
10:10AM **Welcome**

10:15AM **Keynote Fireside Chat: Shedding a Light on Quants**

Sean McGould, Chief Executive Officer & Chief Investment Officer, **The Lighthouse Group**

Bartt Kellermann, CEO & Founder, **Global Capital Acquisition**

10:45AM **Institutional Allocator Panel: Riding the \$5 Trillion Wave - How Quants Are Shaping Hedge Fund Portfolios**

Hedge funds attracted approximately \$116 billion in net inflows last year, the most since 2007, lifting total industry assets above a record \$5 trillion. Strong performance has supported inflows as many investors shift away from private markets. How have quantitative strategies contributed to portfolio performance, and will quants be a more significant component of your allocation in 2026?

Moderator: **Bartt Kellermann**, CEO & Founder, **Global Capital Acquisition**

Jonathan Larkin, Managing Director, **Columbia Investment Management Company**

Elina Ploskin, Portfolio Manager and Senior Analyst – Systematic Strategies, **LGT Capital Partners**

Boris Polyak, Managing Director, Head of Systematic/Quant, **PAAMCO Prisma**

Jiayi Peng, Associate Director, Hedge Funds, **Zurich Alternative AM**

11:15AM **Networking Coffee Break** - sponsored by **Sherlock Data**

12:00PM **Manager Panel: From Agents to Algos - What is the Quant Secret Sauce for Success in 2026?**

The sophistication and diversity of quantitative strategies continue to grow, driven by advances in AI, machine learning, new datasets, and computational power. Which of these is showing the greatest impact in alpha generation? How are managers leveraging these new ideas and quantitative tools to generate alpha in an increasingly volatile and unpredictable market as we enter a new geopolitical paradigm?

Moderator: **Michael Ide**, Partner, Senior Hedge Fund IDD Analyst, **Albourne Partners**

Reda Jürg Messikh, PhD, Portfolio Manager, Co-Head of Quest, **Pictet AM**

Ken D'Souza, Managing Director and Quantitative Portfolio Manager, **PGIM**

Brian Hurst, Founder & CIO, **ClearAlpha Technologies**

12:30PM **Sourcing Signals: Matching Data to Strategy and Asset Class**

The proliferation of data available to traders continues unabated, but which data, and which combinations of market and alternative data, drive the most effective predictions for a given asset class and trading strategy? What factors should firms consider when sourcing data for different asset classes and strategies?

Moderator: **Chetan Shinde**, SVP, Quant Research - Alternatives, **Fidelity Investments**

Goce Zojcheski, Portfolio Manager, **Engineers Gate**

Kanwal Rizvi, Head of Data, **Mane Global**

Bailey Danseglio, Founder & CEO, **Theta Data**

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- 1:00PM **Networking Luncheon** - sponsored by **Ryse**
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- 2:00PM **Luncheon Fireside Chat: The Evolution of Systematic Trading - How to Adapt to Changing Markets and Continue Generating Alpha**
Toby Crabel, Founder, Chairman, and CIO, **Crabel Capital Management**
Bartt Kellermann, CEO & Founder, **Global Capital Acquisition**
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- 2:30PM **Multistrat Panel: Will Quant Strategies Save the Multistrats?**
Multistrategy hedge funds vary widely with different business models, risk parameters, liquidity requirements, strategy bias and fees. With several multistrategy funds closing last year, how can these funds innovate and maintain their competitiveness? How are you structuring your quantitative component regarding weightings and types of strategies? What are your quantitative allocation plans moving forward?
Moderator: **David Triplo**, Principal, Hedge Fund Research, **Mercer**
Michael Tiano, Deputy Head of Systematic Strategies, **Schonfeld**
Arnab Sen, Portfolio Manager, **Paloma Partners**
Jae Ho Kim, PhD, Head of Portfolio Construction, **ex-Cubist**
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- 3:00PM **Networking Coffee Break**
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- 3:35PM **The State of AI and The Implications for the Future**
Li Deng, PhD, Chief AI Officer & Global Head of Machine Learning, **Vatic Investments**
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- 3:40PM **From Models to Markets: AI's Role in Quant Trading**
Artificial Intelligence is transforming the quantitative hedge fund industry. From research to execution, AI's impact varies across the trading lifecycle, shaping strategies, decision-making, and risk management. Where does AI have the most impact on your fund?
Moderator: **Evan Schnidman, PhD**, Head of Fidelity Labs, **Fidelity Investments**
Yves Lempérière, PhD, Head of Predictor Research, **CFM**
Ziang Fang, Senior Portfolio Manager, **Man Group**
Vuk Vukovic, PhD, CIO, **Oraclum Capital**
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- 4:10PM **Agentic AI in Quantitative Trading: Hype, Reality and Adoption**
Irene Aldridge, President and Head of Research, **AbleMarkets**
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- 4:30PM **End**
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