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**Alternative IQ Announces Top Contenders for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian Hedge Fund Awards**

**TORONTO, (October 3, 2017)** – Alternative IQ today announced the Top Contenders for the 2017 Canadian Hedge Fund Awards, the highest honour in Canada’s hedge fund industry. The Winners will receive their awards on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at a Gala Dinner at One King West Hotel in Toronto following THE Canadian Hedge Fund Conference.

The Canadian Hedge Fund Awards help investors identify the most exceptional hedge funds of the year, recognizing winners in 4 categories as well as the 2017 Overall Best Canadian Hedge Fund. The hedge fund awards are based solely on quantitative performance data to June 30<sup>th</sup>, with Fundata managing the tabulation of the data to determine the winners.

In alphabetical order, the Top Contenders for 2017 Canadian Hedge Fund Awards are:

**Overall Best 2017 Canadian Hedge Fund:**

(based on 10 year best combined annualized return and Sharpe ratio).

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| Amethyst Arbitrage Fund (Canada)       | Goodwood Milford Fund             |
| Blair Franklin Global Credit Fund      | King & Victoria Fund LP           |
| CC&L Global Equity Market Neutral Fund | PH&N Absolute Return Fund         |
| CI Global Opportunities Fund           | Trident Global Opportunities Fund |
| Formula Growth Hedge Fund              | Venator Founders Fund             |

**Equity Focused:**

Best 1 Year Return	Best 5 Year Return	Best 5 Year Sharpe Ratio
Agilith North American Diversified Fund	Agilith North American Diversified Fund	Calrossie Partners Fund
AlphaNorth Partners Fund	Calrossie Partners Fund	DKAM Capital Ideas Fund
Goodwood SPValue Fund	DKAM Capital Ideas Fund	Exemplar Canadian Focus Portfolio
Lionguard Opportunities Fund	Fiera Long Short Equity Fund	Fiera Long Short Equity Fund
Loubani Fund I LP	Formula Growth Hedge Fund	Formula Growth Hedge Fund
NISO Fund	Highstreet Global Equity Fund	Highstreet Global Equity Fund
Pender Select Ideas Fund	JC Clark Adaly Fund	Hirsch Performance Fund
Portland Focused Plus Fund LP	Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund	King & Victoria Fund LP
Purpose Enhanced US Equity Fund	Peregrine Investment Management Fund LP	Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund
The K2 Principal Trust	ROMC Fund	ROMC Fund

**Credit Focused:**

Best 1 Year Return	Best 5 Year Return	Best 5 Year Sharpe Ratio
Algonquin Debt Strategies Fund LP	Blair Franklin Global Credit Fund	Blair Franklin Global Credit Fund
East Coast Performance Fund LP	East Coast Performance Fund LP	East Coast Performance Fund LP
Fulcra Credit Opportunities Fund	Fulcra Credit Opportunities Fund	Fulcra Credit Opportunities Fund
Lawrence Park Enhanced Preferred Fund	Goodwood Milford Fund	Goodwood Milford Fund
LOGIQ Credit Opportunities Fund	Lawrence Park Credit Strategies Fund	Lawrence Park Credit Strategies Fund
NorthStream Credit Strategies Fund LP	Marret Investment Grade Hedged Strategies Fund	Marret Investment Grade Hedged Strategies Fund
Picton Mahoney Income Opportunities Fund	Picton Mahoney Income Opportunities Fund	Picton Mahoney Income Opportunities Fund
Picton Mahoney Special Situations Fund	RP Debt Opportunities Fund	RP Debt Opportunities Fund
RP Select Opportunities Fund	RP Fixed Income Plus	RP Fixed Income Plus
YTM Capital Credit Opportunities Fund	Venator Income Fund	Venator Income Fund

**Market Neutral:**

Best 1 Year Return	Best 5 Year Return	Best 5 Year Sharpe Ratio
Amethyst Arbitrage Fund (Canada)	Amethyst Arbitrage Fund (Canada)	Amethyst Arbitrage Fund (Canada)
CC&L Global Equity Market Neutral Fund	CC&L Global Equity Market Neutral Fund	CC&L Global Equity Market Neutral Fund
EHP Guardian Fund	CC&L Market Neutral Fund	CC&L Market Neutral Fund
FDP Market Neutral Private Portfolio	Curvature LP	Curvature LP
Formula Growth Alpha Fund	Curvature Market Neutral Fund (Arrow)	Curvature Market Neutral Fund (Arrow)
HGC Arbitrage Fund LP	Fiera Market Neutral Equity Fund	Fiera Market Neutral Equity Fund
Picton Mahoney Market Neutral Equity Fund	Picton Mahoney Market Neutral Equity Fund	Picton Mahoney Market Neutral Equity Fund
SG US Market Neutral Fund	Ross Smith Capital Investment Fund	Ross Smith Capital Investment Fund
WARATAH Energy	SG US Market Neutral Fund	SG US Market Neutral Fund
WARATAH One	WARATAH One	WARATAH One

**Global Macro/Managed Futures/Multi-Strategy:**

Best 1 Year Return	Best 5 Year Return	Best 5 Year Sharpe Ratio
Aventine Stable Income Fund	Barometer Global Macro Pool	Aventine Stable Income Fund
Barometer Global Macro Pool	Claret Global Multi-Asset Fund	Dynamic Income Opportunities Fund
Dynamic Income Opportunities Fund	Dynamic Income Opportunities Fund	Inflection Strategic Opportunities Fund
JM Catalyst Fund	J. Zechner Associates Global Hedged Growth Fund	JM Catalyst Fund
Kensington Hedge Fund 1	JM Catalyst Fund	Kensington Hedge Fund 1
MacNicol & Associates Absolute Return Fund	Kensington Hedge Fund 1	MacNicol & Associates Absolute Return Fund
Palos Income Fund, LP	MacNicol & Associates Absolute Return Fund	Palos Income Fund, LP
PH&N Absolute Return Fund	MacNicol & Associates Alternative Asset Trust	PH&N Absolute Return Fund
Picton Mahoney Diversified Strategies Fund	Palos Income Fund, LP	Picton Mahoney Diversified Strategies Fund
Polar Multi-Strategy Fund (Canada)	PH&N Absolute Return Fund	Ross Smith Opportunities Fund

A total of 208 Canadian Hedge Funds were included in the 2017 CHFA program.

Preceding the Gala Awards Dinner on October 17<sup>th</sup>, at which award-winning Hanif Mamdani, Head of Alternative Investments at RBC Global Asset Management, will deliver this year's Keynote Address, delegates at THE Canadian Hedge Fund Conference will hear from 3

panels of allocators as they discuss their attitudes and intentions about investing in hedge funds. Speakers and panelists include Pension Funds: Investment Management Corporation of Ontario (IMCO), Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan (HOOPP), and Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (OTPP); Family Offices: Highview Financial Group, Prime Quadrant, Richardson GMP Private Family Office, and Westcourt Capital Corporation; and IIROC Dealers: Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management – the Hayhoe Team, CIBC Wood Gundy – The Richard Smith Group, RBC Wealth Management, and Scotia McLeod - Tabarrok Portfolio Management .

KPMG and Fundata Canada are the Principal Sponsors of the Annual Canadian Hedge Fund Awards program, celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. THE 2017 Canadian Hedge Fund Conference and Gala Awards Dinner would simply not be possible without the generous support of all its partners, including Table Sponsors: Apex Fund Services, Commonwealth Fund Services, and SGGG Fund Services; Contributing Presenters: CIBC Capital Markets, McMillan LLP, and Sigma Analysis and Management; Associate Sponsors: Alliance Sales and Marketing, AUM Law, and IRI; and Media Partners: 100 Women in Finance, CAIA Association, Hedge Fund Alert, NEMA, and Newsfile. This year's Charity Partner is Help for Children.

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**About Alternative IQ:** Alternative IQ is dedicated to celebrating, supporting and expanding Canada's Hedge Fund Industry. AIQ produces the annual Canadian Hedge Fund Awards program, its presentation event held in Toronto each October (performance as at June 30<sup>th</sup>), and THE Canadian Hedge Fund Conference, also held annually in Toronto. Alternative IQ also produces the CHFA Winners Showcase annual events, at which the Managers of the award-winning hedge funds present to investors, as well as various other programs and publications serving the hedge fund industry in Canada. Alternative IQ is a division of Alliance Sales and Marketing, Inc.

**About the Annual Canadian Hedge Fund Awards:** The Annual Canadian Hedge Fund Awards were first held in 2008 and have a two-fold objective: firstly, to recognize and celebrate the talent in Canada's hedge fund industry and, secondly, to raise awareness of that expertise in the wider investor community. The Canadian Hedge Fund Awards are based solely on quantitative performance data to June 30<sup>th</sup>, with Fundata Canada managing the tabulation of the data to determine the winners.