

# Franklin Templeton Launches New HF Range

Stockholm (HedgeNordic) – Franklin Templeton has launched a new Luxembourg-domiciled fund range that offers European investors access to five hedge fund strategies in a daily liquidity format. The new range features five liquid hedge fund strategies from the Managed Account Platform of Franklin Templeton's subsidiary, K2 Advisors. K2 has maintained a long relationship with the five hedge fund managers in the recently-launched range.

The range includes the Bardin Hill Arbitrage, Chilton Equity Long Short, Electron Global, Ellington Structured Credit, and Wellington Technology Long Short funds, all marketed under the Franklin K2 label. K2 Advisors, which provides hedge fund and alternative product solutions to institutional and high net worth investors, previously partnered with the five hedge fund managers in a Cayman structure. The existing Cayman Island range run by K2 Advisors includes 23 funds, but there are no plans to bring all these funds to a UCITS structure at this stage.

"We are delighted to offer these diverse services, in a fund range within a daily liquid UCITS structure to European investors," says Bill Santos, Senior Managing Director at K2 Advisors. "We are introducing to the marketplace non-European hedge fund managers via the UCITS regulatory framework. These managers offer differentiated styles of alpha generation and risks, that are beneficial in providing robust diversification to investors."

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