

Aspect Capital acquires quant macro firm Auriel

Stockholm (HedgeNordic) – London-based Managed Futures giant Aspect Capital has acquired systematic macro specialist Auriel Capital Management, and hired the team behind it.

Auriel founders Asif Noor and Anoosh Lachin, will trade in and develop Aspect's systematic global macro and currency strategies, according to a company statement.

Aspect has been looking for research expertise in diversifying investment strategy capabilities from a variety of external sources since 2014, in addition to Auriel, two team has joined the asset manager.

A team from Capula Investment Management joined in July 2014 to run a systematic multi-strategy futures programme, the Aspect Tactical Opportunities Programme. At the end of 2015, Aspect also hired Franck Lauri from Otea Capital. He has more than a decade of experience in developing successful systematic equity market neutral strategies, Aspect Capital states.

In a comment to the recruitment of the new teams, Anthony Todd, CEO of Aspect Capital, says:

"Medium-term trend following will remain our core focus as it has been since our inception 18 years ago," noted Anthony Todd, CEO of Aspect, in the statement. "2015 was a successful year for Aspect Diversified, and while our core research efforts remain focused on continuing to enhance this program, we are always interested in opportunities to bring in exceptional managers and high caliber strategies for the benefit of our investors."

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