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## Bivium Co-Founder Launches Firm To Invest In Managers

Les Hollis, former co-founder of emerging manager-of-managers Bivium Capital Partners, has launched a new private equity firm that will focus on investing in emerging asset management firms.

The new firm, Quaestus Capital, will look to build a diversified portfolio of asset management companies across three main buckets: long-only equities, private equity and hedge funds.

Quaestus will provide firms with operating capital and will not provide assets to a manager to invest, Hollis said. "We are not a fund-of-funds or a seeder, we are just a private equity investor."

Along with capital, Hollis said the San Francisco-based firm

will provide non-capital assets such as expertise, guidance, advice and suggestions.

MacFarlane Partners, led by Victor MacFarlane, serves as the initial investor in Quaestus Capital. MacFarlane will serve as a member of the new firm's board of directors.

Hollis, who left Bivium last summer, said the firm's launch was a confluence of personal and professional discussions with MacFarlane, whom he met when both served on the board of the Robert Toigo Foundation. "It felt natural and it couldn't be a more perfect combination in my mind in terms of the experience that he has and could be helpful to me and my experience

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## 5th Annual Emerging Manager Awards

### 21 Nominees Vie For Fifth Annual Awards

*Emerging Manager Monthly*, in association with *eVestment Alliance*, is proud to present the nominees for the 5th Annual Emerging Manager Awards.

Nominees in seven categories were ranked based on the following criterion: excess returns over benchmark, performance versus peers, product asset growth, product asset percentage growth and standard deviation.

The categories are large-cap equity, small-cap equity, small- to mid-cap equity, mid-cap equity, all-cap equity, international equity and core fixed-income.

Overall, over 381 products were considered.

The top three managers in each cate-

gory will now be handed over to a committee made up of industry experts in the plan sponsor and consulting communities. The committee will evaluate the merits of each firm based on quantitative and qualitative measures before selecting the winners, who will then be announced in the April issue of *Emerging Manager Monthly*.

The committee will remain anonymous during the selection stage to maintain the integrity of the process.

To be eligible for the awards, managers must have submitted year-end 2010 data to *eVestment Alliance* by Jan. 21, have less than \$2 billion in assets under management and have full-year 2010 performance figures.

**For the list of nominees and finalists in each category, see pages 4-5.**

**Award recipients will be announced on April 6.**

## NorthPointe Posts Top Gains In Q4

Small-cap growth equity manager NorthPointe Capital scored the highest returns in the fourth quarter, according to EMM's fourth quarter performance report. The firm's Focused Small Cap Growth strategy returned 27.84% in the quarter.

For the calendar year, small-cap core manager SouthernSun Asset Management posted the highest gains, returning 48.32%.

Overall, there were 772 strategies included in the report, with large-cap growth equity continuing to be the most populated strategy, with 83 funds..

Firms included in the report have less than \$2 billion in overall AUM and portfolios with greater than \$10 million under management. The report now also includes all women- or minority-owned firms with \$10 billion or less in AUM.

All information presented has been populated directly into *eVestment Alliance's* eASE Database by each respective investment manager. The information is deemed to be reliable, but no guarantee is made regarding accuracy.

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**SMALL-CAP**

Rank	Firm	Product
1	Huber Capital Management, LLC	Small Cap Value
2	Geneva Capital Management Ltd.	Geneva Smallcap Growth
3	Oberweis Asset Management, Inc.	Concentrated Small-Cap Growth
4	Elessar Investment Management, LLC	Small Cap Value
5	Vulcan Value Partners LLC	Vulcan Value Partners Small Cap
6	Opus Capital Group, LLC d/b/a Opus Capital Management	Opus Capital Small Capitalization Value
7	Dalton, Greiner, Hartman, Maher and Co., LLC	V2000 Smallcap Value Equity
8	NewSouth Capital Management, Inc.	Small Cap Value Equity
9	Van Berkomp and Associates Inc.	US Small-Cap Equities
10	Morgan Dempsey Capital Management LLC	Small/Micro-cap Value - Institutional

**ALL-CAP**

Rank	Firm	Product
1	NewSouth Capital Management, Inc. *	NSCM Value Opportunity
1	Kirr, Marbach & Company, LLC *	Kirr Marbach & Company All Cap Equity
3	Meritage Portfolio Management	U.S. Growth Equity
4	Dalton, Greiner, Hartman, Maher and Co., LLC	AllCap Value
5	Frantzen Capital Management, Inc.	Frantzen Growth & Income
6	Hellman Jordan Management Co., Inc	Hellman All Cap Growth Separate Account Strategy
7	Platte River Capital, LLC	Multi Cap Core Equity
8	Morgan Dempsey Capital Management LLC	Morgan Dempsey Dividend Income Institutional Strategy
9	Davidson Investment Advisors	Multi-Cap Equity
10	Hester Capital Management, LLC	Multi Cap Core

**INTERNATIONAL**

Rank	Firm	Product
1	WCM Investment Management	Focused Growth International
2	Reed Conner & Birdwell LLC	International Value Equity
3	Ativo Capital Management	International
4	Highclere International Investors Limited	Highclere International Investors Smaller Companies Fund
5	John Hsu Capital Group, Inc.	International Top-Down Equity
6	Highclere International Investors Limited	Highclere International Investors SMID Fund
7	GRATRY & COMPANY, LLC	International Growth Equity
8	Oberweis Asset Management, Inc.	International Opportunities
9	Copper Rock Capital Partners, LLC.	International Small Cap
10	Strategic Global Advisors, LLC	SGA International Large Cap Core Equity

**SMALL- TO MID-CAP**

Rank	Firm	Product
1	NewSouth Capital Management, Inc.	Small/Mid Cap Value Equity
2	Apex Capital Management, Inc.	Small / Mid Cap Growth
3	Old West Investment Management, LLC.	Old West Small-Mid Cap Portfolio
4	Messner & Smith Investment Management, Ltd	SMID Equity
5	Perimeter Capital Management, LLC	Extended Small Cap Growth (SMID)
6	Martingale Asset Management, L.P. *	Small/MidCap Core
6	GW Capital, Inc. *	Small Mid Cap Equity
6	Advanced Investment Partners *	SMidCap
9	300 North Capital, LLC	SMID Cap Growth Equity
10	Evercore Asset Management, LLC	SMID-Cap Value

\* firms tied in rankings

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