



Hedge Funds' 5 Most Influential Women

These pioneers have prime roles in multibillion-dollar funds

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By industry estimates, about \$2 trillion is invested in global hedge funds. And as anyone familiar with Wall Street should know, the lion's share of that cash is managed by men. But women are carving out a bigger piece of the hedge fund world. According to *The Hedge Fund Journal*, women were running about \$100 billion of that total in 2011 — and when COOs are included along with researchers and executive teams, that total moves up to \$200 billion. True, 10% of the total isn't a lot to crow about — we are hardly at a place where the industry is truly "equal opportunity." But considering Wall Street was exclusively a man's world just several decades ago, it is worth noting that women are indeed on the rise. So who are the most influential female hedge fund gurus, and just how much money do they manage, directly or indirectly? Here's a list of five women in leadership positions at some of the most respected hedge funds in the world — some of which they built with their own hands:

Maria Boyazny, MB Global



In 2010, Maria Boyazny ended her 13-year tenure at Siguler Guff (a hedge fund with \$10 billion in assets currently under management) where her fund alone ran as much as \$4 billion. Why? To be her own boss. Boyazny launched a new firm called MB Global Partners — where she currently is CEO — that invests in corporate debt, mortgage debt, commercial real estate and other "distressed" opportunities. Boyazny has an MBA from Columbia and a B.S. from Wharton, and she worked in corporate finance at Smith Barney.

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