



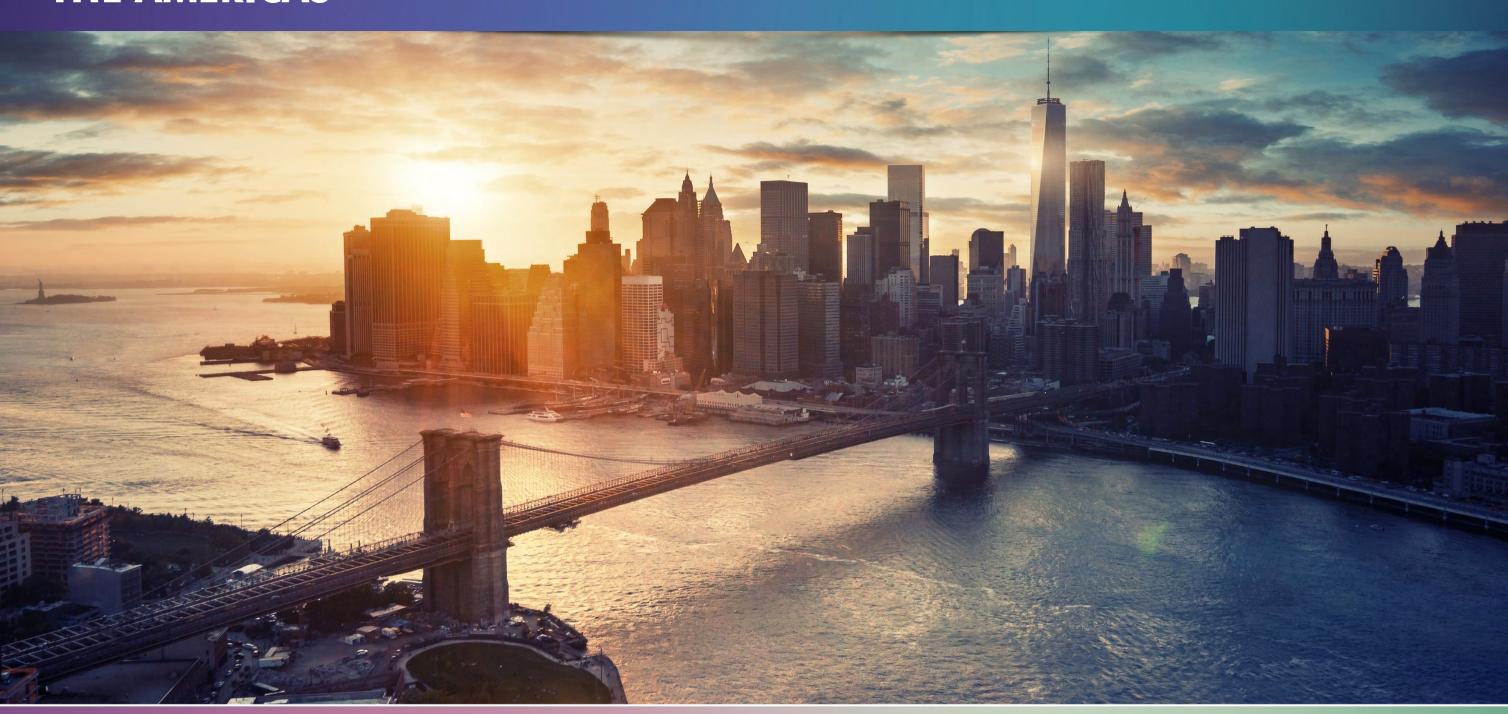
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Event-driven hedge funds are struggling in the States, with a lack of M&A activity meaning that they have little to make a return on. The one sector where this is not the case, and that event-driven funds are resting their hopes on, is healthcare. Shaken up by the Obamacare reforms, healthcare is the US is beginning to see large-scale investment, and an accompanying increase in M&A activity. Also contributing to this is the ever-present consolidation activity of the pharmaceutical industry, with major players seemingly content to hoard patents and buy out smaller companies to acquire their patents. How long this will last, however, is unknowable, and the commodities markets do not appear to be staging a comeback any time soon. America is also stepping up its game to tackle hedge fund fraud, charging 32 members of an international hacking group that stole confidential information to make insider deals.

Included in the scheme were Global Hedge and Exante Ltd, a Malta based hedge fund, and it is thought that the hackers made over \$100m between them.

In South America, Brazil continues to dominate the hedge fund industry. South America as a whole is still generally inactive in the hedge fund market, and in 2014 Brazil had over 80% of all active hedge funds, and hedge fund managers in the region. Weak commodities

also affect South and Latin America massively, with both Argentina and Mexico suffering from a huge drop in oil prices. In theory these countries should be an investors dream, with rich natural resources, a large workforce, and favourable exchange rates, but recent shockwaves throughout the global economy seem to have disproportionally hit developing countries, damaging returns and driving away investors.

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STRM Capital Management - Lawrence Rascio	New York Based Hedge Fund of the Year	GNE Management, LLC	S&P Futures &Op
		Kennyhertz Perry, LLC	Securities Law Fir
ConceptONE, LLC	North American Regulatory Advisory Firm of the Year	RMBS Management LLC	Securitized Produ
Dzaner	Option Strategies Hedge Fund of the Year - Dzaner & Co. L.P	Accretive Capital Partners, LLC	Small & Micro-Co - Accretive Capito
Doherty Advisors	Options Strategy (5yr) of the Year	AthenaInvest - C. Thomas Howard	Tactical ETF Portfo
Viteos	Outsourced Shadow-Accounting Firm of the Year	Crescat Capital LLC	Top Performing H - Crescat Global
Petra Partners	P2P Fund of the Year - Petra Credit Fund 1		
QQFund.com LLC	Qualitative/Quantitative Fund Management Firm of the Year	Alambic Investment Management, L.P.	US Equities Mark - The Colombard
		Valuation Research Corp. (VRC)	Valuation Service
Rhythmic Capital Management	Relative Value Investment Strategy of the Year		
Alphamega Diversified Fund LP	Relative Value, Quantitative Fund of the Year	Preserver Partners, LLC	Value Opportunit
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Gorelick Brothers Capital	Residential Real Estate Fund of the Year - MSOF II		

- Options Trading Team of the Year
- Firm of the Year

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