities abound as this bubble appears now in the process of bursting. As an extension of the technology sector, the crypto industry should also suffer from the reckoning moment of these valuation imbalances.

### Mega Cap Growth Ceiling

The collective market cap of the largest companies in the US comprise have reached valuations too large relative to GDP to likely be able to sustain their fundamental growth rates and valuation multiples especially in a rising interest rate and inflation environment. These companies include the infamous FAANG stocks and others like Microsoft, Tesla, Visa, and Mastercard. Hedge funds, index funds, and retail investors alike have been overweight these names. Gravity is not likely to be kind. Shorting these crowded names can be rewarding.

# **Mispriced Cost of Capital**

The discount rate for corporate equities and debt is supposed to include a risk premium, but too many investors today seem to have fallen asleep in finance class. Value investing principles such as discounted free cash flow analysis became non-existent in the growth investing cycle. Meanwhile, even in some of the perceived value stock industries, corporate debt is at record levels and profit margins are about to be squeezed by non-transitory wage-price spirals reminiscent of the 1970s. Individual equity short opportunities abound in a variety of stocks identified by our fundamental model that fit under this theme. In our global macro fund, we have also been shorting junk credit, which continues to yield negatively in real terms while priced as if it were investment grade instruments.

#### **Debt-to-GDP Resolution**

Policy makers unwritten plan may have always been to devalue debt by growing nominal GDP through surreptitious inflation. But the ongoing debt expansion, money printing, suppression of interest rates, and deception about the true rate of inflation has created one of the largest speculative manias for financial vs. real assets. Risk parity assets in the fixed income realm, including US Treasuries and other sovereign debt instruments from developed economies, were once thought as haven and non-correlated hedges when combined with stocks. Surprise. They have no longer been serving that purpose. Interest rates are almost certain to continue heading higher as central bankers must attempt to restore credibility, no matter how ineffective at fighting inflation their hikes may prove.

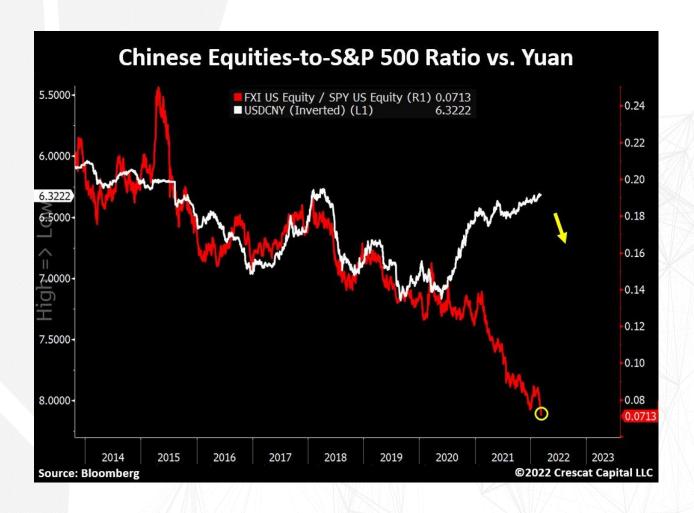
# **Asian Monetary Imbalances**

With its state-owned banking system balance sheet 304% greater than GDP, we believe China is facing one of the most extreme monetary and credit imbalances of any major country in history. China's extraordinary economic expansion of the last several decades has been fueled by and influx of Western capital compounded by ever-expanding domestic bank credit. The extreme growth of bank assets relative to GDP points to the likelihood of an enormous hidden non-performing loan problem. Overwhelming levels of debt, declining and encumbered international reserves, a current account in secular decline, declining foreign capital inflows, rising

M2-to-international reserves, these issues often foreshadow a full-blown currency and credit crisis. China is facing all of them.

The relative performance of Chinese versus US equities has been dismal. The FXI ETF was recently down over 50% since February of 2021, reaching its lowest levels in 13 years. Predominantly, as shown in the chart below from 2013 to 2020, the China-to-US equities ratio has an incredibly strong correlation with the changes in the yuan relative to USD. Logically, this relationship makes sense. As one economy struggles relative to the other, their respective currency will likely be pressured to the downside. This leads us to believe that the recent strength in the Chinese currency is unsustainable and fundamentally unwarranted. China's current economy is in a downturn and the PBOC will likely be forced to significantly ease monetary conditions into an already inflationary environment. We believe a major yuan devaluation is ahead of us.

We are likely facing the early innings of a deglobalization super-cycle that should further escalate protectionist policies and curtail capital inflows into China. Foreign direct investment is imperative to maintaining the value of China's currency. Rising geopolitical problems and the ongoing trade war will negatively impact China's position as the manufacturing plant of the global economy. These important macro shifts are pressuring the Chinese yuan to devalue significantly against the US dollar, but also relative to hard assets like gold. Similar pressures exist on the Hong Kong dollar under its pegged exchange rate regime.



It is important for our investors to understand how we are expressing this trade in our Global Macro fund to capitalize on what in our view is a high likelihood of a coming currency crisis. We limit our risk and gain high asymmetric upside exposure to the Chinese yuan and Hong Kong dollar devaluation through long call options in USD versus put options in those currencies. Our contracts settle in USD cash with strong US bank counterparties.

# **Options Asymmetry Report**

Portfolio	Asset Class	Premium At Risk % NAV	Delta Notional Exposure % NAV	Notional Exposure % NAV
Global Macro Fund LP	COMMODITY	1.4%	7.7%	14.3%
	CURRENCY	2.3%	-237.2%	-1,307.8%
	EQUITY	0.0%	-2.9%	-13.8%
	FIXED INCOME	2.5%	-75.9%	-147.8%
Long/Short Fund LP	COMMODITY	1.1%	7.7%	14.2%
	EQUITY	0.2%	-2.9%	-14.1%

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# **February Net Performance Table**

# Crescat Strategies Net Return Estimates through February 28, 2022

			Annualized Trailing				
CRESCAT STRATEGIES VS. BENCHMARK (Inception Date)	February	YTD	1-YEAR	3-YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION	CUMULATIVE SINCE INCEPTION	YEARS SINCE INCEPTION
Global Macro Hedge Fund (Jan.1, 2006)	12.1%	16.0%	-1.6%	12.1%	12.1%	532.6%	16.2
Benchmark: HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	-0.4%	-1.8%	0.4%	4.7%	1.1%	20.3%	
Long/Short Hedge Fund (May 1, 2000)	10.3%	13.5%	4.2%	18.3%	8.2%	458.7%	21.8
Benchmark: HFRX Equity Hedge Index	0.3%	-1.8%	8.2%	6.6%	2.7%	78.2%	
Precious Metals Hedge Fund (August 1, 2020)	7.4%	-1.4%	6.6%	-	100.1%	198.8%	1.6
Benchmark: Philadelphia Gold and Silver Index	14.3%	7.9%	10.9%	-	-3.6%	-5.6%	
<b>Large Cap SMA</b> (Jan. 1, 1999)	7.5%	4.5%	12.1%	10.6%	10.5%	870.8%	23.2
Benchmark: S&P 500 Index	-3.0%	-8.0%	16.3%	18.2%	7.6%	449.4%	
Precious Metals SMA (June 1, 2019)	4.5%	-7.6%	-6.0%	-	49.3%	163.6%	2.7
Benchmark: Philadelphia Gold and Silver Index	14.3%	7.9%	10.9%	-	31.0%	110.2%	

## March MTD and YTD Estimated Net Performance

# March Net Estimates as of 3/18/22

	MTD	YTD
CGMF	8.5%	25.9%
CPMF	4.7%	3.2%
CLSF	5.3%	19.4%

Crescat's goal is to capitalize on our macro research and value investing acumen. It is still early days, in our analysis, in the resolution of asset mis-pricings represented by our current active macro themes.

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