9/27/2019 Ownership Submission

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Stampfel Eric			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)				3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Alternative Investment Partners Absolute Return Fund STS [ARF STS]					
522 5TH AVENU	(First) JE	(Middle)	02/17/2011				4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
NEW YORK, NY	(Street) Y 10036						Director Officer (give tit	k all applicable) le		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned						wned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Secu Beneficially Owne (Instr. 4)			ally Own		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature (Instr. 5)	ture of Indirect Beneficial Ownership . 5)		
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1. Title of Derivative (Instr. 4)	Security	a	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Secur Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 4)			Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security	f ive	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
		1-	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Shares	or Number of		(D) or I (I) (Instr. 5			
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				

	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stampfel Eric				D (C1:) (
522 5TH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10036				Portfolio Manager
11L W 1 OKK, 1V1 10030				

Signatures

Mary E. Mullin	09/27/2019
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

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