



# The Brave New World of Hedge Funds in Asia

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#### Introduction

- Shape of the Global Industry
- Shape of the Asian Industry
- Winners and Losers in Asian Hedge funds
- Foreign vs Local
- Developments in Asia Hedge Fund regulation
- Challenges ahead





## The Global Industry

		February 2011 AuM (US\$bn)	Performance- based growth/(decline) (US\$bn)	Net asset flows (US\$bn)	March 2011 AuM (US\$bn)	% Change in assets
Hedge Funds		1734.9	4.5	13.9	1753.4	1.1%
	Asia ex-Japan	114.2	1.0	0.5	115.7	1.4%
Ву	Japan	15.6	(0.1)	0.1	15.6	-0.1%
Geographi	Europe	392.2	0.6	4.5	397.3	1.3%
c mandate	Latin America	61.3	0.5	0.4	62.2	1.5%
	North America	1151.6	2.5	8.3	1162.4	0.9%

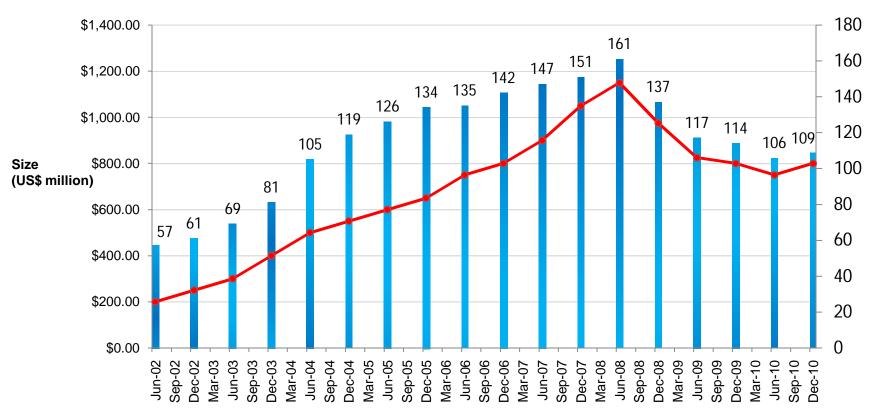
Source: Eurekahedge April 2011 Asset flows update





#### The Global Industry

#### Fund of Funds Billion Dollar Club assets evolution since 2002

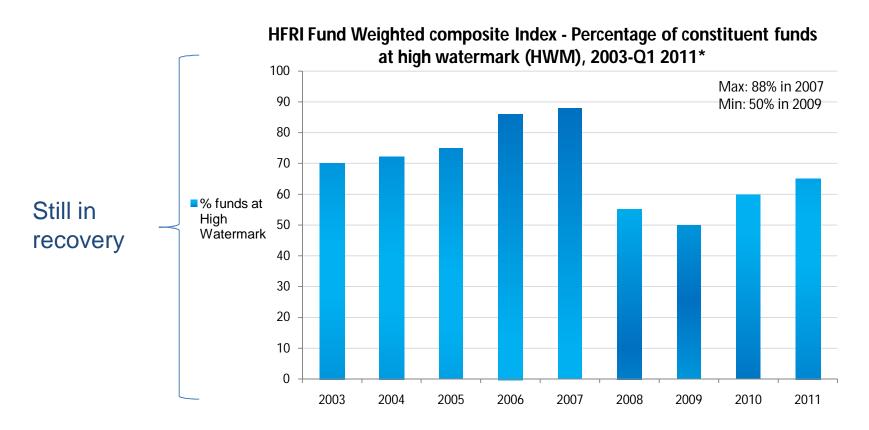


33% of the 109 billion dollar FoFs experienced outflows in 2010





## The Global Industry



65% of funds have reached their individual high water marks





#### We are boutique not institutional sized

Top 15 US Hedge Fund Managers			
US firms	Firm Capital (\$bn)		
Bridgewater Associates	58.90		
JP Morgan Highbridge	45.50		
Paulson & Co.	36.00		
Soros Fund Management	27.90		
Och-Ziff Capital Management Group	27.60		
Blackrock	26.60		
Baupost Group	23.40		
Angelo, Gordon & Co.	21.97		
Farallon Capital Management	21.50		
King Street Capital Management	19.90		
Goldman Sachs Asset Management	19.80		
Avenue Capital Group	18.10		
Canyon Capital	17.18		
Renaissance Technologies	17.10		
Elliott Management Corporation	16.80		
Total Assets of top 15 US funds	398.25		

Top 15 European Hedge Fund	Managers
European firms	Firm Capital (\$bn)
MAN GLG	69.6
Brevan Howard AM	31.95
BlueCrest	24.6
Winton Capital Management	17.17
Lansdowne Partners	15.37
Brummer & Partners	11.50
Standard Life Investments	10.68
Amundi	9.34
Transtrend B.V.	9.20
Sloane Robinson	8.10
Capula Investment Managers	7.33
The Children's Fund Mgt UK	6.00
COMAC Capital	5.74
Exane Asset Management	5.69
Jabre Capital Partners	5.54
Total assets of top 15 European funds	201.01

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Top 15 Asia * Hedge Fund	Managers
Asian firms	Firm Capital (\$bn)
Platinum AM	16.04
Hillhouse Capital Management	3.18
Penta Investment Advisors	3.00
Seatown (Temasek)	3.00
Value Partners	2.79
Broad Peak Investment Advisers	2.60
Kaiser Trading Group	2.25
Ortus Capital Management Limited	1.94
Boronia Capital	1.77
Pacific Alliance Investment	1.75
Aisling Analytics Pte Ltd	1.56
Horizon Asset Limited	1.55
ADM Capital	1.38
Prime Capital Management Co.	1.36
LIM Advisors Limited	1.32
Total assets of top 15 Asian- Pac funds	45.49
Out of \$130bn, i.e.35% managed by 15 managers	

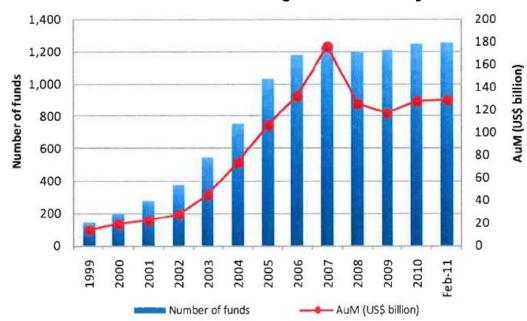
- Hedge fund leverage still below 2007 peak
- 935 new launches in 2010 most since 2007

Source: Hedge fund Intelligence

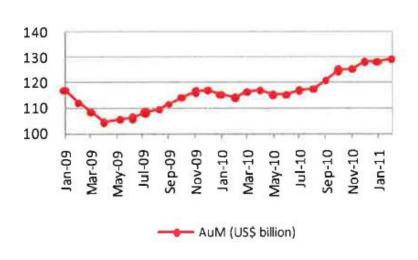




#### **Growth of the Asian hedge fund industry**



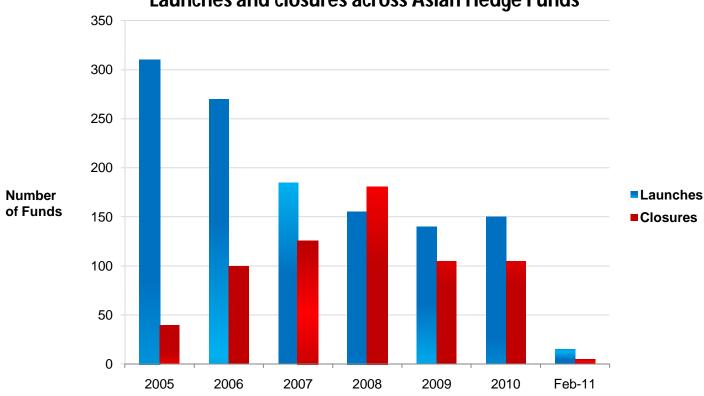
#### AuM growth in recent months











- Dream is still alive
- Average age of Asian Hedge funds is 3.7 years





Does the Asian hedge fund industry have unique characteristics?

#### History

- Late starter shorter history compared to US/Europe
- Smaller startups and smaller funds
- Fewer 2nd or 3rd generation managers
- From fringe to core allocation for global investors

# Market and participants

- 'Asia' is not a single market...14 countries
- Ideal size smaller...sweet spot \$250m
- Still a lot of boutiques rather than asset-gatherers
- Liquidity is fickle, shorting is harder, less leverage
- Few domestic institutions....retail/foreigners dominate
- Less M&A activity...but growing

## Business and funding

- Harder to get started...but easier/cheaper to operate
- Traditionally reliant on European FoF...now Madoff'd
- No domestic Asian institutional investor base
- Independent administration, low operational risk





What has passive exposure to Asian markets delivered?



Annualised return <u>0%</u>

Annualised volatility 21%

Lots of GDP growth, lots of volatility, no fees, .....and no return

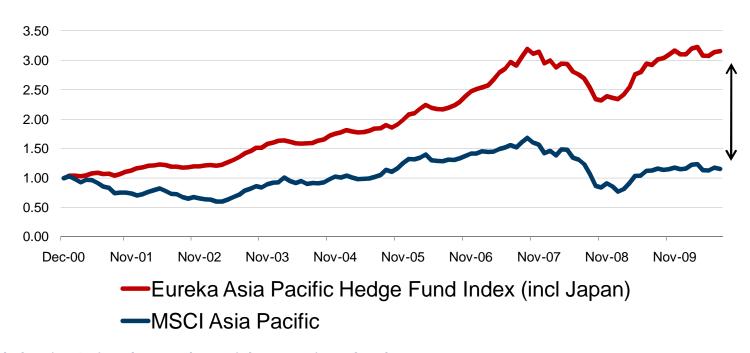
Source: Bloomberg





#### Compounding works.....given time

#### **Indexed Returns – Asian hedge funds vs. MSCI Asia**



Alpha in Asia...but take with a grain of salt





#### What do clients want?

	Priority	Local Investors	Foreign Investors
High Risk Investment	1 <sup>st</sup> c <b>hoi</b> ce	Greater China Equities	Long Only Equity
	2 <sup>nd</sup> choice	N/A	Event Driven
Low Risk Investment	1 <sup>st</sup> c <b>hoi</b> ce	N/A	N/A
	2 <sup>nd</sup> c <b>hoi</b> ce	N/A	Fixed income/RV/Vol
Small or large AUM	-	Small or Large	Large only
Start Ups	-	Υ	N





#### Top 10 Myths of Asian hedge fund investing (maybe.....)

	Myths	True	False
1	Managers are all about Beta and don't protect capital		<b>√</b>
2	Managers don't understand risk		<b>√</b>
3	Managers are mostly equity long-short, and even those are long biased	<b>√</b>	
4	Liquidity is an issue	<b>✓</b>	
5	Shorting is difficult	<b>√</b>	
6	Restrictions on foreign investment, poor information	<b>√</b>	
7	Debt markets are undeveloped	<b>√</b>	
8	Managers' operational infrastructure is weak		$\checkmark$
9	Managers are not transparent and different due diligence is required		<b>√</b>
10	Regulatory oversight is weak		<b>√</b>





#### What's recently changed in Asian hedge funds?....the paradoxes

What's changed?	What's stayed the same?
SUPPLY AND DEMAND	
Lower fund AUM Late global allocators departed More 2 <sup>nd</sup> generation managers Growing core of managers with track record Opportunistic 'businesses' exited Fund migration to Asiaregulatory pressure More experienced investors left on the ground	Lots of ideas, little capital, no domestic base Majority of funds <\$100m, business risk Good returns don't prevent redemptions No domestic base - proximity to US allocators Still some mavericks Feesmostly
Institutionalisation of funds, more 'packaging' From tactical to core allocations	Overseas investors make 'safe' choiceswant size, liquidity
STRUCTURAL	
Breakdown in trust post 2008 Regulatory change in US/Europe	Global best practices, few blowups, few gates Mostly sound regulatory, good service providers
Overkill in due diligence, more infrastructure Lower sweet spot of AUM	Low leverage, liquid fund terms Liquidity a challengemanagers understand
STRATEGIES AND PERFORMANCE  More diversity  More indigenous managers  More China domestic managers	Still mainly equity long short, correlations high Smaller, indigenous managers outperform Japan alpha – nobody cares





Asian opportunities – prepare to be a little different

Active stockpicking (not benchmarks)

Local Asian franchises

Consumer, education, healthcare, environment

Urbanisation

Asian High Yield bonds

China A shares 50%

off peak

Illiquid vs. liquid,

China travel

Smaller vs. large,

Boutique vs institutional

investments

Cheap US companies with Asia

exposure

Trade finance

Family co-

RMB liberalisation/ China big bang

Seeding/acceleration capital

Motivated/distressed

sellers

Asia ex J volatility

Frontier markets

Japan restructuring!

Asian private equity funds

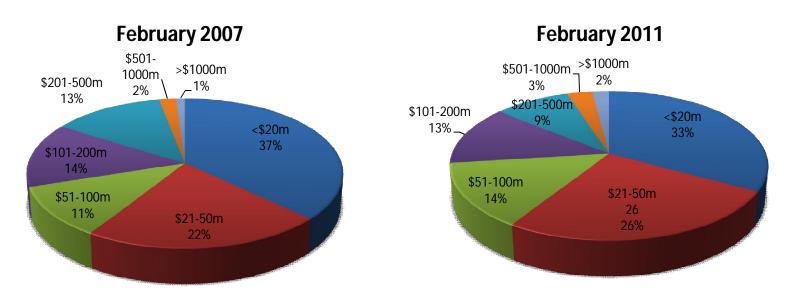
Asian hedge and longonly funds

Asian fx





#### Breakdown of the hedge fund population by fund sizes

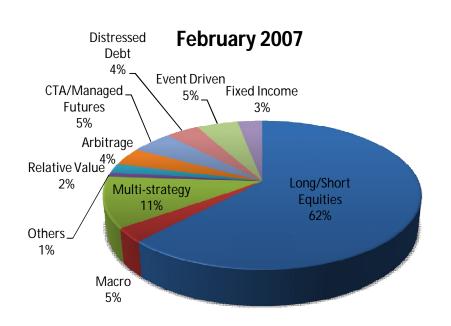


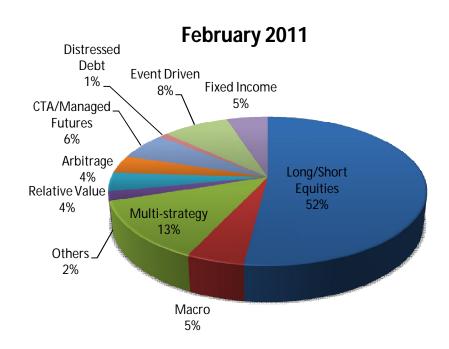
- 59% still not to scale
- Is <\$100m enough in the current market?





#### Changes in the strategic mix of Asian hedge funds by assets under management



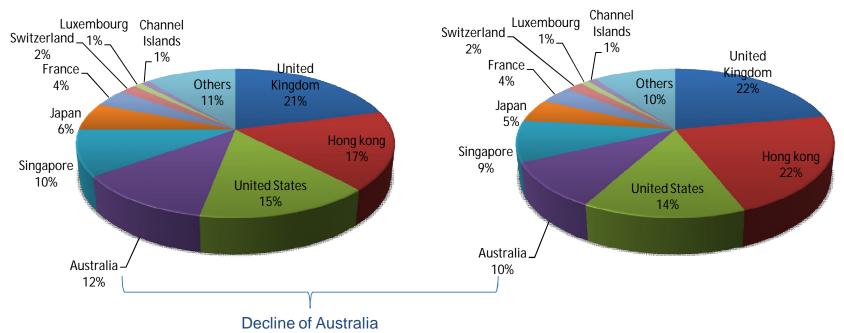






#### **Head office location by numbers of funds**





36% UK & US

32% UK & US





#### Asian hedge fund fees by launch year

#### Management Fees (%) Performance Fees (%) Year 2000 19.48 1.49 2001 19.75 1.47 2002 19.82 1.54 2003 19.61 1.47 2004 19.75 1.58 2005 19.42 1.73 2006 18.78 1.62 2007 19.08 1.84 2008 18.86 1.68 2009 17.94 1.66 2010 18.56 1.59

# Not weighted by capital – large launches charge fees

1.49

18.41

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# Market share of top Asian hedge fund prime brokers by assets under management

2007		February 2011	
Prime Broker	Share	Prime Broker	Share
Goldman Sachs	26.5%	Goldman Sachs	22.5%
Morgan Stanley	26.6%	Morgan Stanley	22.0%
UBS	9.2%	UBS	13.8%
Deutsche Bank	7.5%	Deutsche Bank	12.2%
Credit Suisse	6.6%	Credit Suisse	7.4%
Citigroup	3.2%	Citibank	5.5%
Merrill Lynch	3.8%	Bank of America Merrill Lynch	5.1%
Bear Stearns	9.1%	JP Morgan	2.8%
Fimat	0.5%	Barclays	2.7%
Man financial	0.1%	Newedge	2.6%
Others	6.9%	Others	3.5%





## Foreign vs Local

- Soros
- Viking
- Moore Capital
- GLG
- Fortress
- Asian sleeves of Global portfolios
- Are they here to stay this time?
- Are opportunities better than those at home?





## Foreign vs Local

- 2010 Nick Taylor, Senrigan
  - \$200m seed, \$1bn today
- 2010 John ho, Janchor
  - No seed, \$750m today
- 2011 Morgan Tse, Azentus
  - GS spin out \$1bn start up
- To come:
  - Nomura Prop Desk
  - Highbridge spin out





## Developments in Asian HF regulation

- 2010 short selling reporting requirements tightened Hong Kong
- 2010, October Sales of securities to professional investors tightened Hong Kong (most fund managers unaware)
- Ongoing lobbying by AIMA of FSTB for corporate law and tax changes to make HK a fund domicile (HKIMA against this initiative)
- Singapore 2011, tightening of regulations concerning authorisation of fund managers
- Korea fund of funds to be allowed domestically (maybe....)





## **Challenges Ahead**

- Still a poorly capitalized industry
- Selling the dream 90% of staff should get a proper job
- Flows coming from institutions
- Back to the future Gentlemen's club, institutional platforms





## **Challenges Ahead**

- Collision of two worlds
- Short selling in retail products will come
- ETFs are dangerous
- Hedge Funds to become alternatives again
- AIMA off in wrong direction

All pundits are wrong