



Roundtable Forum Launches Affiliate Program to Broaden Capital Introduction

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NEW YORK, March 17, 2003 - The Roundtable Forum, the hedge fund industry's leading independent capital introduction organization, today announced the launch of the Roundtable Forum Affiliate Program which is designed to provide capital introduction to clients of fund administrators, auditors, law firms and prime brokers.

Barclays Capital is the first affiliate member to join the program. The first Roundtable events to potentially include affiliate clients will be held on April 8th in London and May 20th in New York. Barclays Capital is the investment banking division of Barclays PLC, one of the largest multi-national financial services groups in the world. Barclays Capital has been a participant in and sponsor of Roundtable events since 2001.

All Roundtable affiliate member hedge fund candidates must be reviewed by the Investor Committee before being accepted as presenters. The Affiliate Program meets the business development objectives of its members, enhances the quality and diversity of managers at each Forum, while retaining the independent and objective nature of each event.

"We are extending Roundtable Forum's unique business model to bring a broader range of opportunities to our investors," said Jane Amanda Halsey, President of Roundtable Forum. "In addition, our platform allows vendors to provide value-added service to their clients."

"This affiliation helps us provide a premium service level to select hedge fund clients," said Kevin Mirabile, Global Head of Collateralized Finance at Barclays Capital.

Since 1999, the Roundtable Forum has successfully introduced more than 200 managers to investors from around the globe at events in the U.S. and Europe. The Forum continues to bring qualified investors and alternative investment managers together in an intimate, relaxed setting that encourages direct and substantive discussion about investment strategies and trends. Participation is limited to 20 managers. In order to preserve the objectivity of the manager selection process, an Investor Committee is established for each Forum to review manager applications regardless of vendor affiliation. Visit roundtableforum.com or contact Jane Halsey (212) 717-9760 for more information on this new program.

Barclays Capital is the investment banking division of Barclays PLC. The firm employs over 5,000 staff and has significant operations in all the world's major financial centers, including regional headquarters in London, New York, Hong Kong and Tokyo. Barclays Capital is debt focused, providing its clients with a broad range of financing and risk management products. Barclays Capital acts internationally as intermediary and adviser to corporations, financial institutions, governments and supranational organizations, and has the global reach and distribution power to meet the needs of issuers and investors worldwide.