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**Top Contenders for the 2018 Canadian Hedge Fund Awards  
Announced by Alternative IQ**

**TORONTO, (October 2, 2018)** – Alternative IQ today announced the Top Contenders for the 2018 Canadian Hedge Fund Awards, the highest honour in Canada’s hedge fund industry. The Winners will receive their awards on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at a Gala Dinner at One King West Hotel in Toronto following THE 2018 Canadian Hedge Fund Conference.

A total of 215 Canadian Hedge Funds were included in the 2018 CHFA program. For the full Directory of Canadian Hedge Funds, check here: <http://alternativeiq.com/hf-directory/>.

The Canadian Hedge Fund Awards help investors identify the most exceptional hedge funds of the year, recognizing winners in 5 categories as well as the 2018 Overall Best Canadian Hedge Fund. The 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.

In alphabetical order, the Top Contenders for 2018 Canadian Hedge Fund Awards are:

**Overall Best 2018 Canadian Hedge Fund:**

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

Agilith North American Diversified Fund	King & Victoria Fund LP
Blair Franklin Global Credit Fund	PH&N Absolute Return Fund
CC&L Absolute Return Fund	ROMC Fund
Exemplar Canadian Focus Portfolio	Vertex Managed Value Portfolio
JM Catalyst Fund	Vision Opportunity Fund LP

**Equity Focused:**

Best 1 Year Return	Best 5 Year Return	Best 5 Year Sharpe Ratio
AlphaNorth Partners Fund	DKAM Capital Ideas Fund	Calrossie Partners Fund
Barometer Long Short Equity Pool	Forge First Long Short LP	EHP Advantage Fund
Dynamic Global Growth Opportunities Fund	Jemekk Long/Short Fund LP	Exemplar Canadian Focus Portfolio
Loubani Fund I LP	Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund	Fiera Long Short Equity Fund
MMCap Canadian Fund	Pathfinder Partners' Fund	Forge First Long Short LP
Peregrine Investment Management Fund LP	Peregrine Investment Management Fund LP	Hirsch Performance Fund
Primevestfund	Portland Focused Plus Fund LP	Jemekk Long/Short Fund LP
Thornmark Alpha Fund	Primevestfund	Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund
Venator Select Fund	ROMC Fund	Pathfinder Partners' Fund
Vertex Managed Value Portfolio	Thornmark Alpha Fund	Thornmark Alpha 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
Arrow East Coast Investment Grade II Fund	East Coast Performance Fund LP	East Coast Performance Fund LP
East Coast Performance Fund LP	Fulcra Credit Opportunities Fund	Fulcra Credit Opportunities Fund
Ewing Morris Flexible Fixed Income Fund LP	Goodwood Milford Fund	Goodwood Milford Fund
Fulcra Credit Opportunities Fund	Guardian Strategic Income Fund	GS+A Credit Arbitrage Fund
Lawrence Park Enhanced Preferred Fund	Lawrence Park Credit Strategies Fund	Lawrence Park Credit Strategies Fund
Marret Tactical Distressed Debt Fund	Ninepoint Credit Income Opportunities Fund	Marret Investment Grade Hedged Strategies Fund
NorthStream Credit Strategies Fund LP	Picton Mahoney Income Opportunities Fund	Ninepoint Credit Income Opportunities Fund
Purpose Credit Opportunities Fund	RP Debt Opportunities Fund	RP Debt Opportunities Fund
RP Select Opportunities Fund	Venator Income Fund	RP Fixed Income Plus

**Market Neutral:**

Best 1 Year Return	Best 5 Year Return	Best 5 Year Sharpe Ratio
CC&L Diversified Market Neutral Fund	Amethyst Arbitrage Fund (Canada)	Amethyst Arbitrage Fund (Canada)
CC&L Global Market Neutral Fund	CC&L Diversified Market Neutral Fund	CC&L Diversified Market Neutral Fund
Formula Growth Alpha Fund	CC&L Global Market Neutral Fund	CC&L Global Market Neutral Fund
HGC Arbitrage Fund LP	CC&L Market Neutral Fund	Curvature LP
Norrep Market Neutral Income Fund	Curvature LP	Curvature Market Neutral Fund (Arrow)
PCJ Absolute Return	Fiera Market Neutral Equity Fund	Fiera Market Neutral Equity Fund
Picton Mahoney Market Neutral Equity Fund	Formula Growth Alpha Fund	Formula Growth Alpha Fund
Purpose Multi-Strategy Market Neutral Fund	HGC Arbitrage Fund LP	HGC Arbitrage Fund LP
WARATAH Energy	PCJ Absolute Return	PCJ Absolute Return
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
Arrow Global Growth Fund	Barometer Global Macro Pool	Aventine Stable Income Fund
Barometer Global Macro Pool	CC&L Absolute Return Fund	CC&L Absolute Return Fund
CC&L Absolute Return Fund	Claret Global Multi-Asset Fund	Dynamic Income Opportunities Fund
JM Catalyst Fund	Dynamic Income Opportunities Fund	Forge First Multi Strategy LP
Kensington Alternative Strategies Fund	Forge First Multi Strategy LP	JM Catalyst Fund
MacNicol & Associates Absolute Return Fund	JM Catalyst Fund	Kensington Alternative Strategies Fund
MacNicol & Associates Alternative Asset Trust	MacNicol & Associates Absolute Return Fund	Palos Income Fund, LP
Palos Income Fund, LP	MacNicol & Associates Alternative Asset Trust	PH&N Absolute Return Fund
PH&N Absolute Return Fund	Palos Income Fund, LP	Picton Mahoney Diversified Strategies Fund
TURN8 Alternative Growth Fund	PH&N Absolute Return Fund	Topaz Multi Strategy Fund

**Private Debt:**

Best 1 Year Return	Best 5 Year Return	Best 5 Year Sharpe Ratio
Bridging Infrastructure Fund LP	Portland Private Income Fund	Portland Private Income Fund
Cortland Credit Strategies LP		
Next Edge Private Debt Fund		
Ninepoint Alternative Income Fund		
Ninepoint Bridging Income Fund LP		
Ninepoint TEC Private Credit Fund		
Portland Private Income Fund		
Qwest Productivity Media Income Trust		
Third Eye Capital Alternative Credit Trust		
VPC Specialty Finance Fund		

In the afternoon, at THE Canadian Hedge Fund Conference preceding the Gala Awards Dinner on October 16<sup>th</sup>, Benjamin Tal, Managing Director and Deputy Chief Economist, CIBC Capital Markets, will make the Keynote Address: "Normalizing the Abnormal". Delegates will also hear from 3 panels of allocators as they discuss their attitudes and intentions about investing in hedge funds. Speakers and panelists include Pension Funds: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Pension Plan, GCM Grosvenor, and Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (OTPP); Family Offices: Cidel Asset Management, K J Harrison, Our Family Office and Ullman Wealth Management; and IIROC Dealers: RBC Dominion Securities – Gorenstein Wealth Management, Richardson GMP – Khajadourian Wealth Management, and Scotia Wealth Management – Tucker Willson Group.

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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 30th), and THE Canadian Hedge Fund Conference, also held annually in Toronto. Alternative IQ also produces the CHFA Winners Showcase Investor Conferences, at which the Managers of award-winning hedge funds present to investors, and produces 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 throughout the investment 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.