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Kristin M. Fox is Vice President of News & Research, as well as Executive Editor for HedgeWorld. Her responsibilities include all aspects of the daily news, and any publications and other information products affiliated with HedgeWorld.

Prior to joining HedgeWorld, Kristin was an editor for Crain's Pensions & Investments, where her duties included editing and producing P&I Daily. Before her tenure at Crain's, Kristin was President of Hedge Fund Research, Inc., Chicago, Ill.

Kristin has been a journalist for nearly 20 years, and for several of those, she was an economics columnist for Associated Press. She has also written for Tax Avoidance Digest, the Financial Times, Architecture Magazine and several other publications. Affiliations include the Society of Professional Journalists and the Society of American Business Editors and Writers. She is also a board member and head of the Chicago Chapter of 100 Women in Hedge Funds. Kristin holds a B.A. from North Park College in English Literature and Philosophy.

Pat Gillman, Seyfarth Shaw LLP

Pat Gillman practices with the national law firm of Seyfarth Shaw LLP, focusing on alternative investments. She creates hedge funds, commodity pools and private equity funds, both domestic and offshore, for her clients and counsels investment advisers, commodity trading advisers and commodity pool operators on registration, compliance and other regulatory issues. Pat also reviews fund documents for pension plans, endowments, foundations and high net worth individuals considering an investment and negotiates side letters for these prospective investors. She's a 12-year veteran of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

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Shannon McDonnell Balmer is the founder and managing member of The McDonnell Group, L.L.C. and JWM Securities, LLC. The McDonnell Group, L.L.C. is a family office and also provides marketing and investor services to The 6800 Capital Group a fund of hedge fund group based in Princeton, NJ. JWM Securities, LLC is a registered broker-dealer and its purpose is to engage in the private placement of securities to institutional and high net worth (or accredited) investors.

Prior, Ms. Balmer worked in the Private Client Group of Bernstein Investment Research and Management, New York, NY and Chicago, IL, a unit of Alliance Capital Management L.P., a money management firm. She was responsible for the daily operation of a \$600 million portfolio. Investors in the portfolio included high net worth individuals, foundations, pension funds and endowments. She provided long-term financial planning for high net worth clients and prospects that included estate and tax planning, investment planning analysis and asset allocation studies.

From July 1996 to September 1998, Ms. Balmer was an Assistant General Manager for Winegardner & Hammons, Inc., an independent hotel management and development company.

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Joan Rockey is the Director of Event Driven Strategies and the Chief Operating Officer for Option Opportunities Company (OOC), and has more than 15 years of financial and securities industry experience. OOC, a proprietary trading firm on the Chicago Stock Exchange floor, specializes in event driven and value strategies. Ms. Rockey's self-directed research focuses on risk arbitrage and other event driven ideas including mergers & acquisitions, spin-offs, divestitures, buybacks, rights offerings, volatility arbitrage, stub trading, and liquidation analysis. In addition to executing the trades, Ms. Rockey manages an arbitrage/event driven portfolio. She also has responsibility for the firm's operational aspects such as technology, legal, accounting, finance and regulatory compliance.

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