



Hedge Fund Association Announces Thought Leader Awards

HFA Calls for White Papers on Implications of New U.S. Hedge Fund Regulations

New York – January 12, 2009 – Today The Hedge Fund Association (HFA) announces the first annual HFA Thought Leader Awards with a call for outstanding white papers on the topic of “U.S. Hedge Fund Industry Regulation: Implications for the Global Industry and Investors.”

White papers must present compelling information and suggested solutions that effectively serve the interests of hedge fund managers, qualified investors and the general public. One hedge fund professional and one member of academia will be recognized with grand prizes of \$3000 each and complementary registration to a 2009 symposium where the winners will present his/her white paper. The winners will become the first recipients of an HFA award designed to promote thought leadership and encourage advocacy for the hedge fund industry. A runner-up in each category will also be selected. White papers must be submitted by February 23, 2009 at 11pm (ET).

“These extraordinary times in the global financial markets call for extraordinary measures and exemplary thought leadership,” said David Friedland, President of the HFA. “The launch of the HFA Thought Leader Award is timed to offer a voice, through the HFA, not only to industry practitioners and hedge fund investors, but to others who would like to propose policy changes to U.S. regulators and Congressional legislators regarding major issues facing the global hedge fund industry.”

The contest is open to hedge fund investors; hedge fund industry professionals including managers, analysts, risk managers, service providers, other senior industry practitioners; students and other members of academia. For contest guidelines, [click here](#)

About the Hedge Fund Association

Founded in 1995, the Hedge Fund Association is a not-for-profit international group of industry professionals with a mission to provide a forum for thought leaders, innovators, practitioners and investors who are shaping the way business is conducted in the global hedge fund industry. With the maturity and institutionalization of the global hedge fund industry, the HFA advocates for the industry by giving voice to the issues through the education of investors, the media, regulators and legislators. Members of the HFA also serve the community at large through a commitment to philanthropy and academic excellence. To learn more, visit www.thehfa.org.

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