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Information-technology firm **Abacus Group** finished the third quarter having signed up 57 new clients this year. That exceeds the New York firm's previous full-year high of 42, set in 2012. Abacus, led by former **Eze Castle Integration** executive **Chris Grandi**, specializes in implementing cloud-based technology systems for hedge fund managers. Part of its pitch is that the service frees up clients' in-house technology professionals to handle other tasks — or, in the case of credit-product investor **South Ferry Capital**, not to hire a tech specialist at all. ❖

