

Systematic Macro Strategies May Offer Increased Diversification



Systematic macro strategies are known for their ability to offer a differentiated return stream. These strategies have historically exhibited a low or non-existent correlation with traditional asset classes, like stocks and bonds, but also to other alternatives, including REITs, energy, private equity, and private credit.

Correlation Comparison | February 2019 – December 2025

	Systematic Macro	REITs	Energy	Private Equity	Private Credit	Buffer ETFs	Bonds	Stocks
Systematic Macro	1.00							
REITs	0.08	1.00						
Energy	0.28	0.26	1.00					
Private Equity	0.08	0.85	0.29	1.00				
Private Credit	0.08	0.74	0.52	0.85	1.00			
Buffer ETFs	0.03	0.82	0.33	0.90	0.79	1.00		
Bonds	-0.23	0.60	-0.19	0.52	0.25	0.51	1.00	
Stocks	0.09	0.82	0.32	0.89	0.76	0.98	0.47	1.00

Key Takeaways

- If adding diversification to a portfolio of stocks & bonds is the goal, look for strategies with low correlation to these assets.
- Systematic macro strategies have historically served as diversifiers in portfolios with almost no correlation to both equities and fixed income.
- Not all “alternatives” offer low correlation to traditional investments or provide diversification.

Source: LoCorr Fund Management. Systematic Macro is represented by CISDM CTA Index, REITs by the Morningstar U.S. REIT Index, Energy by the Bloomberg Energy Subindex, Private Equity by the Red Rocks Global Listed Private Equity Index, Private Credit by Indxx Private Credit Index, Buffer ETFs by Morningstar U.S. Fund Defined Outcome Category, Bonds represented by Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, and Stocks represented by S&P 500 Index, using monthly data. This is a hypothetical example intended for illustrative purposes only. Index performance is not illustrative of Fund performance. One cannot invest directly in an index. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.**

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