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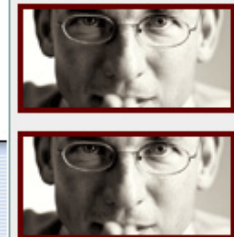
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Tool for Evaluating Service Providers Launched

By Christopher Faille, Reporter

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LONDON (HedgeWorld.com)—Thomas Murray Alternative Investment Service, a member of the Thomas Murray Group, has launched a new platform, available through its web site, to assist hedge funds and funds of funds in the evaluation and selection of service providers.

TMAIS said in a statement it has prepared the platform in close co-operation with major institutional funds, such as Railpen Investments, the investment arm of the Railways Pension Trustee Co. Ltd., London, and Man Investments Ltd., Dublin, Ireland, to develop questionnaires, due diligence processes and rating methodologies. The TMAIS calls the result the e-RFP tool, because it issues a request for proposal to selected service-provider candidates.

"To date over 75 service providers in the hedge funds industry have been reviewed using the TMAIS e-RFP Tool," said Roger Fishwick, director of ratings at TMAIS, quoted in the statement.

Potential users of the tool are to register on the site, where they'll find a list of service providers set out in a matrix by service type and jurisdiction.

"Our value proposition is based on our ability to assess, analyze and rate service providers in an objective and independent way. Where users engage TMAIS to support the analysis of providers, we will provide ratings of relevant service providers," Mr. Fishwick said.

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