

Winton, Catella and BayernInvest head up the Investors Choice Award winners

London, 30 March, 2012 – Winton, Catella and BayernInvest headed up the list of winners of the Investors Choice European Hedge Fund Awards last night. The awards were announced at a well-attended hedge fund industry gala dinner and awards ceremony held at the Grand Connaught Rooms in London.

Winton Capital won the Fund of The Year award with its Winton Futures Fund, while BayernInvest won the UCITS Fund of The Year award with its BayernInvest Alpha Select Plus fund. The Best Newcomer award was won by Catella Nordic Long Short Equity.

Duet was a strong contender with both the Duet Commodities Fund winning Commodity Fund of The Year and the Duet Global Plus Fund winning the Emerging Long Short Equity Fund of The Year

Other winners on the night included AllMountain Capital, Aquila Capital, Aurarius Fund, Chenavari IM, Danske Capital, Macro Currency Group, North AM, Princes Gate IM and Syquant Capital.

The full list of winners in the 18 award categories was as follows:

Long Short Equity Fund of The Year

Catella Nordic Long Short Equity

Best Long Short Equity Fund – Last 3 Years

Princes Gate Brightwell Equity Absolute Return

Global Macro & Managed Futures Fund of The Year

Winton Futures Fund

Commodity Fund of The Year

Duet Commodities Fund

Best Global Macro, Commodities & Managed Futures Fund – Last 3 Years

Princes Gate Brightwell Commodities

Relative Value & Equity Market Neutral Fund of The Year

Danske Fixed Income Strategies

Best Relative Value & Equity Market Neutral Fund – Last 3 Years

Syquant Helium

Specialist & Multi Strategy Fund of The Year

Chenavari Toro Capital

Best Specialist & Multi Strategy Fund – Last 3 Years

Aquila AC Risk Parity 12 Fund

Emerging Long Short Equity Fund of The Year

Duet Global Plus Fund

Emerging Global Macro Fund of The Year

North MaxQ Fund

Emerging Managed Futures Fund of The Year

AllMountain Mount Denali Global Trend

Best Emerging Global Macro & Managed Futures Fund – Last 3 Years

Macro Currency Group - Macro Currency Fund

Emerging Volatility & Tail Hedge Fund of The Year

Aurarius Fund

Emerging Relative Value & Specialist Fund of The Year

Macro Currency Group - High Alpha Currency Fund

Best Newcomer

Catella Nordic Long Short Equity

UCITS Fund of The Year

BayernInvest Alpha Select Plus

Fund of The Year

Winton Futures Fund

Investors Choice consulted with some of the most respected institutional investors in the industry to develop a judging framework that reflects their own investment criteria.

To be eligible for nomination to an award, funds must submit an application form outlining their performance over the time period and detailing some of the more qualitative aspects of their investment process.

The scoring methodology incorporated a set of quantitative performance measures including annualized returns, Sharpe ratio, omega ratio, maximum drawdown, percentage positive months, etc and a set of qualitative criteria covering the investment process, risk management framework, depth of research team, etc. The judges independently assigned a score from 1 to 5 in each of the assessment areas for each fund. Average scores for each of these sets of criteria were then calculated. The average quantitative and qualitative scores were then combined in equal measure to reach the total scores, which determined the winner in each category.

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