

THE GEMINI COMPANIES

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YEAR IN REVIEW

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to 2015! We have enjoyed working with you over the past year and look forward to continuing our relationship. Some big changes have taken place in our world and we could not be more excited about seeing what 2015 has in store for us.

But first, let's talk about 2014. You may have noticed a new name on our brochure, The Gemini Companies. As you might remember from last year's Lucky in 2013 brochure, two additional companies were formed under the Gemini name in 2013: Gemini Hedge Fund Services, LLC (Gemini Hedge) and Gemini Alternative Funds, LLC (Gemini Alt) in 2013. We have decided to market all three Gemini entities (including Gemini Fund Services, LLC (Gemini Fund)) under the name of The Gemini Companies, when applicable. Structurally, nothing is changing with any of the three Gemini entities.

The goal of The Gemini Companies is to provide investment companies access to multiple solutions for increased distribution of their strategies through pooled investment products. All of our companies

focus on helping investment companies find additional distribution channels they may not have previously considered or thought possible, including mutual funds, hedge funds and funds on managed account platforms.

Uniting these companies under The Gemini Companies umbrella allows us to market to greater audiences and truly become a single point of access into new markets, no matter what pooled vehicle is being utilized. Along with this new umbrella, all of our companies have been rebranded with new logos, color schemes and imagery to allow differentiation among the companies, making sure each retains its own image in the market.

All of the companies under The Gemini Companies umbrella have their own knowledgeable staff, robust technology and focused vision for the future. We are looking forward to sharing with you the services each of these companies offers this year. Look for us at industry conferences, on the road and online at www.thegeminicompanies.com, which will be updated at the end of January.

THE GEMINI COMPANIES

GEMINI FUND

New for Gemini Fund in 2014 was our entrance into the college savings plan market. Our parent company, NorthStar Financial Services Group, LLC (NorthStar), was chosen to help manage three of the state of Texas' four 529 college savings plans. Gemini provides fund administration, accounting and transfer agent services to the three qualified tuition plans, as well as assistance with shareholder record-keeping and customer service.

Gemini Fund's series trusts, the Northern Lights Fund Trust I, II and III and the Two Roads Shared Trust, continue to do well. The Northern Lights Fund Trusts now have over 140 mutual funds registered with many more in the process. They now boast nearly \$14 billion in assets. The Two Roads Shared Trust has nearly a dozen mutual funds registered with over \$600 million in assets. The Northern Lights Variable Trust, our trust for funds sold on insurance platforms, has more than 20 funds registered and over \$3.4 billion in assets.

We are thrilled to have hired 80 new employees in 2014 and are now at almost 300 employees. Sixty-two of our employees received promotions this year. Gemini Fund has launched more than 50 brand new funds this year and began providing services to many new clients with existing funds.

GEMINI HEDGE

Gemini Hedge focused on expanding our technology solutions this year. We added SunGard®'s Hedge360 solution to our technology line up,

which is a front-to-back office hedge fund investment management application suite. This system enabled us to increase operational efficiency to better service our clients through automating processes, simplifying workflows and reducing the risks associated with manual entries. Using components of SunGard®'s Front Arena solution, Hedge360 provides us the ability to remain innovative using additional functionality as our business grows and evolves.

We also hired seven new employees in 2014 and launched 17 new funds.

GEMINI ALT

We launched the Galaxy Plus Fund, our managed account platform in November, 2014 with several hedge fund managers onboard. Qualified investors can now invest in a multitude of alternative investment strategies through a single portfolio utilizing the Galaxy Plus Fund. Gemini Alt performs all the due diligence on the managers and offers investors the opportunity for leverage and more diversification options in their portfolio.

We held our first 'Behind the Scenes of Alternatives' forum for registered investment advisors and journalists in New York in October. This event gave attendees the opportunity to learn about the benefits managed account platforms offer to investors seeking access to alternative investment strategies. Industry experts also discussed why strategies focused on managed futures are attractive in the present environment.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Employees of The Gemini Companies believe in giving back to the community and it clearly shows across all our offices. Many corporate events were held in 2014 including food drives, a fleece blanket drive, participation in the Adopt-a-Student program and even volunteering during work hours at the Open Door Mission. More than 25 employees took place in a challenge run in NY and a penny war competition was held in Nebraska for the Food Bank of the Heartland, which raised over \$6,000. NorthStar matched that amount and over \$12,000 was donated in NorthStar’s co-founder’s name, W. Patrick Clarke. NorthStar also held its second annual run for the TeamMates Mentoring Program.

On an employee level, outside of work hours, we are humbled by our staff’s involvement. Here is a list of some of the places our employees graciously donated their time in 2014.



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| • Aidan’s Animals | • Huntington Community First Aid Squad | • SCPA |
| • American Cancer Society | • Island Harvest Food Bank | • St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church |
| • American Heart Association | • Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation | • St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church |
| • Boy Scouts of America | • Kids Against Hunger | • St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital |
| • Cancer Care Lung Cancer Walk | • Kings Park Soccer Club | • St. Patrick’s Church |
| • Career Transition Associates | • Lifegate Church: Financial Peace University | • St. Peter’s Lutheran Church |
| • Catholic Charities USA | • Local school board | • Stephen Center Homeless Shelter |
| • Children’s Respite Care Center | • Marmion Abbey and Academy | • Stony Brook Children’s Hospital |
| • Edna’s Foundation of Hope | • Millard Athletic Association | • TeamMates Mentoring Program |
| • Girl Scouts of America | • Mooseheart Child City and School | • Ted E. Bear Hollow |
| • Good Samaritan Hospital | • National MS Society | • The Hope Children’s Fund |
| • Great Strides Long Island: Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program | • Omaha Hockey Club | • Tunnel to Towers Charity Run |
| • Guardians of Rescue | • Open Door Mission | • West Babylon Community Center Basketball |
| • Habitat for Humanity of Omaha | • Operation Christmas Child | • West Hills Church |
| • Hauppauge Industrial Association | • Our Lady of Victory Church | • Wounded Warriors Project |
| • Hope for Warriors | • Paws of War | • YMCA Youth Soccer |
| • House of Hope | • Ronald McDonald House of Omaha | |

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

This year, we were thrilled to take part in so many informational industry conferences. Gemini provided speakers for the following events:

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| • Third Party Marketers Association (3PM) Annual Conference | • Innovative Alternative Investment Strategies Conference |
| • Strategic Insight Fund Trends Conference | • Infovest21 Think Tank Symposium |
| | • Infovest21 Distribution Seminar |
| | • Liquid Alternatives Strategies East Conference |
| | • Tiburon CEO Summit XXVII |



NORTHSTAR SUMMIT FEBRUARY 2014

In 2014, Gemini merged our annual client appreciation conference, called Advisor Forum, with our sister firms to create the NorthStar Summit. The first NorthStar Summit was held in February in sunny San Diego, CA. More than 420 advisors and sponsors joined together at the Manchester Grand Hyatt.

Highlights included panels featuring many of our sponsors, a golfing excursion and excellent speakers including economist Brian Beaulieu and motivational

artist Erik Wahl. We were able to host a silent auction of Erik Wahl’s paintings from his session during our grand event on the USS Midway aircraft carrier, with the \$5,950 raised being donated to the TeamMates Mentoring Program and the USO. This wonderful event included a docent led tour of the ship, dinner, commemorative photos, flight simulators and a DJ.

We are looking forward to the second NorthStar Summit in September, being held in Nashville, TN.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

NLD

Northern Lights Distributors, LLC (NLD), Member FINRA/SIPC, continually strives to invest in their people, services, and systems in order to provide the best possible services to their clients and partners. As part of their plan to optimize the distribution and sales support they provide, NLD restructured their Key Accounts team. Alma Piscitello joined NLD as Senior Vice President of Strategic Relationships to lead their Key Accounts team. Ms. Piscitello brings a new depth of knowledge to their organization through her previous position as Vice President and Director of Partner Development at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, LLC.

Kristin Klaus is now positioned as Manager of Inside Sales, an initiative NLD launched in the second half of 2014 to support clients' sales, distribution, and marketing efforts. Looking ahead to 2015, NLD

is excited to launch their new website with their enhanced distribution curriculum and the annual firm element continuing education requirements. Visit their website at www.nldistributors.com.

NLCS

Northern Lights Compliance Services, LLC (NLCS), is known for the chief compliance officer (CCO) services they provide to many of our mutual fund clients. They also offer compliance services to registered investment advisors.

2014 was a big year for NLCS – they not only celebrated their 10 year anniversary but NLCS also opened their third office, with the newest location in San Rafael, CA. NLCS also maintains offices in Hauppauge, NY and Omaha, NE. Follow all NLCS' activities on Twitter @NLCompliance or visit their website at www.nlcompliance.com.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015

2015 promises to be another busy year for The Gemini Companies. With the continued growth in both mutual and hedge funds, our NY office has outgrown their 35,000 square foot building, occupied in 2012. Luckily, we are able to expand in our current building and are incorporating another 11,000 square feet into our offices.

Employees in the Omaha, NE office are also gaining new office space in the near future. Our parent company, NorthStar, plans to break ground on a second location in the spring and the new building will be conveniently located next door to NorthStar's current location built in 2012. We are looking forward to the continued growth of our offices.

The Gemini Companies and all the Gemini firms under this umbrella are unveiling new websites at the end of January. These websites will bring new experiences for all visitors and will seamlessly blend our new logo and imagery together. Be sure to visit www.thegeminicompanies.com to see the new site at the end of January. From there, you can visit our new websites for www.geminifund.com, www.geminihedge.com and www.geminialt.com.

In an effort to offer additional career paths for our talented Gemini Fund accountants, we are starting a Fund Administration department in our Omaha office. Dan Schriever, who is currently a Senior Manager for Fund Accounting, will be leading the new team as a Manager. Dan's team will eventually

be a four member team, with potential for growth. The new Omaha Fund Administration department will immediately begin with servicing our sister firm's mutual funds, providing them an on-site presence and an opportunity to develop a deeper relationship with their fund administration team.

Gemini Fund is also pleased to announce we will be implementing a new fund accounting and reporting system in 2015, Asset Arena InvestOne by SunGard®. The new system is better equipped to handle complex security types, added swap functionality, exception based rules and reports, new work flow tools, and added automation around security master files. We expect the new system to help increase the number of funds managed per fund accountant and improve the review time of our daily fund packages.

Our second NorthStar Summit will take place in Nashville, Tennessee September 21-23. As always, we look forward to spending this time with you, our clients and partners. This year promises to be a unique experience with superior keynote sessions and individual company sessions focused on rejuvenating your business. Activities during the conference include tours of the Grand Ole Opry, Ryman Auditorium and President Andrew Jackson's Hermitage along with a skeet shooting event. Our main event includes dinner, entertainment and full access to the three story Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

A CEO'S PERSPECTIVE

by Andrew Rogers

Coming into the year 2014, the expectations for the stock market and bond market were tepid at best. The year of 2013 had brought tremendous US equity gains and the general consensus was that bond yields were going to rise. I believed 2014 was a year for caution and many of the experts agreed. However, my predictions were not accurate. As the year 2014 comes to an end with double digit US equity returns and bond yield lower than the beginning of the year, it was a great year to be long equities and bonds.

Global uncertainty surrounding radical Muslims, Russian aggression, and Ebola caused a short period of volatility. However, a robust US economy and less political dysfunction have led to a harmonious US equity market. The continued race to the bottom globally with interest rates has led to an extended period of low US interest rates. With the European community and China attempting to stimulate their economies with lower interest rates, there is little pressure on US treasury yields. With lower energy prices deflating inflation throughout the world, the current low interest rate environment may last longer than anyone expected.

Managed futures funds emerged from their slumber and provided positive returns in the year 2014. After a prolonged struggle, CTAs have expressed enthusiasm for current market trends and I hope 2015 will be a continuation of their successful 2014. Investments in MLP, real estate and healthcare have had tremendous years, with some pressure on MLPs with the reduction in oil prices. The negative influence on energy companies and high yield issuances may become an issue in 2015.

Investments in liquid alternatives that utilize hedging and tactical strategies have generally trailed the US markets in 2014. Investors seem to have patience for hedging strategies that utilize strategies that seek to minimize tail risk and provide returns that trail the US market, but still provide positive returns. Other strategies that utilize more active management have had a difficult year. With markets blissfully trending upward, anything but long has been a difficult decision. Investors seem to exit strategies quickly that perform poorly, even after extended periods of positive performance. I hope investors will be patient with strategies that provide diversification and minimize downside risk. Liquid alternative strategies may need an extended downward market to remind investors of their value.

At The Gemini Companies, we are students of the marketplace, but we are servants and proponents of advisors. Our mission is to provide great service and opportunity for advisors in all environments. The year 2014 may have been our greatest, with the addition of many large clients, the launch of more than 50 new mutual funds, and the positive growth of our existing clients. We have and are continuing to make substantial investments in our infrastructure, which includes the 2015 implementation of the Asset Arena InvestOne accounting and reporting system by SunGard® for Gemini Fund. We now stand at more than 300 people at The Gemini Companies and will continue to add great people throughout the organizations. I want to express my appreciation to our wonderful advisor clients that have enabled The Gemini Companies to continue to grow and reinvest in our companies.

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