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MANAGER CATEGORIES 2025

Entries for all Manager categories are based on annualised performance over a 12-month period from April 1st – March 31st, 2025.

The entry deadline is Friday 18th July, and the Awards are free to enter.

The below categories are open to funds primarily domiciled in either the United States or Canada.

ENTRY DEADLINE FRIDAY 18TH JULY, MIDNIGHT



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CAPITAL RAISE

Capital Raise of the Year: Buyout

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Funds acquire controlling stakes in established companies, aiming to enhance their value through operational improvements and strategic initiatives.

Capital Raise of the Year: Co-invest

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Funds investing directly alongside other private equity funds in specific deals.

Capital Raise of the Year: Debt Fund

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Funds provide loans to companies, often in the form of direct lending. These loans are typically senior secured debt. Private debt serves as an alternative to traditional bank financing, especially for middle-market companies.

Capital Raise of the Year: Fund of Funds

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Funds investing in a portfolio of other private equity funds rather than directly in companies.

Capital Raise of the Year: Growth

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Funds investing in established companies seeking capital to expand operations, enter new markets, or finance significant acquisitions.

Capital Raise of the Year: Real Estate

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Funds investing in real estate assets, aiming to generate returns through property acquisition, development, and management. These funds may focus on various strategies, including core, value-add, and opportunistic investments.



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Capital Raise of the Year: Secondaries

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Funds that purchase existing stakes in private equity funds or portfolios from current investors seeking liquidity.

Capital Raise of the Year: Venture Capital

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Funds investing in early-stage startups, from seed to Series A, with high growth potential.

Emerging Fundraising of the Year: Buyout

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Emerging Fundraising of the Year: Co-invest

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Emerging Fundraising of the Year: Growth

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Emerging Fundraising of the Year: Debt Fund

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Emerging Fundraising of the Year: Fund of Funds

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Emerging Fundraising of the Year: Real Estate

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Emerging Fundraising of the Year: Secondaries

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Emerging Fundraising of the Year: Venture Capital

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Funds investing in early-stage startups, from seed to Series A, with high growth potential.

OVER \$500 MILLION

Performance of the Year: Direct Lending over \$500million

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Funds offering loans directly to middle-market companies, bypassing traditional banks. These funds typically may provide senior secured loans.

Performance of the Year: Distressed Debt over \$500million

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Funds investing in the debt securities of companies experiencing financial distress, default, or bankruptcy.

Performance of the Year: Mezzanine Debt over \$500million

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Funds investing in subordinated loans that sit between senior debt and equity in a company's capital structure.



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Performance of the Year: RE Debt over \$500million

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Funds investing in loans secured by real estate assets. These funds may invest in various loan types, including senior secured loans, mezzanine loans, or preferred equity.

Performance of the Year: Buyout over \$500million

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Funds acquire controlling stakes in established companies, aiming to enhance their value through operational improvements and strategic initiatives.

Performance of the Year: Co-invest over \$500million

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Performance of the Year: Growth over \$500million

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Funds investing in established companies seeking capital to expand operations, enter new markets, or finance significant acquisitions.

Performance of the Year: Real Estate over \$500million

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Performance of the Year: Secondaries over \$500million

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Funds that purchase existing stakes in private equity funds or portfolios from current investors seeking liquidity.

Performance of the Year: Turnaround over \$500million

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Funds investing in struggling or distressed companies with the goal of improving their performance and increasing their value through operational, financial, and strategic restructuring.



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Performance of the Year: Venture Capital over \$500million

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Performance of the Year: Funds of Funds over \$500million

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UNDER \$500 MILLION

Performance of the Year: Direct Lending under \$500million

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Performance of the Year: Distressed Debt under \$500million

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Performance of the Year: VC Debt under \$500million

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Funds investing in venture capital debt provide loans or credit facilities to early- and



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growth-stage startups, enabling them to access capital without giving up equity. These funds offer investors exposure to the innovation economy with the potential for steady, fixed-income-like returns, while supporting startups through non-dilutive financing.

Performance of the Year: Buyout under \$500million

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Funds acquire controlling stakes in established companies, aiming to enhance their value through operational improvements and strategic initiatives.

Performance of the Year: Co-Invest under \$500million

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Performance of the Year: Growth under \$500million

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Performance of the Year: Real Estate under \$500million

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Performance of the Year: Turnaround under \$500million

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Fund investing in struggling or distressed companies with the goal of improving their performance and increasing their value through operational, financial, and strategic restructuring.



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Performance of the Year: Venture Capital under \$500million

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EMERGING

Emerging Performance of the Year: Buyout

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Emerging Performance of the Year: Co-invest

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Emerging Performance of the Year: Growth

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Emerging Performance of the Year: Real Estate

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Emerging Performance of the Year: Secondaries

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