

## America's Richest Hedge Fund Billionaires



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The average hedge fund manager may have had a tough time keeping up with the stock market in recent years, but the hedge fund industry has grown to nearly \$3 trillion and it keeps producing more billionaires and catapulting them onto the list of the nation's richest people. Thirty-two members of the 2015 version of the Forbes 400 derived their fortunes primarily from running hedge funds, representing 8% of the richest Americans.

There are two new hedge fund managers who have joined the ranks of the Forbes 400. [John Overdeck](#) and [David Siegel](#) have built a quantitative trading powerhouse that is one of the fastest growing hedge funds in the business. With \$28 billion of assets under [management](#), their Two Sigma Investments is a data-driven hedge fund

that absorbs large amounts of information to predict the prices of securities ranging from stocks to futures contracts. Two Sigma's funds have performed well over the last two years—its biggest fund, Spectrum, is up by 6% net of fees so far in 2015, another year in which many hedge funds have struggled. Both Overdeck and Siegel are making their debut on the Forbes 400, each with an estimated net worth of \$2.8.

With a net worth of \$24.5 billion, [George Soros](#) remains the nation's richest hedge fund manager and is still an investing heavyweight through Soros Fund Management, his family office. Soros no longer runs day-to-day operations, but remains involved in the managing of a fortune that was generated during his long and successful run managing his Quantum Fund. A change is in the works, though, as Scott Bessent, who has run the show at Soros Fund Management for the past four years, announced plans to start his own hedge fund; Soros has agreed to seed it with at least \$2 billion. Soros' son Robert will take the reins starting in 2016.

These are eventful times for [Ray Dalio](#), who runs the world's biggest hedge fund firm. His Bridgewater Associates now manages a staggering amount of money, some \$155 billion,

but his key All Weather Fund got slammed in August and is down about 5% or so for the year. Dalio's big Pure Alpha hedge fund also got hit hard in August, wiping away some of the year's previous gains. It finished August up 4.1% net for 2015. Dalio's estimated net worth is \$15.3 billion.

James Simons retired from his \$27 billion quantitative trading hedge fund firm, Renaissance Technologies, in 2010, but at 77 he continues to play a role at the firm and benefit from its funds, particularly the secretive and consistently profitable black-box strategy known as Medallion. Simons' estimated net worth is \$14 billion. One of the most successful hedge fund managers ever, Steve Cohen is now concentrating on growing his personal fortune through his family office, Point 72 Asset Management. It is still run very much like a hedge fund but with no outside investors. Cohen was forced to shut down SAC Capital after it pleaded guilty to insider-trading charges, returning money to his investors before setting up his family office. Cohen's estimated net worth is \$12 billion.

David Tepper has had a long and successful career as a hedge fund manager ever since he quit Goldman Sachs to start his Appaloosa Management in northern New Jersey. But his performance in the years following the financial crisis has made him an investing legend. His main hedge fund skated through the summer's market turbulence and finished August up 10.9% net of fees for the year, outperforming most hedge fund managers and the U.S. stock market. Tepper's estimated net worth is \$11.6 billion.

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John Paulson's roller-coaster ride continued in 2015. His hedge funds went in a positive direction in the first half of 2015, but headed back down in August's market turmoil. Still with assets of more than \$19 billion, some of Paulson's hedge funds benefited from burgeoning M&A activity. His hedge fund that focuses on mergers was up 6.5% in the first eight months of 2015. Another fund, the Specialty Situations fund, was down 11.6% for the year ended August 31. Paulson's hedge fund firm has been closely watched ever since he famously made billions betting against subprime mortgages going into the financial crisis. Paulson's estimated net worth is \$11.4 billion.

At just 46, Ken Griffin has become a top force in the the financial world. His hedge fund firm, Citadel, manages \$26 billion and continues to perform very well. The firm's main hedge funds posted returns in the 13% range net of fees in the first eight months of 2015, sailing through the market turmoil that dented the returns of many other hedge funds in

August. These are good times for Griffin, who moved in 2015 to buy a \$200 million condo complex in a Manhattan tower that is under construction. His firm now manages some \$26 billion in assets and Griffin appears to be moving to take the firm public in a 2016 IPO. Griffin's estimated net worth is \$7 billion.