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Although H1 was very profitable from our decision to increase our alternative investment exposure and search add uncorrelated alpha sources to our core portfolio book, we made a bad call on our tactical trading allocation.

Our CTA short volatility exposure has not performed well during the last months, despite their strong start in Q1.

The volatility spike in May driven from the trade war threats and the turbulence in oil markets caused problems in the manager’s underlying portfolio and as a result we are reducing our current exposure to the strategy and looking to add long volatility without negative carry characteristics to our portfolio.

The second bad call was to top up our existing investment from earlier this year in the crypto space at its highest level this year by buying listed ETNs.

This gave away a small part of the gains from this year, but we are willing to stick to this position and already observed crypto bouncing back strongly.'