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Alt mutuals fight back against SEC derivatives plans

Managers consider legal challenge; CFTC structure floated
BY SAM DALE

LEADING ALTERNATIVE MUTUAL fund managers are plotting a fierce fightback against the SEC's derivatives proposals through extensive lobbying and a potential legal challenge and are even pushing for a CFTC-regulated liquid alts structure.

Rule 18f-4, proposed in December, would impose an exposure-based leverage limit of 150% and strict asset segregation rules which threaten the viability of many existing alt mutual funds, especially those in the managed futures space.

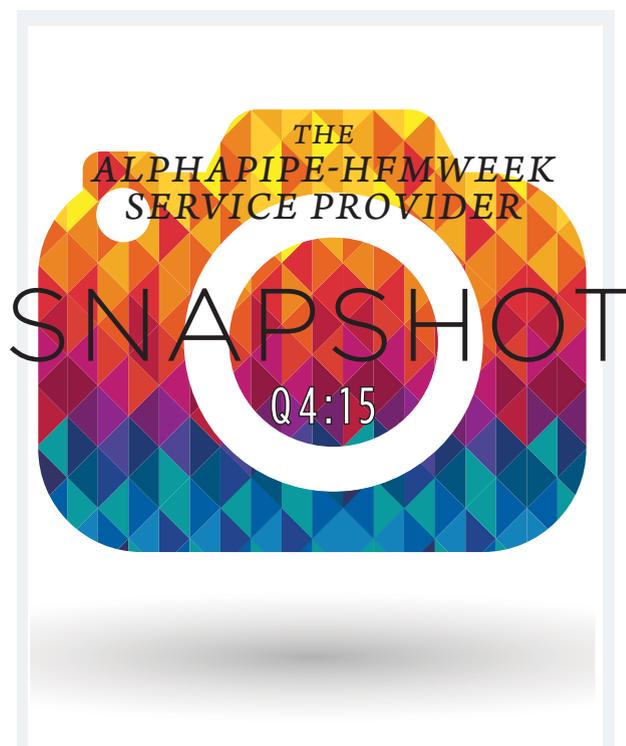
HFMWeek understands

hedge funds have discussed the possibility of a procedural challenge to the rules, claiming the SEC would be exceeding its authority in the way it is looking to impose the leverage limit.

Managers also say they have been in early-stage talks with the CFTC about the creation of a liquid alts structure operating outside of the '40 Act with similar rules to the European Ucits regime. These talks began before the SEC's derivatives plans were announced but have grown in importance since then, say managers.

SEC commissioners have previously expressed their concern about the rapid growth of liquid alternatives, which now total more

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Systematic Volatility
STRATEGY Long/short equity
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Fund
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equity
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Ex-Goldman energy head taps commodity finance gap

Neil West is chairman of Kris Tremaine's start-up Kimura Capital

EX-GOLDMAN SACHS ENERGY head Neil West and former Phoenix Partners global commodities head Kristofer Tremaine are launching a new commodity trade finance hedge fund.

London-based Kimura Capital is set to launch in the second quarter of the year with \$110m.

It will provide small and medium-sized businesses with alternatives to bank funding for commodity trades.

The portfolio will focus on energy, base metals, softs and agriculture and target firms with sub-investment grade credit ratings and balance

sheets of between \$10m and \$100m.

Kimura will initially launch a managed account proposition with \$100m and three-year lock-up, as well as a five-year closed-ended vehicle. A more liquid version of the fund with 180-day liquidity is being prepared.

Founder and CIO Tremaine was previously a managing director of energy derivatives with Societe Generale and a commodities trader with Hartree Partners and UBS.

West, who is Kimura's chairman, led Goldman's energy division in London for seven years until 1994.

He has also held senior roles with

Phibro and Tosco and was head of oil trading at Hetco until 2012.

Kimura's management team also includes ex-UBS head of commodity structuring Morgan Metters, former Trafigura global head of trade finance Alan Gordon, Chichester Capital Management founder Julian Barrowcliffe and ex-Trafigura senior trader Warren Kirrane. Lee Barden joins from credit hedge fund ECM as CTO.

"With the implementation of Basel III, banks are deleveraging significantly in commodities and moving away from serving less profitable clients and financing commodity trades. We see this as a multi-billion dollar opportunity," said Tremaine.

The funds will charge 1.5/15 fees.

Kimura is regulated through Tower Gate Capital, uses SEI as administrator and custodian and KPMG as its auditor.

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THE WEEK

Pershing Square Capital Management veteran Paul Hilal (pictured) is leaving Bill Ackman's \$15bn AuM activist firm to launch his own venture, PCH Capital. Hilal, a long-time lieutenant and personal friend of Pershing founder and CEO Ackman, is resigning as a partner at the firm after 10 years to manage his own portfolio. In a letter to Pershing shareholders, Ackman said Hilal's decision to leave was based on his desire to manage his own portfolio, an opportunity Pershing Square could not accommodate due to the firm being a "one-product" single portfolio firm. In an email seen by *HFMWeek*, Hilal paid tribute to Ackman and his Pershing Square colleagues.

ASSET-RAISING

AQR soft closes two alt mutual funds

AQR IS SOFT closing two of its alternative mutual funds to new investors.

The \$135bn firm is planning to close its \$2.2bn Style Premia Alternative Fund and \$212m Style Premia Alternative LV Fund to new investors from 31 March, according to an SEC filing.

The Style Premia fund launched in 2013 and over the past 12 months has ranked in the top 2% of its category, according to *Morningstar*.

Analyst Jason Kephart said AQR runs about \$10bn in the strategy across a hedge fund, separately managed accounts and its mutual funds.

AQR previously said it would shutter the strategy to new investors once it hit \$10bn. The firm declined to comment.

The AQR managed futures strategy also passed \$10bn last month.

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RG Niederhoffer Capital, the \$825m New York short-term systematic manager, is launching the **RG Niederhoffer Total Return Program**. It will combine a risk parity strategy with the firm's flagship short-term trading program.

Omni Partners' second secured lending fund has had its final close at \$240m. The firm plans to launch a third vehicle in April. **OSL II** launched in April 2015 and provides exposure to short-term loans secured against UK residential and commercial properties.

Chris Rokos' firm will close to new capital this month as assets have rocketed to \$3.5bn, according to *Bloomberg*. The move comes only five months after the global macro fund, which had significant contributions from Rokos himself and **Blackstone**, launched.

Paulson & Co partner and sector head **Samantha Greenberg** is starting her own long/short equity hedge fund. Greenberg, head of media, cable and consumer sector investments, reportedly left on 29 January.

Insurance-linked specialist **Leadenhall Capital Partners** launched its first Ucits catastrophe bond fund last year with \$80m. The Dublin-based **Leadenhall Ucits ILS Fund** launched on 22 December and brings total AuM at Leadenhall to \$24bn.w

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