RED ROCK CAPITAL (COMMODITY LONG/SHORT)

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HQ: Chicago

Red Rock's new commodity focused program was the pick of a bunch of such strategies to launch in the past 12 months.

The quantitative firm was set up in 2003 by Scott Hoffman, its CTO, and brought on board Thomas Rollinger, an investor and R&D collaborator, as managing partner and CIO in September last year.

Rollinger is an 18-year industry veteran, who received a world-class education in trading system design and portfolio management from quant

hedge fund pioneer Edward O Thorp and has worked for Tom Shanks of Hawksbill Capital.

The commodity long/short program, managed by Rollinger, was designed as a compliment to trend following holdings - and Red Rock's own Global Systematic program.

It identifies patterns of market behaviour, either trend or counter-trend, that signal an opportune time to initiate positions with the aim of capturing profitable, directional volatility as the markets try to find their true price.

The program trades 29 commodity futures spanning the agricultural, metals, livestock, softs, and energy sectors. It has notched up an impressive 25% annualised return in its first 12 months of trading through August. The program's average hold of a trade is approximately eight days.