

Prequin Study Shows Record AuM in Alts, Sweden Second Largest in Europe

Stockholm (HedgeNordic) – Amundi and alternative data specialist Prequin together produced and published a research on the alternative assets markets in Europe. According to their findings, as of 30 September 2017, Europe-based alternative assets under management reached €1.48trn, having grown by 8.8% year-on-year from €1.37trn.

Among alternatives, some €601bn were in hedge funds (40.6% of all alternative assets in Europe as of September 2017), €507bn in private equity, €131bn in infrastructure, €106bn in real estate, €108bn in private debt and the remaining in natural resources.

By country, the UK gathered 51.8% of alternative assets in Europe, followed by France, with 8.6%, Sweden with 5.3%, Switzerland (3.5%) and Germany (3.1%) at the end of September 2017.

Mixed news for hedge funds

Data analysed around hedge funds by Amundi and Prequin suggests mixed news for the hedge fund industry, remaining the largest alternative asset class used in Europe with €404bn of total capital invested by 1,101 Europe-based hedge fund investors in 2018.

It shows Europe-focused hedge funds have outperformed all hedge funds and public market indices by 6.33% over a five-year annualised period. Nonetheless, they have underperformed the rest of the market by 8.21% in Q1 2018.

Regarding Europe-based hedge funds' net inflows, they amounted to €26.9bn over last year in contrast to the €32.7bn outflows observed in 2016. 52% of Europe-based hedge fund managers saw net inflows over Q1 2018 but despite of €8bn in outflows reported in the same period.

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Prequin's chief data officer Elias Lastis noted that the hedge fund industry is evolving as for the first time in 2017, with 190 liquidations of Europe-based hedge funds exceeded launches, which amounted to 179. The trend is likely to pursue in 2018, he added.

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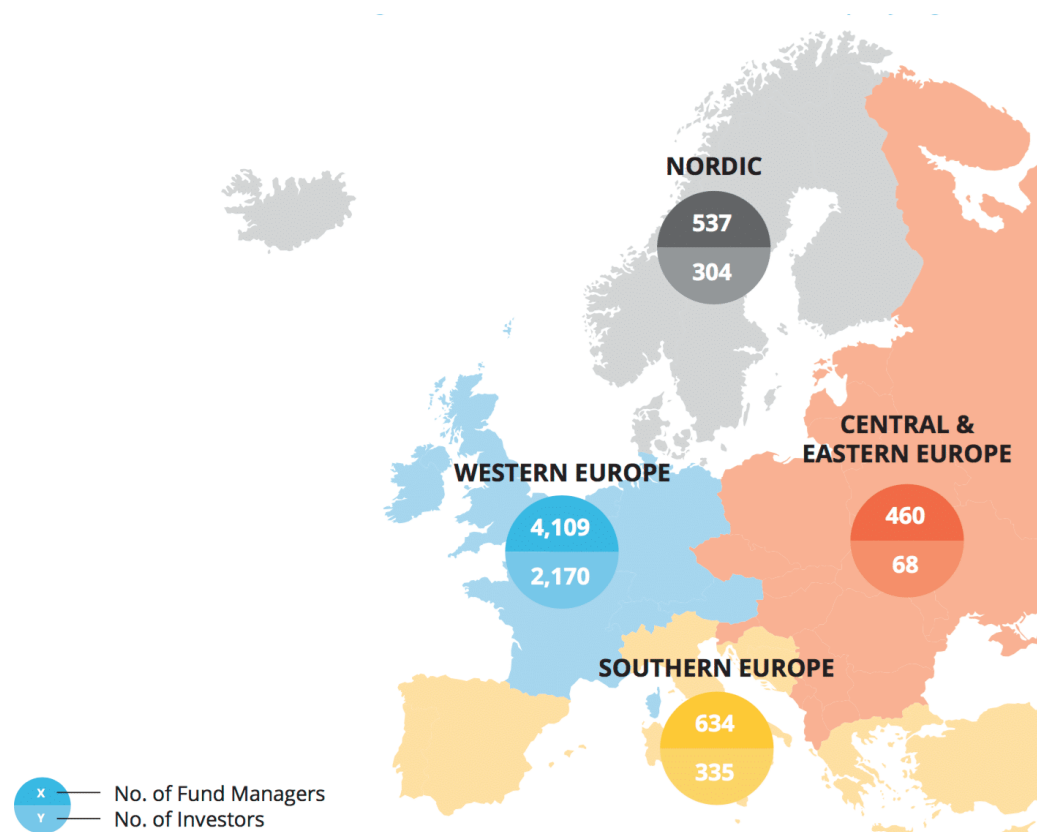
The study also focuses on top performing hedge funds by country in Europe (see table below).

Country	Top performing hedge fund	Company	3-y annualised return (as of March 2018)
UK	Japan Synthetic Warrant Fund – USD Class	Dejima Asset Management	34.21%

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Switzerland	Teleios Global Opportunities fund	Teleios Capital Partners	21.94%
Germany	Wermuth Eastern Europe L/S strategy	Wermuth Asset Management	11.77%
Netherlands	Mint Tower Arbitrage Fund	Mint Tower Capital Management	6.50%
Italy	Finint Bond Fund - Class A	Finanziaria Internazionale Investments	7.44%
France	Orsay Merger Arbitrage Fund - USD Share Class 3	Oddo BHF Asset Management	11.21%
Sweden	Gladiator Fund	Max Mitteregger Asset Management	13.99%
Spain	Ben Oldman Special Situations Fund	Ben Oldman Partners	9.74%
Norway	AAM Absolute Return Fund - Class B (NOK)	Oslo Asset Management	23.59%
Denmark	Danske Invest Hedge Fixed Income Strategies Fund - EUR	Danske Invest	10.19%

Source: Preqin, Amundi, 2018

The map below shows the number of Alternative Assets Fund Managers and Investors Active in Alternatives in Europe by Region:



Source: Preqin

The entire study, Prequin Markets in Focus, is available [here](#).

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