

Methodology for Hedge Funds Review Service Provider Rankings 2013

Hedge Funds Review Service Provider Rankings 2013 are based on an editorial survey carried out between September 2 and October 14, 2013.

This survey should be considered a reflection of how market professionals view their service providers in terms of overall quality of service.

When aggregating the results, we look to strip out what we consider to be invalid votes. These include people voting for their own firm, multiple votes from the same person or IP address, votes by people who choose the same company indiscriminately throughout the survey, votes by people who clearly are not eligible to vote and block votes from groups of people on the same desk at the same institution voting for the same company. For instance, we do not allow block votes from 20 people on the same department/desk, in the same location, all voting in exactly the same way within hours or minutes of each other. We see this as a clear attempt to unfairly manipulate the poll.

This is a process we take very seriously.

Where survey participants are asked to rank their top three service providers, votes are weighted, with three points for a first place, two points for second and one for third. Only categories with a sufficient number of votes will be included in the final poll.

The top company for each category is listed in terms of overall percentage of votes.

To decide the overall winner of a category, Hedge Funds Review uses the overall percentage of votes for that single category and not those cast in the sub-categories, which are separately counted.

Where you are asked to give just one name and then rank the provider on areas of the service they provide, votes will be weighted according to the position in each separate sub-category but not included in the main category calculations.

Only sub-categories that receive a sufficient number of votes will be publicly published.

Changes to the rankings categories

The categories will be reviewed prior to the rankings each year to ensure the survey itself is not too long and includes relevant categories.

The organisation of the rankings will be reviewed for 2014 and feedback is welcome.

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