



## Press release

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## BANCO Swiss Hedge Funds Awards 2017

# The upper crust of the Swiss hedge funds industry revealed!

Around 180 institutional investors and hedge fund managers gathered last Wednesday in Geneva to discover the winners of the BANCO Swiss Hedge Funds Awards 2017, an event organized by BANCO, the Swiss Asset Management Magazine. In a ceremony that took place at the Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues – with the support of MFM Mirante Fund Management, Oligo Swiss Fund Services and Key Investment Services – the competition rewarded the 22 best funds available to Swiss institutional investors (both single hedge funds and funds of hedge funds) in all major alternative strategies (see the list of winners below).

For this 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the BANCO Awards, a total of 250 funds were in competition, a number that included just as many Single Hedge Funds as Funds of Hedge Funds. This year, Funds available only for qualified investors made up 37% of competitors, a proportion that has dropped slightly since last year compared to funds available for public distribution. The 2017 lineup also saw a striking increase in fixed income funds among participants. After going down every year since 2014, their number doubled, from 26 last year to 46 this year.

As always, participants entered the competition on a voluntary basis and had to provide information with strict transparency requirements, not only in terms of their performance history, but also in terms of their underlying positions. Nominees were selected on a quantitative basis and then subjected to the assessment of a Jury of institutional investors and industry experts who designated the laureates. As the winners make up less than 10% of the participants, it is safe to say that the BANCOawards gathered the ultimate upper crust of the Swiss hedge fund industry on Wednesday, October 18th.

The event was also the occasion for BANCO to announce the launch of a new competition: the BANCO Swiss Pension Funds Awards, which will take place in spring 2018. Over a day, it will offer a program of conferences and will give out around 6 prizes to pension funds based on the assessment of a jury of industry professionals. The event is sure to provide a great opportunity for asset managers and Swiss pension funds to connect. More details will come by the end of 2017 and in the next editions of BANCO.

The pictures of the ceremony of the BANCO Swiss Hedge Funds Awards 2017 will be published in the December Hedge Fund special of BANCO, but will also be found on [www.bancoawards.com](http://www.bancoawards.com) in the coming days.



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# The BANCO Swiss Hedge Funds Awards 2017

## - Winners List -

### Winners of category Funds of Hedge Funds

#### LONG/SHORT EQUITY

- 1 AN** Ferrum Fund Equity Hedge\*
- 3 ANS** Exane Cristal Fund
- 5 ANS** Ferrum Fund Equity Hedge\*

#### MULTISTRATEGY DEFENSIVE BIAS

- 1 AN** Thalia Alternative Sicav Arbitrage Opportunities\*
- 3 ANS** UBS Neutral Alpha Strategies Limited\*
- 5 ANS** Thalia Alternative Sicav Arbitrage Opportunities\*

#### MULTISTRATEGY NO BIAS

- 1 AN** Kedge Capital - Multi-Strategy Opportunities PC\*
- 3 ANS** PCAM Blue Chip Ltd.\*
- 5 ANS** PCAM Blue Chip Ltd.\*
- 10 ANS** UBS Global Alpha Strategies Limited\*

#### OTHER STRATEGIES

- 1 AN** Mirabaud Opportunities - Emerging Markets\*
- 3 ANS** R Investment - Opal Global Trading\*
- 5 ANS** R Investment - Opal Global Trading\*

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## Winners of category Single Hedge Funds

### LONG/SHORT EQUITY

- 1 AN** Old Mutual UK Specialist Equity Fund
- 3 ANS** BlackRock Aletsch\*
- 5 ANS** BlackRock UK Equity Hedge Fund\*

### FIXED INCOME

- 1 AN** Fixed Income Global Alpha (Dublin)\*
- 3 ANS** Candriam Bonds Credit Opportunities

### MACRO

- 1 AN** Cosmopolitan Global Fund\*

### OTHER STRATEGIES

- 1 AN** LGIP - Capital Strategy Funds - Systematic\*
- 3 ANS** Orsay Merger Arbitrage Fund\*
- 5 ANS** Blue Diamond Non-Directional Fund\*

- **Nominees are funds that**

- were ranked best among their peers;
- provided information with full transparency;
- and met all criteria of good faith and diligence set by the Jury of the BANCO Swiss Hedge Funds Awards.

- **« Other Strategies » Category:**

In order to allow funds that belong to strategies with less than 10 eligible candidates to compete for the BANCO Swiss Hedge Funds Awards 2017, the Jury decided to reward the most appealing portfolio for each period. The strategies that appear under this category are:

- for the funds of hedge funds: CTA/Managed Futures, Fixed Income, Event-Driven, Multi-Strategy Aggressive Bias, Global Macro, and Emerging Markets.
- for the single hedge funds: CTA/Managed Futures, Event-Driven, Multi-Strategy Aggressive Bias, Multi-Strategy Defensive Bias, and Multi-Strategy No Bias.

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