

What's the **BEST managed** futures program?

Semi-Annual Managed Futures Rankings

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How We Rank Them

What's the BEST managed futures program? That's a tricky one. Do you mean: Best last year? Best for all time? Best risk-adjusted return? Best in terms of lowest drawdowns?

We can all see which programs logged the highest return last year, or has the most assets, or sports the largest total lifetime return. But investors care about more than just returns. There's risk and exposure and pedigree and all the rest to consider, making the question of rankings and who's the best a truly investor-specific endeavor. The real question should be, who's the best for me?

RCM Alternatives has been applying its due diligence on managers and programs in the space for more than a decade. For six years in a row, we've been selected as the best introducing broker in the Managed Futures space, in part because we've dedicated extensive resources to analyzing and testing a rankings system that would best reflect what we believe to be the important metrics for measuring skill in this investment space.

Our rankings start by filtering the BarclayHedge database to a smaller subset of managers which have at least 36 months of track record, and are investable (no pro-forma or prop account records, for example; or currency traders using Turkish banks). We then measure the programs across different metrics related to return (like compound RoR, Omega ratios), risk (like lowest 3yr return, average drawdown), correlation levels, and length of track record. Next, we time-weight the numerous statistics, evaluating each metric across 1, 3, 5, and 10-year time periods, in addition to the full length of the program since its inception. This focus on varying time frames ensures that great returns far back in a program's track record don't skew their ranking, and, likewise, that newer programs that haven't "lived through tough times" don't dominate the rankings.

It is important to remember that these rankings are backwards looking, being generated off the monthly returns and other profile information of hundreds of CTA programs, and, as such, are not meant to necessarily predict who will be winning tomorrow. As the old saying goes – past performance (and risk, and correlation, and all the rest) is not necessarily indicative of future results.



Note: This grahpic is an example only, and does not represent the actual number of metrics used, actual values for those metrics, or an actual program.

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TOP RANKED - LARGE MANAGERS

More than \$100 Million in Assets Under Management

On to the rankings... where we start at the top of the food chain: the large managers. Many institutional investors won't even look at a program with less than \$100 million in assets under management, as that level is often perceived (rightly or wrongly) as an indicator of the business being operationally sound enough, successful enough, and with enough of a pedigree to remove nonperformance related risks.

And to be fair, programs don't grow that large without some pretty impressive statistics to their name. Of course, it's not all that easy to access these large managers, with managed account minimums reaching into the tens of millions.

Using our overall ratings, here are the top rated CTAs with more than \$100 million in assets under management:

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1. <u>PIMCO</u> Commodity Alpha Fund (QEP)		
Compound ROR	Max DD	
10.81%	-6.61 %	
Min Investment	Inception	
\$5mm	2013	
2. <u>Man AHL</u> AHL Evolution (QEP)		
Compound ROR	Max DD	
12.74 %	-1 <mark>3.1</mark> 5%	
Min Investment	Inception	
\$1mm	2005	
3. <u>Blue Diamond</u> Non-Directional Strategy	/ (QEP)	
Compound ROR	Max DD	
13.18%	- 9.70 %	
Min Investment	Inception	
Min Investment \$100k	Inception 2012	
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TOP RANKED - SMALL MANAGERS

Less than \$100 Million in Assets Under Management

Don't be afraid to look for some hidden gems in smaller managers:

These are the five highest ranked programs per our ranking formula which have less than \$100 million under management.

As we've stated before, bigger isn't always better in the CTA industry, as the larger they get, the more apt they are to see returns diminish.

Moreover, larger managers aren't able to access certain markets like grains in a meaningful way.

Smaller managers can provide lower minimum investment opportunities and be more nimble in more markets (though that doesn't guarantee better performance - losses are always a possibility).

The trick is finding smaller managers that are as operationally sound as the big guys, or close enough to it.

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1. Evergreen Commodity Advisors			
Compound ROR	Max DD		
16.47 %	- 8.37 %		
Min Investment	Inception		
\$100k	2015		
2. Lochridge Investm Energy (QEP)	ent Advisors		
Compound ROR	Max DD		
12.26%	- 3.90 %		
Min Investment	Inception		
\$1mm	2015		
3. <u>Eamon Capital</u> Zepher (QEP)	·		
Compound ROR	Max DD		
14.64%	- 12.5 1%		
Min Investment	Inception		
\$600k	2016		
4. <u>Rcube Asset Mgm</u> Commodity Spread	<u>t.</u>		
Compound ROR	Max DD		
11.06%	- 6.61%		
Min Investment	Inception		
\$1mm	2011		
5. Jaguar Investments Limited AEGIR Capital Strategy (QEP)			
Compound ROR	Max DD		
12.89%	- 6.31 %		
Min Investment	Inception		
\$1mm	2012		

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TOP RANKED - RISK CONTROL

Highest Rank Across Risk Metrics

Let's talk risk control!

Returns are nice, but no good to many if they must live through a massive drawdown or hugely volatile months to get to them.

Sophisticated investors want to know the program isn't just blindly pursuing profits and that risk control is a priority.

The following managers have excelled in their dedication to measuring and responding to risk and volatility, something truly put to the test in the beginning of 2018 with a spike in volatility testing program's risk controls in a way not seen in years.

These are the five highest ranked programs based on our analysis of the different risk factors we use in our ranking formula, including: a time-weighted Max DD, which looks at drawdowns across the past 1, 3, 5,10 year periods and worst three-year return.

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1. <u>NuWave Investment Mgmt.</u> Commodity Value Portfolio (QEP)	
Compound ROR	Max DD
5.88%	- 1.86 %
Min Investment	Inception
\$2mm	2014

 Bluegrass Capital Mgmt. Cross Market Bias 	
Compound ROR	Max DD
3.07%	-0.93%
Min Investment	Inception
\$3mm	2014

 Jaguar Investments Limited ULTRO Capital Strategy (QEP) 	
Compound ROR	Max DD
5.62%	- 2.02 %
Min Investment	Inception
\$1mm	2012

 Lochridge Investment Advisors Energy (QEP) 	
Compound ROR	Max DD
12.26%	- 3.90 %
Min Investment	Inception
\$1mm	2015

5. <u>NickJen Capital Mgmt. & Consultants</u> NRD1 (QEP)		
Compound ROR	Max DD	
2.45%	- 5.46 %	
Min Investment	Inception	
\$1mm	2008	

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TOP RANKED - RETURN FOCUS

Highest Rank Across Return Metrics

Show me the money!

Many investors looking at alternatives do so with an eye towards the larger returns possible in the space.

Those larger returns come with larger risks, to be sure, but some investors are willing to accept the higher risk in exchange for the potential of double digit returns.

For those investors who are willing to take on some more risk for a higher return number, we look here at only the reward metrics in our model.

The reward metrics include the Omega ratio and the time-weighted compound return. These are the five highest ranked programs based on our reward metrics.

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1. <u>Blue Bar Futures Trading Mgmt.</u> Blue Bar Prime Ag (QEP)			
Compound ROR	Max DD		
46.01%	-42.26 %		
Min Investment	Inception		
\$100k	2014		
2. <u>Pan Capital Mgmt</u> Pan Capital Energy Fund			
Compound ROR	Max DD		
25.46%	-18.59%		
Min Investment	Inception		
\$1mm	2011		
3. <u>Geosol Capital</u> Onshore I			
Compound ROR	Max DD		
19.89 %	- 33.85 %		
Min Investment	Inception		
\$1mm	2012		
4. <u>Milburn Ridgefielc</u> Commodity Program (D			
Compound ROR	Max DD		
7.86%	- 31.01%		
Min Investment	Inception		
\$100k	2005		
5. <u>Deep Field Capital</u> Systematic Volatility Arbitrage (QEP)			
Compound ROR	Max DD		
13.66%	-12.26%		
Min Investment	Inception		

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TOP RANKED - RISK ADJUSTED Reward & Risk

Walk and chew gum...

Of course, most investors can walk and chew gum at the same time – meaning they want both returns and risk control. They want the best of both worlds. Risk-Adjusted Performance ratios such as the Sortino attempt to measure how much return a manager makes per unit of risk. They are useful for comparing different managers with different risk profiles to help ascertain what's better: a 40% return with a 30% drawdown or a 15% return with a 10% drawdown.

The rankings on this page measure a manager's skill in producing returns in excess of the risk taken on, with risk equaling time-weighted drawdowns and the negative standard deviation of returns.

We deliberately avoid using the Sharpe ratio, which has known flaws, mainly that it considers volatility as the only aspect of risk.

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 Jaguar Investments Limited ULTRO Capital Strategy (QEP) 	
Compound ROR	Max DD
5.62 %	- 2.02%
Min Investment	Inception
\$1mm	2012

2. <u>Rcube Asset Mgmt.</u> Commodity Spread	
Compound ROR	Max DD
11.06%	- 6.6 1%
Min Investment	Inception
\$1mm	2011

3. <u>NuWave Investment Mgmt.</u> Commodity Value Portfolio (QEP)	
Compound ROR Max DD	
5.88%	- 1.86 %
Min Investment	Inception
\$2mm	2014

4. <u>OTS Capital Mgmt.</u> Futures Managed Account (QEP)		
Compound ROR	Max DD	
9.42%	- 4.50%	
Min Investment	Inception	
\$100k	2012	
5. <u>Blue Diamond</u> Non-Directional Strategy (QEP)		
Compound ROR	Max DD	
13.34%	- 9.70 %	
Min Investment	Inception	

2012

\$100k

TOP RANKED - LOW MINIMUM INVESTMENTS **\$200k or Less Minimum**

I'm not a Billionaire...Yet!

All of these rankings are great, but do little good if they only identify programs with minimum investment amounts beyond what most investors can pony up.

For investors without private jets and 100 ft yachts, a reasonable minimum investment level may play a much larger role in their allocation decisions.

These are the five highest ranked programs, per our overall ranking formula, with minimum investments of \$200,000 or less, for those investors who might not have the checkbook to invest at some of the minimums in millions.

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1. <u>Evergreen Commodity Advisors</u>					
Compound ROR	Max DD				
16.47%	- 8.37 %				
Min Investment	Inception				
\$100k	2015				
2. <u>Southwest Managed Investments</u> Global Diversified					
Compound ROR	Max DD				
5.63%	- 32.79 %				
Min Investment	Inception				
\$200k	2002				
3. <u>Blue Bar Futures Trading Mgmt.</u> Blue Bar Prime Ag (QEP)					
Compound ROR	Max DD				
46.01 %	- 42.26 %				
Min Investment	Inception				
\$100k	2014				
4. <u>Wharton Capital Mgmt.</u> Agricultural Futures					
Compound ROR	Max DD				
8.37%	- 12.00 %				
Min Investment	Inception				
\$100k	2011				
5. <u>Goldman Mgmt.</u> Navigator Fund (QEP)					
Compound ROR	Max DD				
9.07%	-11.24%				
Min Investment	Inception				
\$200k	2011				

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TOP RANKED - OUR TOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Programs we know well

You guys do this all the time... Who do you Like?

No matter how good the performance or ranking, many investors won't invest with a manager until extensive due diligence has been completed.

That's where RCM comes in, performing 'real time due diligence' on top-ranked managers in addition to the dozens of managers our clients allocate to and have interest in allocating to.

After hours of research and daily monitoring of trades and positions, our list of programs we know really well represents those we believe have not only done well, but will continue to be some of the best in the industry at producing risk-controlled returns.

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1. <u>Evergreen Commodity Advisors</u>						
Compound ROR	Max DD					
16.47 %	- 8.37 %					
Min Investment	Inception					
\$100k	2015					
2. <u>P/E Investments</u> FX Strategy - Conservative (QEP)						
Compound ROR	Max DD					
4.64 %	- 12.80 %					
Min Investment	Inception					
\$1mm	2003					
3. <u>Crabel Capital Mgmt.</u> Crabel Multi-Product (Class A) (QEP)						
Compound ROR	Max DD					
8.95 %	- 16.27%					
Min Investment	Inception					
\$1mm	1998					
4. <u>FORT</u> Global Diversified (QEP)						
Compound ROR	Max DD					
13.99%	-26.55%					
Min Investment	Inception					
\$2mm	1993					
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2003

\$20mm



TOP RANKED - LIQUID ALTERNATIVES Managed Futures Mutual Funds

Step into Liquid...

The Liquid Alternative investment space has exploded over the past couple of years, deeming it necessary to include in our rankings.

Better known as Managed Futures Mutual Funds, these are programs which can be bought and sold based on a ticker symbol with lower investment minimums, but can come at the cost of not getting exactly the same type of market exposure other private funds in the rankings can offer.

These are the top five ranked funds amongst those Managed Futures Mutual Funds which report to BarclayHedge's database.

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 <u>Catalyst Capital Advisors</u> Catalyst/Millburn Hedge Strategy (QEP) 						
Compound ROR Max DD						
10.11%	-7.71%					
Min Investment	Inception					
\$2k	2016					
2. <u>Equinox MutualHedge</u> Futures Strategy Fund A (MHFAX) (QEP)						
Compound ROR	Max DD					
0.80%	-14.40%					
Min Investment	Inception					
\$3k	2010					
 <u>361 Capital</u> 361 Managed Futures Strategy Fund (AMFZX) (OEP) 						
Compound ROR	Max DD					
2.79 %	-12.73%					
Min Investment	Inception					
\$100k	2012					
4. <u>Catalyst Capital Advisors</u> Catalyst Hedged Commodity Strategy I						
Compound ROR	Max DD					
3.59%	- 9.82 %					
Min Investment	Inception					
\$2k	2015					
5. <u>Altegris Advisors</u> Futures Evolution Strategy Fund I (EVOIX)						
Compound ROR	Max DD					
3.19%	- 14.09 %					
Min Investment	Inception					
\$1mm	2011					



The Overall List

The Oscars don't end at the Best Adapted Screenplay award. The viewers want to know what the best picture overall was...and in that spirit, we've compiled our list of the Top 15 managed futures programs across our vetted universe of CTAs (300+ strong) using our unique ranking algorithm. We believe these programs have been the best available managed futures programs overall - having consistently outperformed their peers across a host of performance and risk metrics across multiple time frames.

They may not give you the highest returns in the coming year, or they may have a new max drawdown sooner rather than later; but we believe they will be more consistent and provide better risk-adjusted returns than the average CTA over the next 1 to 3 years.

Т	TOP 15 OVERALL Data through February '19				
	Firm (Program)	Minimum Investment	Compound ROR	MAX DD	
1.	PIMCO Commodity Alpha Fund (QEP)	\$5mm	10.81%	- 6.61 %	
2.	Man AHL AHL Evolution (QEP)	\$1mm	12.74%	-13.15%	
3.	Blue Diamond Non-Directional Strategy (QEP)	\$100k	13.18 %	-9.70 %	
4.	Mondiale Asset Mgmt. Trading 2X (QEP)	\$5mm	7.80 %	- 10.40 %	
5.	Evergreen Commodity Advisors	\$100k	16.47 %	- 8.37 %	
6.	P/E Investments FX Strategy - Conservative (QEP)	\$1mm	4.64%	- 12.80 %	
7.	Eamon Capital Zephyr (QEP)	\$600k	14.64 %	- 12.51%	
8.	Lochridge Investment Advisors Energy (QEP)	\$1mm	12.26 %	-3.90 %	
9.	Rcube Asset Mgmt. Commodity Spread	\$1mm	11.06%	-6.61 %	
10.	ADG Capital Mgmt. ADG Systematic Macro (QEP)	\$1mm	7.96 %	- 6.87 %	
11.	Crabel Capital Mgmt. Crabel Multi-Product (Class A) (QEP)	\$1mm	8.95%	- 16.27 %	
12.	FORT Global Program (QEP)	\$2mm	13.99%	- 26.55 %	
13.	Quantitative Investment Mgmt. Global Program (QEP)	\$20mm	8.35%	- 16.63 %	
14.	Jaguar Investments Limited AEGIR Capital Strategy (QEP)	\$1mm	12.89 %	-6.31 %	
15.	Graham Capital Mgmt. Quant Macro Strategy (QEP)	\$1mm	11.88 %	- 6.15 %	

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ABOUT RCM

RCM Alternatives pairs high net worth individuals, financial advisors, and institutional investors with commodities based alternatives investments through mutual funds, managed accounts, and private funds. Our clients and team currently allocate to 50+ managers with combined assets in the billions.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe alternative investments can provide needed diversification and return amplification, but that not all alternatives are up to the task, with better results achieved through allocating to multiple "right-sized" managers with meaningful commodity exposure across different markets, trading strategies, and time frames.

FINDING UNIQUE TALENT

We help institutional investors scour the world of alternative investment opportunities to identify those with robust, consistent performance, sophistricated risk management processes, and well developed operational infrastructure.

We eschew a "one size fits all" approach for a consultative approach where we work with clients to find solutions that work for them. This allows for a more customized and cost efficient exposure to alternatives with the ability to mix and match funds to meet your specific risk and reward parameters.



IDENTIFY MATCHING TALENT

Absolute or crisis performance, active management or passive replication, our buy lists are targeted and refined to show only managers fitting investors unique allocation profile.



From dedicated managed accounts to platform access, we work with investors to access the investment in the most efficient way for them.



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Whether standalone software, or reporting to your custodians or admins, we work with clients to provide real time risk and return metrics.

Trading futures, options on futures, retail off-exchange foreign currency transactions ("Forex"), investing in managed futures and other alternative investments are complex and carry a risk of substantial losses. As such, they are not suitable for all investors. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results.



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RCM learns unique manager factors on one side and specific needs on the investor side, resulting in targeted pitches meeting specific investor mandates.



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