



## Fact Sheet

# Global Macro Strategy

This strategy is designed to provide non-correlated, asymmetric returns. Franson Financial's Global Macro strategy looks to provide returns in part through systematic trend following, multifactor, global macroeconomics, and special situations. The systematic part of the strategy invests in a range of global markets and does not have any subjective buy-or-sell decisions. Multifactor combines momentum, growth, quality, value, safety, and macroeconomic factors when selecting equities and fixed income. Global macroeconomic factors consider secular or cyclical tailwinds based on the direction of growth, inflation, supply constraints and special situations. By rotating our focus throughout the economy and by combining that with thorough research of company fundamentals and company management teams, Franson Financial believes that we will be successful on behalf of our clients.



**Macroeconomics** – Inflation and growth are two of the major factors that determine market performance. In a rising inflation and accelerating growth environment, we expect that technology, industrials, energy, and small cap companies should outperform. Alternatively, during falling inflation and accelerating growth, we anticipate that technology, consumer discretionary, and industrial companies will do well. High yield credit will perform in this environment as well. On the other hand, when growth slows and inflation is rising, assets such as municipal bonds, government bills, notes, and bonds, along with utility, technology, energy, and housing companies should be better performers. Finally, if growth is slowing and inflation falls, consumer staples, health care, housing, and utility companies, government bills, notes and bonds, cash, and the US dollar should perform well comparatively to the rest of the market.

**Multifactor** – We monitor balance sheet strength, return on equity and return on assets ratios, dividends per share, free cash flow, assets, gross margins, volatility, asset beta, short & long term debt, and overall earnings to help track the overall health of individual stocks and markets. We also look at company margins, competitive market position, management team, capital deployment, and business predictability.

**Momentum** - Momentum is the acceleration of an asset's price. A momentum strategy seeks to find assets in an upward trend and then invest in those assets.

**Catalysts** –We also look for catalysts such as insider buying, new products, sales of hidden assets, and restructurings.

**Risk Management** – Using assets that perform differently in changing growth and inflation conditions can help provide returns not correlated to the market. Along with following momentum trends, the potential exists to minimize total portfolio drawdowns in changing economic environments. We also use Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests on a quarterly basis to look for undisclosed government investigations into the companies in the portfolio.

#### Investment Team

Caleb Franson, MBA	Chief Investment Officer
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#### Firm Overview

Founded:	2022
Ownership:	100% Employee Owned
Based:	Hayward, WI

#### Strategy Overview

Inception Date:	May 1, 2024
Benchmark:	NA

**Disclosures:** Franson Financial claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and a composite is available upon request. Franson Financial has not been independently verified.

**Firm:** Franson Financial LLC ("Franson Financial") is defined as an independent investment management firm that is not affiliated with any parent organization. Franson Financial is an investment manager investing in U.S. and foreign traded securities.

**Composite Construction:** The Global Macro Composite ("Composite") was created May 1, 2024. The Composite consists of all discretionary fee-paying accounts invested in diversified portfolios of U.S. securities with the objective of maximizing total return. All fee paying, discretionary portfolios are included in firm composites; no non-fee-paying portfolios are included in firm composites.

**Calculations:** Valuations are computed, and performance reported in U.S. dollars. Results are calculated at a minimum of monthly and adjusted for external cash flows. Returns calculated using a time weighted rate of return. Period returns are geometrically linked. Using beginning period market values, the Composite is asset weighted by aggregating assets and cash flows into a single portfolio. Trade date accounting is used. Securities are priced using end-of-day market prices obtained from Interactive Brokers. Returns include dividends, interest, and realized and unrealized gains and losses. Dividends are recorded on a cash basis. No leverage derivatives are used. Policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.

**Fees:** Franson Financial's standard fee schedule for the Global Macro strategy is 1.10% of assets under management. When calculating performance, the actual investment management fees are used. Past performance is not an indicator of future results. To request a complete list and description of the firm's composites, please contact us using the information below.