
10:05AM **Welcome**

10:10AM **Allocating to Quant Strategies: Trends, Challenges & Opportunities**

Leading allocators representing some of the world's largest pools of capital share their perspectives on investing in quantitative strategies, current market trends, and the opportunities and challenges shaping the future of quant investing.

Moderator: **Edgar van Tuyll**, Founder & CIO, **Ellida Capital**

Yoann Vergier, CIO, **Vertua**

George Theodosiadis, Senior Investment Analyst and Portfolio Manager, **IAM**

Serge Sosulnikov, Partner, Head of Liquid Investments, **The Alternative**

10:40AM **Keynote Fireside Chat: From Chinese Open-Source Code to U.S. LLMs - Orchestrating AI and Specialized Agents for Alpha Research and Coding**

George Mussalli, Global CIO, **PanAgora**

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

11:05AM **Networking Coffee Break** - sponsored by **ItoFlow**

11:50AM **Managing a Quantitative Strategy: Yes, It's Hard!**

The sophistication and diversity of quantitative strategies continue to grow, driven by computational power, advanced datasets, and innovative models. How are managers leveraging these tools and ideas to generate alpha in an increasingly volatile and unpredictable market as we enter a new geopolitical paradigm?

Moderator: **Nahed Sarig**, Director of Investment Strategy, **Church Commissioners**

Andy Moniz, PhD, Senior Vice President, Director of Responsible Investing, **Acadian**

Renato Guerrieri, Head of Quantitative Strategy, **Capel Asset Management**

Ronnie Chowdury, CEO & Head Quant, **Ancova Capital**

Sayad Baronyan, Head of Quantitative Research, **ISI Markets**

12:20PM **The Chase is On! Can New Datasets Impact Trading?**

The search for elusive datasets that offer predictive power, are new to the market, and remain relatively untapped, is an ongoing challenge. Explore how even the most esoteric data can meaningfully impact portfolio returns when used alone and in conjunction with established datasets.

Moderator: **Eda Kaja, PhD**, Quant Portfolio Manager, **Quants Vermögensmanagement**

Markus Ebner, Head of Multi Asset & Liquid Alternatives - Executive Director, **Quoniam**

Tushara Fernando, Head of Data and AI, **Man Group**

David Riehl, Principal, Quant Product Strategy, **YipitData**

Thanh-Long Huynh, CEO, **QuantCube Technology**

12:50PM **Powering the Quant World - Rapid Analytics on Massive Datasets**

Jake Vernon, Director of Solutions Architecture, Verticals & Commercial, **ClickHouse**

1:05PM **Networking Luncheon**

2:05PM **Fireside Chat: Buy-Side Alpha Capture - A New Capital Revenue Stream**

A fireside chat on an idea born from the need to allocate capital more efficiently, driven by the large cash reserves held by multi-strats. Why is a growing share of sub \$500M funds signing up? How does the model work in practice, seen from the consumer's side? What makes a contributor attractive, and what should smaller managers expect and ask for? What are the benefits, structural challenges and risks, and where does the market go from here?

Rupert Barton, Independent Consultant (formerly with Two Sigma)

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

2:20PM **Inside the Allocator's Mind: How U.S. Allocators Differ from UK Allocators**

What gets a quantitative manager on an allocator's radar, and what ultimately leads to an allocation? Hear directly from leading US and UK allocators as they share how they evaluate investment managers, conduct initial meetings, and assess strategies throughout the due diligence process. With perspectives from both sides of the Atlantic, the panel will explore where US and UK allocators differ, what they have in common, and what each looks for when deciding whether a quantitative strategy deserves a closer look.

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

Art Vinokur, Head of Manager Research, Portfolio Manager, **Franklin Templeton**

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

Oliver Jarman, Principal, Public Markets, **Partners Capital**

2:50PM **Networking Coffee Break**

3:30PM **The AI Roadmap to Trading's Holy Grail**

Reaching a truly autonomous AI trading system that delivers consistent alpha across market regimes can follow many paths. From NLP and traditional ML to LLMs and agentic architectures, quants are harnessing an ever-evolving toolkit to pursue the ideal strategy engine. What does your AI stack look like today?

Moderator: **George Mussalli**, Global CIO, **PanAgora**

Chris Mulligan, MD, Head of the News Team, **Two Sigma**

Alexander Walsh, Senior Product Manager - Equity Research, **Balyasny**

James Hylands, Head of AI, **Fasanara Capital**

4:00PM **The Dawning of a New Age: Agentic AI, Space Innovation, and the Future of Finance**

A perennial audience favorite and longtime contributor to the Battle of the Quants, known for accurately predicting many of the technologies shaping today's world, will explore the innovations poised to disrupt the future of finance.

Matt Griffin, Futurist, **311 Institute**

4:30PM **End**

