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CASE STUDY · DIVERSIFICATION

The Case for *Diversification*

A factual review of portfolio performance across multiple live trading strategies — 2024 to 2026. Every figure independently verified via Myfxbook. No data is hypothetical or back-tested.

TWO VERSIONS OF ONE STORY

One roster. Two *very different* outcomes.

There is a version of this story that ends badly. Three strategies suffered complete losses. One account — verified at over **+634% in eight months** — was wiped out within days by a geopolitical event that no one predicted. On paper, an investor concentrated in any one of these strategies would have lost everything.

But that is not the only version of this story.

An investor diversified across all strategies simultaneously — absorbing every loss, every drawdown, every black swan — would still be sitting on a net gain of **over 700%** across the two-year period. Not despite the losses. Including them.

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+1,008%	−300%	+708%
TOTAL GAINS	TOTAL LOSSES	NET PORTFOLIO RESULT

THE ROSTER

The strategies, in full

The portfolio was not a single bet. It was a roster of independently verified live accounts — some of which delivered exceptional gains, and some of which failed completely. Both are shown here, in full.

STRATEGIES THAT DELIVERED GAINS

STRATEGY	INSTRUMENT	VERIFIED GAIN
Edge	XAU/USD (Gold)	**+711%**
SentinelX	XAU/USD	**+154.26%**
SentinelZ	XAU/USD	**+57.59%**
Meridian Prime	AUD/CAD	**+57.0%**
Sentinel	XAU/USD	**+28.29%**

STRATEGIES THAT SUFFERED TOTAL LOSSES

STRATEGY	RESULT	NOTES
Edge	−100%	Wiped out by a black-swan event (see overleaf)
Aurum	−100%	Full loss of allocated capital
Convexus	−100%	Full loss of allocated capital

Edge appears in both tables for a reason: it was the single best performer on the roster **and** a total loss. How both can be true at once is the heart of this study.

THE EDGE STORY

What a black swan *looks like*

JUN 2025

Edge strategy launches, trading XAU/USD (Gold).

FEB 26, 2026

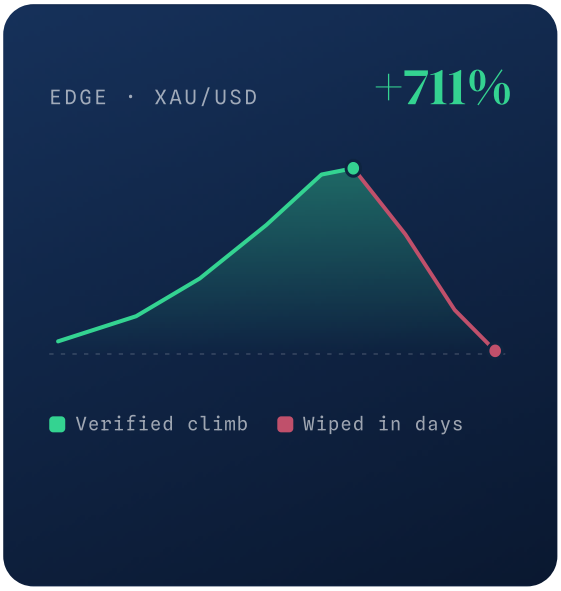
Verified at **+634%** — Myfxbook tracked, live account.

FEB 28, 2026

US / Israel / Iran conflict escalates. Gold falls from $5,400+ to below $4,200.

EARLY MAR 2026

Account wiped. Peak gain of **+711%** returns to zero.



The conflict disrupted Middle Eastern energy output, triggering an oil price spike that reignited inflation fears. Because gold is a non-yielding asset, institutional investors rotated out of their positions in anticipation of sustained high interest rates. Gold — widely assumed to be a safe-haven during geopolitical conflict — moved in the opposite direction.

This was not a failure of the strategy. Edge had performed consistently for nearly nine months under real market conditions. What happened was an event that broke a widely held market assumption. **No track record, however strong, provides immunity against the unpredictable.**

THE PROFIT-TAKING IMPERATIVE

What you bank along the way *decides the ending*

The Edge story illustrates a second, equally important principle: what investors did with their gains along the way determined their final outcome.

The master account data shows that distributions were made to investors throughout the strategy's run. Those who received and retained those distributions walked away with real, tangible returns — even after the account was wiped. Those who reinvested everything and held until the end lost their capital.

> ***Paper gains are not gains. A strategy can compound spectacularly and still return nothing to an investor who never took anything off the table.***

Withdrawing a portion of profits at regular intervals — monthly, quarterly, or at predefined gain thresholds — converts paper gains into protected capital. The remaining position continues to compound, but the investor's downside is reduced. In a catastrophic loss scenario, they exit with **something rather than nothing**.

WHAT THE DATA SHOWS

One loss should never define the *outcome*

Spread across the full roster, complete failures were absorbed by the gains generated elsewhere. The Sentinel suite continued to perform. Meridian Prime built its track record steadily. The aggregate portfolio — including every failure — produced a net return of **+708%**.

Diversification does not eliminate losses. It does not protect any single position. What it does is prevent any single loss from defining the outcome.

The combination of diversification across verified strategies and disciplined profit-taking along the way is what converts strong performance into lasting results.

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE

All performance figures are sourced from verified live account data tracked independently through Myfxbook and reflect historical results at the time of publication. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Capital is at risk. This document is for educational and informational purposes only and does not constitute investment advice or a solicitation to follow any strategy.