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Akin Gump	Stephen Vine 212-872-1030 svine@akingump.com Prakash Mehta 212-872-7430 pmehta@akingump.com	73	Represents some of the world's largest managers of hedge funds and private equity funds, with increasing emphasis on private-debt funds. Also works with startups. Services run gamut from fund formation and structuring to transaction work and advising on compliance, regulatory and operational issues.
Alston & Bird	Tim Selby 212-210-9494 tim.selby@alston.com	22	Investment-management group handles fund structuring for hedge fund managers, commodity-trading advisors and private equity firms. Specialties include managed-futures vehicles, managed-account programs and liquid alternatives. Expanded team in November 2016 by adding Mike Saarinen as a partner in private-funds group. More than 30 of the firm's attorneys have earned "investment foundations" certificates from CFA Institute.
Arnold & Porter	Robert Holton 212-715-1137 robert.holton@apks.com Simon Firth 44-207-786-6178 simon.firth@apks.com	20	Doubled hedge fund practice via January 2017 merger with Kaye Scholer. Advises on structuring funds and separate accounts across range of strategies including activist, distressed debt, systematic trading, funds of funds, private equity and real estate. Clients include Kynikos Associates, MacKay Shields and York Capital. Hedge fund team concentrated in New York, San Francisco and London, assisted by renowned regulatory practice in Washington.
BakerHostetler	Marc Powers 212-589-4216 mpowers@bakerlaw.com	20	Members of dedicated hedge fund team work in Denver, Los Angeles and New York. Services include fund formation, regulatory compliance, SEC exams, privacy and data-security policies, and trade-secrets litigation. Clients include Investcorp, Progress Investment, SkyBridge Capital and TAG Associates.
Bryan Cave	Mark Weakley 303-417-8549 mark.weakley@bryancave.com Elizabeth Kemery Sipes 303-866-0348 elizabeth.sipes@bryancave.com	19	Advises on formation and operation of U.S., European, Asian and offshore vehicles across broad range of strategies. Services include fund structuring, compliance, compensation, distribution waterfalls, marketing, ERISA and tax issues.
Cadwalader Wickersham	Steven Lofchie 212-504-6700 steven.lofchie@cwt.com Dorothy Mehta 212-504-6846 dorothy.mehta@cwt.com	35	Has worked with hedge funds since the 1970s. Clients, including more than half of 100 largest managers, have a combined \$2.8 trillion of assets. Strategy expertise includes asset-backed securities, commodities, equities and futures. Also represents family offices in negotiations with asset managers.
Cole-Frieman & Mallon	Karl Cole-Frieman 415-352-2300 karl@colefrieman.com Bart Mallon 415-352-2300 bmallon@colefrieman.com	115	San Francisco firm, founded in 2009, originally focused on West Coast, but now has nationwide practice with more than 650 fund-manager clients. Handles about 70 launches annually. Comfortable with emerging asset classes including peer-to-peer lending and cryptocurrencies.

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Davis Polk	Nora Jordan 212-450-4684 nora.jordan@davispolk.com	50	Started out in 1990s by representing Soros Fund Management and Tiger Management. Practice runs gamut from fund formation to prime brokerage, compliance and litigation. Clients include Avenue Capital, Bridgewater Associates, Citadel, Highbridge Capital and Lone Pine Capital.
Dechert	David Vaughan 212-698-3540 david.vaughan@dechert.com	50	U.S.-based hedge fund practice opened Singapore office in 2014, adding to international outposts including Dubai, Dublin, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, London, Luxembourg and Paris. Heavily engaged with U.S. regulators.
DLA Piper	Wesley Nissen 312-368-4000 wesley.nissen@dlapiper.com	50	Giant law firm has hedge fund lawyers in major financial centers around the globe. Has broad experience with alternative investments and family offices. Produces two publications aimed at hedge funds: "The DLA Piper Financial Report" and "The Exchange."
Drinker Biddle	David Matteson 312-569-1145 david.matteson@dbr.com	10	Has 30 years of experience working with hedge funds, including long/short equity, managed-futures and fund-of-funds vehicles. Chicago-based team focuses on startup and mid-size managers.
Finn Dixon	Matthew Eisenberg 203-325-5084 meisenberg@fdh.com	14	Finance-focused firm headquartered in Stamford, Conn. Works with hedge funds, private equity funds, broker-dealers, family offices and other institutional investors. Advises on formation and structuring of private funds, seed investments and joint ventures, regulatory compliance, marketing and distribution, employment and tax issues. Clients range from startups to fund operators with more than \$10 billion under management.
Florio Leahy	Gregory Florio 212-257-5781 gflorio@orical.org	10	Founded in 2010, fast-growing practice now counts 100 clients. Handles fund-formation and compliance work via an affiliate called Oricol. Florio previously was senior counsel and chief compliance officer at Marathon Asset Management. Partner James Leahy was Marathon's chief financial officer.
Foley Hoag	Jeffrey Collins 617-832-1265 jcollins@foleyhoag.com	12	Investment-management practice focuses on hedge funds and managed-account operations. Fund clients range from \$25 billion manager to "friends-and-family" shops with less than \$5 million.
Fried Frank	Lawrence Barshay 212-859-8551 lawrence.barshay@friedfrank.com	40	Clients include BlackRock, Blenheim Capital, Citadel, D.E. Shaw, EJF Capital, Goldman Sachs, PDT Capital and Tudor Investment. Diversified practice handles structuring and distribution of onshore and offshore vehicles, as well as compliance matters.
Greenberg Traurig	Todd Mazur 312-456-8448 mazurt@gtlaw.com	50	Hedge fund lawyers stationed in Boston, Chicago, New York and some of the firm's 35 other offices. In addition to fund formation, advises on trading strategies, special-situations transactions, derivatives and structured products. A specialist in private investments in public entities.
Haynes & Boone	Taylor Wilson 214-651-5615 taylor.wilson@haynesboone.com Ricardo Davidovich 212-835-4837 ricardo.davidovich@haynesboone.com	65	Large private-funds unit focuses mostly on hedge funds. Handles fund formation, trading, compliance, regulations and enforcement issues. Also advises managers on tax and ERISA obligations. Separately, represents family offices and other investors that back hedge fund startups, including via seed-capital deals.
Herrick Feinstein	Irwin Kishner 212-592-1435 ikishner@herrick.com	10	Founded in 1928, firm primarily works with emerging and mid-size managers. Full-service practice covers funds across diverse asset classes, including hybrid vehicles and those that invest in niche securities. Client roster includes family offices and seed-capital investors.
Investment Law Group	Brent Gillett 404-607-6940 bgillett@investmentlawgroup.com	8	Hedge fund work accounts for two-thirds of practice. In addition to startup services, offers compliance support to a variety of investment managers. Also advises operators of venture capital, real estate and direct-lending vehicles. Typically works on 60-plus private-fund launches each year.

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K&L Gates	Mark Goshko 617-261-3163 mark.goshko@klgates.com	35	Hedge fund team is within investment-management group with more than 100 lawyers. Expertise in formation of private funds and SEC-registered alternative-investment vehicles. Also advises on ERISA, regulatory and tax issues. Clients include Eaton Vance, K2 Advisors, Loomis Sayles and Man Group.
Katten Muchin	Henry Bregstein 212-940-6615 henry.bregstein@kattenlaw.com	48	Alternative-investment practice advises hedge funds on transactional, regulatory and enforcement matters. Long experience working with managers of quantitative funds and insurance-dedicated vehicles. Clients include AQR Capital, Brown Brothers Harriman, Man FRM, Renaissance Technologies and York Capital. Advised Mercury Capital on 2017 launch of Mercury iFunds platform, which offers investors and wealth managers easy access to alternative investments.
Kirkland & Ellis	Norm Champ norm.champ@kirkland.com 212-446-4966 Robert Sutton 212-446-4897 robert.sutton@kirkland.com	28	Hedge fund team attached to 230-member investment-funds group. Works with diversified management firms offering range of products. Specialties include fund and operator formation, seed-capital investments, co-investments and regulatory work. Staff includes former a number of SEC officials. Norm Champ, former head of SEC's Division of Investment Management, joined in 2016.
Kleinberg Kaplan	Jason Grunfeld 212-880-9887 jgrunfeld@kkwc.com	44	Hedge fund work accounts for about three-quarters of legal practice, with 27 lawyers supporting fund formation. Clients include blue-chip firms Elliott Management and Paulson & Co. Expertise in investor activism, distressed debt, risk management, executive compensation and tax issues.
Kramer Levin	Kevin Scanlan 212-715-9374 kscanlan@kramerlevin.com	23	Advises on fund formation, compliance and complex investments including bankruptcies, restructurings, derivatives, securitizations and mergers and acquisitions. Works with large, established managers as well as startups.
Latham & Watkins	Christopher Clark 212-906-1350 christopher.clark2@lw.com	45	Handles fund formation, financing, litigation, regulatory matters and restructurings. Has hedge fund lawyers in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, London and Frankfurt. Clients include Appaloosa Management, Centerbridge Partners, Gapstow Capital, Reservoir Capital and York Capital.
Linklaters	Lorna Bowen 212-903-9073 lorna.bowen@linklaters.com	68	Hedge fund group situated within global investment-management unit largely focused on alternative investments. Also works with distressed-debt, private equity, real estate and infrastructure fund operators. Far-flung practice known for cross-border expertise.
Lowenstein Sandler	Robert Minion 646-414-6930 rminion@lowenstein.com	75	Advises prominent hedge fund firms on issues including fund formation, compliance, taxes, derivatives, litigation and mergers and acquisitions. Clients include Appaloosa Management, BlueMountain Capital, Cerberus Capital and Marathon Asset Management. Also represents family offices, broker-dealers and other capital-markets players.
Maples & Calder	Jon Fowler 345-814-5526 jon.fowler@maplesandcalder.com	121	Offshore-fund specialist has 68 hedge fund lawyers in its Cayman Islands headquarters and another 53 in foreign outposts. Handled more than one-third of all fund formations in the Caymans in 2016. Offers fund-administration and fiduciary services via MaplesFS affiliate.
Marino Partners	Paul Marino 914-368-4525 pmarino@marinollp.com	9	Financial-service specialist represents hedge funds, private equity funds and other alternative-investment businesses, including increasing number of credit and direct-lending vehicles. Diversified practice covers fund formation, compliance, deal structuring and tax issues. Founder Paul Marino known for his work with Alliance of Alternative Asset Professionals.
Morgan Lewis	Jedd Wider 212-309-6605 jwider@morganlewis.com Rich Goldman 617-951-8851 rich.goldman@morganlewis.com	125	Sprawling hedge fund practice opened offices in Hong Kong and Shanghai in 2017. Also has lawyers in Boston, Chicago, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Washington, Beijing, Dubai, Frankfurt, London, Singapore and Tokyo. Represents some 750 hedge fund managers globally, including blue-chip firms AQR Capital and Och-Ziff Capital. Also works with institutional investors including public pensions and sovereign wealth funds.

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Ogier	Giorgio Subiotto 345-815-1872 giorgio.subiotto@ogier.com	39	Major offshore player has lawyers stationed in the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guernsey, Hong Kong, Jersey and Luxembourg.
Paul Hastings	Arthur Zwickel 212-683-6161 artzwickel@paulhastings.com	24	Specializes in complex fund structures and strategies. New York is biggest office, but also has presences on West Coast and internationally. Separate litigation and regulatory-enforcement units serve hedge funds including Beach Point Capital, Dalton Investments, Franklin Templeton and TCW.
Paul Weiss	Udi Grofman 212-373-3918 ugrofman@paulweiss.com Marco Masotti 212-373-3034 mmasotti@paulweiss.com	40	Client roster anchored by heavy hitters including Apollo Global, Avenue Capital, Blackstone, Glenview Capital, Hutchin Hill Capital, KKR, Paulson & Co. and PointState Capital. Also has experience advising seed-capital investors including J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
Pepper Hamilton	Irwin Latner 212-808-2701 latneri@pepperlaw.com Gregory Nowak 212-808-2723 nowakg@pepperlaw.com	50	Full-service practice covers everything from fund formation and compliance to product development, deal structuring, derivatives, seed-capital deals and mergers and acquisitions. Represents new and established managers. Also counsels family offices and institutional investors on fund investments.
Pillsbury Winthrop	Ildiko Duckor 415-983-1035 ildiko.duckor@pillsburylaw.com Kimberly Mann 202-663-8281 kimberly.mann@pillsburylaw.com	24	Investment-management practice works with hedge funds and other alternative-investment vehicles, as well as institutional investors. Specialties include quantitative investing and new and emerging managers. Has offices across the U.S. and in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Hedge fund team draws support from other practice areas on derivatives deals, litigation, profit-sharing, ERISA obligations, tax law and other matters.
Proskauer Rose	Christopher Wells 212-969-3600 cwells@proskauer.com Michael Mavrides 212-969-3670 mmavrides@proskauer.com Robert Leonard 212-969-3355 rleonard@proskauer.com	17	Hedge fund team part of private-funds group with more than 100 lawyers. Clients range from startups to some of the industry's biggest managers. Key partners each have 30-plus years of alternative-investment experience. Areas of expertise run gamut from fund formation, compliance and compensation to complex tax structuring, seed-capital transactions and intellectual property.
Pryor Cashman	Bertrand Fry 212-326-0134 bfry@pryorcashman.com Jonathan Shepard 212-326-0496 jshepard@pryorcashman.com	26	Advises both emerging and established managers, leveraging deep operational knowledge from one of the co-head's 14 years at D. E. Shaw. In addition to fund formation, advises managers on spinoffs, complex transactions and litigation. Also offers ERISA and tax support. Hired structured-finance and derivatives specialist Anthony Schouten in May 2017 from Winston & Strawn.
Purrington Moody	David Moody 212-431-7010 dmoody@purringtonmoody.com	23	Hedge fund staff, split between New York and Greensboro, N.C., focuses almost exclusively on managers catering to institutional investors. Specializes in fund formation, seed-capital deals and regulatory issues.
Reed Smith	James McCarroll 212-549-0209 jmccarroll@reedsmith.com	25	Launched financial-risk-management practice in June 2017. Practice head Don Andrews previously co-headed risk and compliance group at Venable. Hedge fund group largely focused on regulatory issues, as well as fund-formation, due-diligence and deal-structuring. Also represents investors redeeming from gated funds or selling stakes on the secondary market.

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Ropes & Gray	Laurel FitzPatrick 212-596-9000 laurel.fitzpatrick@ropesgray.com Leigh Fraser 212-596-9000 leigh.fraser@ropesgray.com	89	Represents some of the world's biggest hedge fund and asset managers, including Angelo Gordon & Co., Baupost Group, Blackstone, Convexity Capital, Grosvenor Capital, Maverick Capital, PIMCO, Schroders and Tiger Management. Advises on all aspects of fund sponsorship, including fund formation and operations, regulation and compliance, trading, tax structuring, derivatives and commodities. Works with single-manager funds, funds of funds, start-ups and seed-capital investors.
Sadis & Goldberg	Ron Geffner 212-573-6660 rgeffner@sglawyers.com	15	Advises on formation of 50-70 private funds per year, with client roster that includes several hundred investment advisors. Senior practice members include former SEC enforcement lawyers and attorneys with experience at other major Wall Street firms.
Schulte Roth	Stephanie Breslow 212-756-2000 stephanie.breslow@srz.com David Nissenbaum 212-756-2000 david.nissenbaum@srz.com	100	Practice includes lawyers dedicated to regulatory and compliance issues. Represents many of the largest fund operators, including Blackstone, Centerbridge Partners and Jana Partners. In 2016, added 10-lawyer broker-dealer group from Bracewell. Expanded registered-fund and business-development-company group with hiring of partner John Mahon in 2015.
Securities Law Group	Jim Grand 415-644-9501 jgrand@tslg-law.com	3	West Coast practice pitches itself as cost-effective alternative to big law firms. Has roughly 300 investment-management clients, including 120 hedge fund operators. Many clients are new or emerging managers.
Seward & Kissel	Patricia Poglinco 212-574-1247 poglinco@sewkis.com Robert Van Grover 212-574-1205 vangrover@sewkis.com Steven Nadel 212-574-1231 nadel@sewkis.com	100	Established first hedge fund firm, A.W. Jones & Co., in 1949. Hedge fund staff encompasses fund-formation and compliance specialists, as well as lawyers focused on taxes, ERISA, management-structuring, litigation, SEC enforcement and mergers and acquisitions. Has alliance with London-based Simmons & Simmons, which assists in providing global advice to clients.
Shartsis Friese	John Broadhurst 415-421-6500 jbroadhurst@sflaw.com	15	Top West Coast firm often gets first call from startup managers in California. Hedge fund practice began in early 1980s. Partners fill general-counsel roles for many clients, advising on issues including compliance, taxes, regulatory enforcement and litigation. Clients have included Park Presidio Capital and Partner Fund Management.
Shearman & Sterling	Sean Finley 212-848-4346 sean.finley@shearman.com	30	Cross-border hedge fund team advises fund sponsors and investors. Specialties include fund formation, compliance, derivatives and structured products, mergers and acquisitions, financial restructurings and regulatory investigations. Client roster includes Maverick Capital, SkyBridge Capital and TT International.
Sidley Austin	Michael Schmidtberger 212-839-5458 mschmidtberger@sidley.com	70	Works with about two-thirds of 100 largest hedge fund managers. Besides fund formation, handles compliance, litigation, trade-documentation work and seed-capital deals. Has dedicated hedge fund staff in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, London, Hong Kong and Singapore. Added four-person hedge fund team in Boston in 2016-17.
Simmons & Simmons	Richard Perry 44-207-825-4310 richard.perry@simmons-simmons.com	100	Largest U.K. hedge fund practice represents many of the biggest fund managers globally, including Brevan Howard Asset Management and Lansdowne Partners. Clients also include top U.S. fund operators seeking Europe-focused regulatory and transactional advice. Offers online resource for fund startups dubbed LaunchPlus. Has strategic alliance with U.S. law firm Seward & Kissel to cooperate in asset-management sector.

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Tannenbaum Helpern	Michael Tannenbaum 212-508-6701 tannenbaum@thsh.com	15	Represents numerous hedge fund and private equity fund managers across virtually every strategy, from startups to multi-billion-dollar firms. Specialties include complex fund formation and structuring, SEC compliance, marketing, taxes, dispute resolution, seed investments and mergers and acquisitions. Also advises on complex cross-border matters.
Walkers	Ingrid Pierce 345-814-4667 ingrid.pierce@walkersglobal.com	80	Founded in 1964, top offshore firm works with many of the world's largest asset managers, banks and trust companies. Headquartered in Cayman Islands, with offices in British Virgin Islands, Isle of Jersey and Ireland, among other offshore domiciles. Opened outposts in Bermuda and Guernsey in 2016.
Willkie Farr	Barry Barbash 212-728-8000 bbarbash@willkie.com Joe Cunningham 212-728-8161 jcunningham@willkie.com	45	Storied firm founded in 1888. Longstanding hedge fund practice led by former SEC investment-management division director Barry Barbash. Represents managers across range of strategies and structures. Has expertise in key areas affecting hedge funds, including SEC registration, trading, commodities, broker-dealer affiliations and enforcement. Hedge fund team part of asset-management group totaling 75 lawyers.
WilmerHale	Timothy Silva 617-526-6502 timothy.silva@wilmerhale.com	25	Advises on fund structuring, compliance and regulatory matters, and tax and ERISA obligations. Practice includes lawyers dedicated to prime brokerage and derivatives. Highly experienced in handling management-company successions and restructurings. Some practice members previously served in senior government roles.
Winston & Strawn	Jay Gould 415-591-1575 jgould@winston.com	25	Advises managers on range of issues including fund formation, governance and regulatory examinations. In addition to hedge funds, works with private equity funds, alternative mutual funds, business development companies and other alternative-investment vehicles. San Francisco firm also has lawyers in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington.

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