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Amsterdam Investor Forum announces shortlist of six alternative funds for 'The AIF Factor' competition

Six alternative investment funds have been selected to compete in *'The AIF Factor'* on 11 of February during the Amsterdam Investor Forum (AIF), organised by ABN AMRO Clearing. Delegates, including a panel of asset allocators, will vote for the most convincing proposition and appoint the winner.

The shortlisted funds include '*Skënderbeg Fund'* of Skënderbeg Alternative Investments AG, **'***Trium Blackwall Fund'* of Trium Capital, *'Arctic Blue'* of Arctic Blue Capital,*'Nordkinn Fixed Income Macro Fund'* of Nordkinn Asset Management AB, *'QLAB Convexity DL Fund'* of QLAB Invest Switzerland and *'NextAM Tendance Finance'* of Tendance Finance.

'Once again, we have received numerous submissions from a variety of strategies and countries, which demonstrates the continuous dynamism of the Alternative Investment industry and the interest in such investor forums. It was a challenge to select only six finalists out of many compelling pitches, innovative strategies and sound track records. We believe that the AIF factor provides a great platform for managers to raise their profiles to investors,' said Gildas Le Treut, Global Head of Prime Clearing at ABN AMRO Clearing.

'The finalists will also gain unique access to the insights of our panel of asset allocators and what they are currently looking for in their potential investments. In addition, they will gain exposure to over 200 investors at the leading hedge fund conference in the Benelux,' said Marc de Kloe, Head of Alternatives & Funds at ABN AMRO Private Banking.

Strategic meeting place

'The Amsterdam Investor Forum has become the leading alternative investment event in the Netherlands and is a strategic meeting place for institutional investors and alternative investment managers. The main focus is to provide a diversified audience with insights into the latest market developments in investment strategy and allocations. There will be a range of first-class speakers, representing some of the greatest investment minds in the business, such as Adamas Asset Management, Aurum Fund Management, Blackrock, City Financial, COMAC Capital, Eyck Capital Management, Inoks Capital, Kempen Capital Management, LCF Rothschild, LindenGrove Capital, Lyxor, Man GLG, Mariner Investment Group, Martin Currie Investment Management, Mercer, North Asset Management, Odey Asset Management, Omni Partners, PAAMCO, Peters Capital Group, Pictet Alternative Advisors, Prime Capital, SSARIS, Stenham Advisers, Stratton Street Capital and Verrazano Capital.

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