



# **Alternative IQ Announces Winners of 8th Annual Canadian Hedge Fund Awards**





TORONTO, Oct. 21, 2015 /CNW/ - Alternative IQ today announced the winners of the 2015 Canadian Hedge Fund Awards, the highest honour in Canada's hedge fund industry. The awards were presented yesterday evening at a Gala Dinner at One King West Hotel in Toronto with over 100 guests in attendance. Masters of Ceremony were Brooke Biscoe, Vice President, Business Development, Fundata Canada and Peter Hayes, National Director, Alternative Investments, KPMG LLP, whose companies are also the principal sponsors of the 2015 CHFA program.

The Canadian Hedge Fund Awards help investors identify the most exceptional hedge funds of the year, recognizing winners in 4 categories as well as the Overall Best 2015 Canadian Hedge Fund. The hedge fund awards are based solely on quantitative performance data to June 30<sup>th</sup>, with Fundata managing the tabulation of the data to determine the winners. Additional awards, based on nominations, recognize top service providers to the industry.

The 2015 Canadian Hedge Fund Award winners are:

### **Overall Best 2015 Canadian Hedge Fund:**

(based on best combined 10 year annualized return and Sharpe ratio).

#### Winner:

Blair Franklin Global Credit Fund (10 year return: 13.82% and 10 year Sharpe ratio: 3.31%) Finalists: 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to PH&N Absolute Return Fund and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to King & Victoria Fund

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Best 1 Year Return:Lightwater Nimble Fund62.97%Best 5 Year Return:DKAM Capital Ideas Fund25.49%Best 5 Year Sharpe Ratio:DKAM Capital Ideas Fund2.27%

#### Credit Focused:

Best 1 Year Return:Cortland Credit Strategies LP5.60%Best 5 Year Return:Stornoway Recovery Fund14.76%Best 5 Year Sharpe Ratio:RP Debt Opportunities Fund2.98%

#### **Market Neutral:**

Best 1 Year Return: CC&L Q Market Neutral Fund Group 32.40%
Best 5 Year Return: CC&L Q Market Neutral Fund Group 11.20%

| Best 5 Year Sharpe Ratio: | Ross Smith Capital Investment A | 2.61% |
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Global Macro/Managed Futures/Multi-Strategy:

Best 1 Year Return:Claret Global Multi Asset LP29.94%Best 5 Year Return:JM Catalyst Fund13.71%Best 5 Year Sharpe Ratio:PH&N Absolute Return Fund2.88%

Awards were also presented to those service providers that Canadian hedge fund managers voted most valuable to them: CommonWealth Fund Services received the award for the top Canadian Hedge Fund Administrator, the top Canadian Prime Broker award went to TD Securities Prime Brokerage, the votes were split evenly for the top Canadian Law Firm where awards were given to both Borden Ladner Gervais LLP and Wildeboer Dellelce LLP, and KPMG LLP was voted the top Canadian Accounting Firm.

In addition to the principal sponsors other key sponsors this year were CommonWealth Fund Services and SGGG Fund Services.

**About Alternative IQ:** Alternative IQ is dedicated to celebrating, supporting and expanding Canada's Hedge Fund Industry and produces the annual Canadian Hedge Fund Awards, held in Toronto each October (performance as at June 30th), the 'Winners' Showcase' events which feature the Managers of the award-winning hedge funds to investors, and various other programs and publications serving the hedge fund industry in Canada. Alternative IQ is a division of Alliance Sales and Marketing, Inc.

**About the Annual Canadian Hedge Fund Awards:** The Annual Canadian Hedge Fund Awards were first held in 2008 and have a two-fold objective: firstly, to recognize and celebrate the talent in Canada's hedge fund industry and, secondly, to raise awareness of that expertise in the wider investor community.

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For further information: For more information about the CHFA program, the 2015 Top Contenders and all the 2015 Award Winners, go to: www.alternativeiq.com or call: Julie Makepeace, Managing Director, Alternative IQ and President, Alliance Sales and Marketing, Inc., 416-906-3782

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