

Investing into Hedge Funds: what have we learnt from the crisis?

Topic

Hedge fund investments represent a broad array of portfolio investment opportunities. Hence it also requires much consideration to include them in a global tactical asset allocation framework.

In the aftermath of the 2008 crash, the hedge funds industry, like so many other areas in finance, has been faced with several redefining challenges. Last year dismal returns made many investors skeptical of any hedge fund allocation. Furthermore the light regulation which hedge funds have benefited from seems to be at threat after 2008.

This seminar will give insight into the portfolio allocation process of hedge fund investments and highlight several current issues in the industry. Which place should hedge funds have into a well-diversified balanced portfolio after their 2008 disappointing performance? What has happened with hedge fund replication? Could it really be a plausible alternative to "real" hedge fund investments? What did the industry and investors learn from 2008? What are the regulators views on hedge funds going forward? These questions and many others will be addressed in this seminar.

Content

- Which role do hedge funds play in asset allocation? How does the portfolio efficiency improve with hedge fund allocations and how do you arrive to a sensible portfolio weight for hedge fund investments?
- Have hedge fund replication products lived up their goal of mimicking hedge fund performance? What role can hedge fund replication products have in a portfolio?
- How did the hedge fund industry manage in 2008 and what was behind their performance? What lessons have investors learnt from 2008 and where are the new opportunities?
- Should the hedge funds industry be more regulated?
... and by whom, for whom and for what?

Who should attend?

Professionals who seek a clear overview and an update on the current issues of the hedge fund industry and among other hedge fund professionals, investors, pension funds, asset allocators.

Speakers

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French/English

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