# Alternative Income

Accelerate Arbitrage Fund

As of July 31, 2026

## ARB Highlights

ARB declined -0.3% in July compared to the benchmark S&P Merger Arbitrage Total Return Index's 0.5% gain. The Fund invested in 1 merger arbitrage deal (out of 17 announced) and 14 SPAC IPOs (out of 18 new listings).

ARB did experience one deal termination, which contributed to its underperformance over the past couple of months. Zijin Gold's $5.5 billion acquisition of Allied Gold collapsed after it failed to secure regulatory approval from China's NDRC. The regulatory failure was unexpected, given that the NDRC was previously a rubber stamp for Chinese outbound M&A and had never denied a transaction in recent history (while approving thousands). Moreover, Zijin Gold's parent, Zijin Mining, has been an active buyer of TSX-listed companies - acquiring three since 2020. ARB participated in the previous deals with great results - in particular, Zijin's bidding war for Guyana Goldfields in 2020 was one of the Fund's most lucrative investments that year. While we will never know why the regulator killed Zijin's acquisition of Allied Gold (many rumours are floating about), what we do know is that the action will take Chinese outbound M&A off the table for the foreseeable future.

Currently, ARB is 158.4% long and -3.1% short (161.5% gross exposure), with 79% allocated to SPAC arbitrage and 21 to merger arbitrage (with 7% in LBOs and 14% in strategic M&A).

**Type**
Event-driven

**Structure**
Alternative ETF

**Date Started**
April 07, 2020

**Management Fee**
0.95%

**ARB NAV**
$27.29

**Investment Manager**
Accelerate

**Distribution**
$0.26 per quarter

**Exchange**
TSX

**Currency**
CAD

**Distribution Yield**
3.8%

**Risk Rating**
Low

**Performance Fee**
None

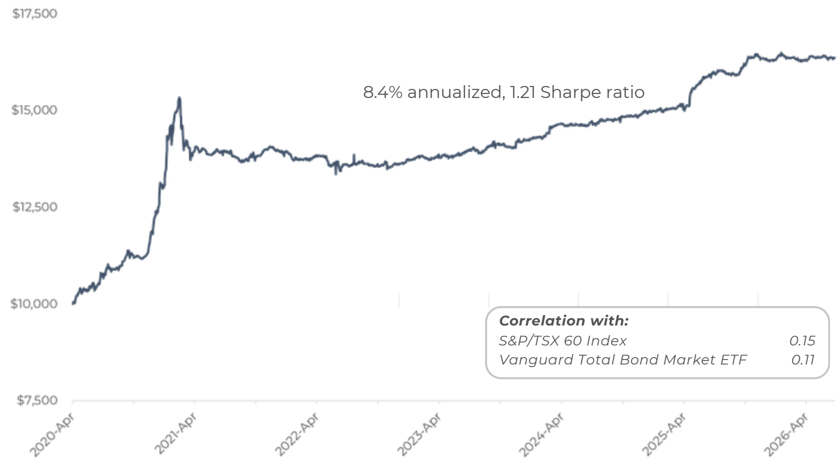
| 1 Month | 3 Months | YTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | Inception |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| -0.3% | -0.4% | 0.1% | 2.1% | 6.0% | 3.8% | 8.4% |

### Monthly Returns

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | YTD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2026** | 0.7% | -0.2% | -0.5% | 0.5% | 0.2% | -0.3% | -0.3% | | | | | | 0.1% |
| **2025** | -0.1% | 0.7% | 0.5% | 3.2% | 1.9% | 1.4% | 0.3% | -0.4% | 1.2% | 1.6% | -0.1% | -0.4% | 10.3% |
| **2024** | 0.5% | 0.9% | 1.8% | -0.2% | 0.1% | 0.3% | 0.7% | 0.0% | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.5% | 5.8% |
| **2023** | 0.6% | -0.2% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 0.4% | 0.8% | -0.1% | 0.6% | 0.7% | -0.6% | 1.5% | -0.1% | 4.0% |
| **2022** | -1.4% | 0.0% | 0.5% | -0.1% | -1.1% | -0.3% | 0.1% | 0.1% | -0.4% | 0.7% | -0.4% | 0.9% | -1.5% |
| **2021** | 10.4% | 1.5% | -4.8% | 1.3% | -0.9% | 0.5% | -0.8% | -1.2% | 0.9% | 1.3% | 0.4% | -0.7% | 7.4% |
| **2020** | | | | 3.9% | 0.8% | 3.2% | 0.4% | 1.4% | 2.7% | -1.1% | 6.4% | 9.2% | 29.9% |

### Investment Growth

Time Period: April 6, 2020 to July 31, 2026




Growth of $10,000

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## About the Fund

The Accelerate Arbitrage Fund (TSX: ARB) is a merger arbitrage investment strategy. The Fund aims to generate consistent, low-volatility returns by investing in listed equity, debt or derivative securities of target companies involved in mergers or corporate actions, while selling short certain listed equity, debt or derivative securities of acquirer companies involved in mergers or corporate actions, where applicable.

## What is Merger Arbitrage?

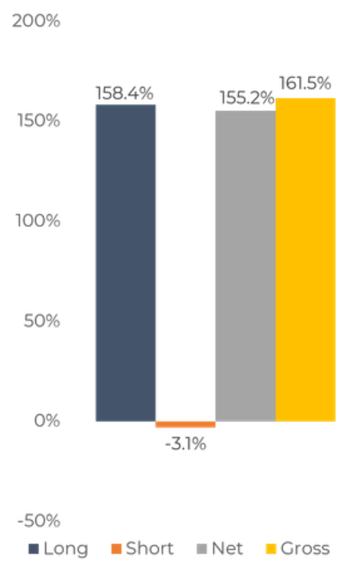
Merger Arbitrage is an investment strategy that capitalizes on the spread between a company's current share price and the consideration paid for its acquisition in light of an announced merger transaction. The merger risk premium— or the spread between the acquisition price and the trading price of a stock—compensates the arbitrageur for the risk of the acquisition failing to close. The merger arbitrageur's goal is to "lock in" the spread earned upon deal closing and to profit from buying a takeover stock at a discount to its acquisition price.

Five steps are followed when selecting deals and executing trades in ARB:

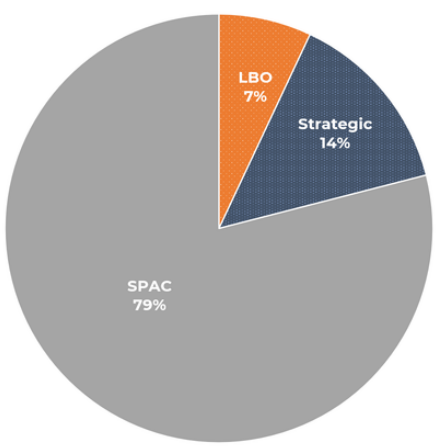

## Investment Objectives

- Outperform the S&P Merger Arbitrage Index
- Provide an attractive distribution yield
- Generate consistent, low-volatility returns

### Fund Exposure




### Deal Type Exposure




| Top 20 Long Positions | Weight |
|---|---|
| kneat.com inc | 3.3% |
| Minto Apartment REIT Units | 3.3% |
| ARC Resources Ltd | 3.2% |
| Talkspace Inc | 3.2% |
| Electronic Arts Inc | 3.2% |
| TXNM Energy Inc | 3.1% |
| First Capital Real Estate Investment Trust | 3.0% |
| Apogee Therapeutics Inc | 2.9% |
| Andrew Peller Ltd | 2.7% |
| CSLM Digital Acquisition Corp III | 2.3% |
| DigitalBridge Group Inc | 2.3% |
| Laurentian Bank of Canada UPDATE REQD | 2.2% |
| Crinetics Pharmaceuticals Inc UPDATE REQD | 2.0% |
| Axiom Intelligence Acquisition Corp 1 | 1.9% |
| Soulpower Acquisition Corp | 1.8% |
| New Providence Acquisition Corp | 1.8% |
| Bitcoin Infrastructure Acquisition Corp Ltd | 1.7% |
| Oxley Bridge Acquisition Ltd | 1.6% |
| Drugs Made In America Acquisition II Corp | 1.6% |
| Hennessy Capital Investment Corp VII | 1.4% |

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