



## Media Release

### Investment industry charity announces its 2017 award nominees

**SYDNEY – 28 August 2017:** One of the Australian financial sector’s most enduring charitable efforts, Hedge Funds Rock (HFR) & The Australian Alternative Investment Awards has today announced the nominees for its 2017 awards event.

The event, now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, is an annual charitable and networking evening. It is traditionally held in Sydney in conjunction with the Alternative Investment Management Association’s (AIMA) Australia Annual Forum. HFR attracts all the major participants in the local alternative investment industry together with a growing contingent of offshore investors, advisers and service providers to raise money for charity.

According to Kim Ivey, an alternative investment industry stalwart and HFR Chairman:

“Many investors have been increasing their allocation to alternative investment strategies in the wake of steeper valuations in capital markets, increased global geo-political risk, and heightened uncertainty regarding future central bank policies.

“Based on the long deliberations of the Judging Committee, this year’s awards were some of the hardest to assess, with many managers producing excellent numbers.

“The awards recognise fund managers in the Australian alternative investment industry who have produced superior risk adjusted returns and those groups or individuals who have made exemplary investment or contributions to the local alternatives industry.”

The award winners will be announced at Sydney’s Shangri La Hotel on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The HFR committee is hoping to increase its donation to local charities this year and a wide selection of prizes and auction items have been donated by generous benefactors. The Redkite (<http://www.redkite.org.au/>) organization is again the major sponsored charity for the event. The HFR committee is hoping to add to the nearly \$3 million already raised by the alternative investment industry since the event began in 2002.

“The awards have become an established industry event, attended by nearly 500 people from the alternative investment industry each year,” said HFR Chairman Kim Ivey.

Here are the 2017 award nominees:



**Best Long Short Equity Fund.**

Antipodes Global Fund

LI Capital Long Short Fund

Macquarie Australia Plus Fund

**Best Global Macro/Futures Fund**

AE Capital Fully Geared USD Systematic FX Fund

Kaiser Global Diversified Program

Man AHL Evolution (AUD hedged)

**Best Emerging Manager**

AIM Global High Conviction Fund

Alleron Australian Eagle Trust Long-Short Fund

Tribeca Global Natural Resources Fund - Class A units

**Best Market Neutral Fund**

Bennelong Long Short Fund

Macquarie Pure Alpha Fund

Pengana PanAgora Absolute Return Global Equities Fund

**Best Fixed Income and Credit Fund**

Janus Henderson Global Fixed Interest Total Return Fund

JPMorgan Global Bond Opportunities Fund

Alexander Credit Opportunities Fund

**Best Multi Strategy Fund**

Aberdeen Multi Asset Real Return Fund

Insight Investment Diversified Inflation Plus Fund

MLC Wholesale Inflation Plus - Assertive Portfolio A



### **Best Listed Alternative Investment Product (new for 2017)**

Blue Sky Alternatives Access Fund Limited (BAF)

ETFS Physical Palladium (ETPMPD)

PM CAPITAL Global Opportunities Fund Limited (PGF)

### **Best Offshore Manager Operating in Australia**

Aberdeen

Man Investments

Partners Group

### **Best Investor Supporting Australian Alternative Investment Managers**

A cross section of the Australian investment industry was invited to nominate candidates for the best investor supporting local alternative investment managers.

### **Contribution to the Australian Alternative Investment Industry**

A cross-section of the Australian industry was invited to nominate candidates for the best contributor to the Australian alternative investment industry.

### **Australian Alternative Investment Fund of the Year**

(Winner to be announced on the awards night)

The category finalists were selected by a combination of quantitative and qualitative factors developed by the following panel of judges: Matt Olsen from Lonsec Research (Chair) Simon Ibbetson from Eternal Wealth, Daniel Liptak from Australia Ratings and Kim Ivey from Vertex Capital Advisers. Lonsec Research, one of Australia's largest investment research and ratings groups, became an HFR partner in 2017 and were instrumental in assisting the judges with collecting and collating the fund data.

**Attendance is still open**, click [here](#) to purchase a ticket (less than 90 tickets unsold) or [here](#) to book a table, with limited sponsorship opportunities still available.\*

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Hedge Funds Rock and the Australian Alternative Investment Awards Inc, is a not for profit association managed by a committee of industry representatives. The charter of the association is to organise and stage an event that recognises and benefits members of the alternative investment industry with all profits distributed to charity.

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