

Gardner Tracking 630 Energy And Commodity Hedge Fund Managers

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ZUG, Switzerland/EWORLDWIRE/Sep. 25, 2008 --- Gardner Finance AG (Gardner) is now tracking more than 630 energy and commodity managers and hedge funds globally, it announced today. Gardner's proprietary database of energy and commodity hedge funds includes all types of funds and managers including long/short equity, pure commodity trading funds and other strategies. Over 310 managers now routinely report performance to Gardner on a regular basis.

The proprietary database also contains an additional 170 energy and commodity funds and managers which invest in assets such as MLPs, private equity and structured finance or are long only funds or funds of hedge funds in the space, bringing the total of energy and commodity funds in Gardners database close to 800.

"The number of energy and commodity hedge funds that we track is now almost at 800 and this helps to demonstrate the increasing popularity of commodity alternative investments today," said Mr. Michael Laznicka, CEO of Gardner Finance AG. "Our proprietary database is second to none in terms of the quality of information regarding energy and commodity hedge funds, allowing Gardner to create innovative commodity hedge fund indexes and alternative investment products for prospective investors."

Gardner recently announced the addition of a range of new natural resource focused hedge fund indexes in the Gardner MacroIndex Product Family to provide investors with full multi-strategy exposure to all asset classes in a single industry sector. These included macro hedge fund Indexes targeting broader commodities (Gardner Commodity MacroIndex - GCMI), Agriculture & Livestock (Gardner Agriculture Livestock MacroIndex - GALMI), Minerals & Metals (Gardner Minerals Metals MacroIndex - GMMI), Environmental (Gardner Green MacroIndex - GGMI), Electricity Trading (Gardner Power MacroIndex - GPMI) and Freight and Transportation (Gardner Shipping MacroIndex - GSMI). These new products joined the existing Gardner Energy MacroIndex (GEMI).

About Gardner Finance AG

Gardner Finance has a sound history of providing an innovative platform for financial solutions that cover a wide range of investment industry products in the commodity trading, public/private equity and public/private debt markets. Gardner Finance AG focuses on and is a recognized specialist in the natural resources investment sector where it employs its extensive knowledge of commodity investment products in the energy, agriculture, metals and materials sub-sectors.

Gardner created its MacroIndex Product Family to provide investors with full access to all asset classes and strategies in a single industry sector. Gardner launched its first MacroIndex, GEMI, over three years ago in cooperation with Credit Suisse in Switzerland as a first mover in the industry. That index remains unique in the market and no other active hedge fund performance index with such a strategy of composition currently exists.

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