## IS MANAGED FUTURES GETTING ITS GROOVE BACK?

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One of the takeaways from the events of June is that asset allocations set up to take advantage of financial repression and rising commodity prices may not work well in a new investment landscape defined by rising <u>interest rates</u> and a strengthening U.S. dollar. Most major asset classes posted losses in June, and advisors and investment firms running globally diversified portfolios found few places to hide as U.S. government, <u>investment-grade</u>, high-yield corporate and emerging market bonds all lost value in June. So did U.S., emerging market and developed world stocks. Hardest hit was gold, precious metals and many exchange-traded products tracking <u>diversified commodity indexes</u>. Against this backdrop, it's interesting to note what actually made money in June. One alternative strategy that posted a 2.67% gain for the month was the <u>WisdomTree Managed Futures</u>

Strategy

Fund

(WDTI).

				Average Annual Returns <sup>1</sup> as of 6/30/2013								
	F	Fund Information			Total Return NAV (%)				Market Price (%)			
	Ticker	Exp. Ratio	Inception Date	1-Yr.	3-Yr.	5-Yr.	Since Fund Inception	1-Yr.	3-Yr.	5-Yr.	Since Fund Inception	
WisdomTree Managed Futures Strategy Fund	WDTI	0.96%	1/5/2011	5.33%	N/A	N/A	-6.39%	5.41%	N/A	N/A	-6.44%	
Diversified Trends Indicator Index				6.53%	N/A	N/A	-5.31%	6.53%	N/A	N/A	-5.31%	

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<u>Diversified Commodity Index</u>: An index that tracks a diverse basket of commodities to measure their performance, often traded on exchanges allowing investors to gain easier access to commodities without having to enter the futures marke.

