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## Two Longtime Allies Help a 33YO Firm Throw Down Its MF Gauntlet

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A longtime pair of mutual fund allies are turning to a short-term trading specialist in Chi-Town to help power a new mutual fund.

This morning, **Bill Eckhardt**, founder of **Eckhardt Trading Company** (ETC), and **Jerry Wagner**, president of **Flexible Plan Investments, Ltd.** (FPI), [unveiled](#) the launch of the [Quantified Eckhardt Managed Futures Strategy Fund](#). Rockville, Maryland-based **Advisors Preferred LLC** serves as investment advisor of the new fund, while Bloomfield Hills, Michigan-based **Flexible Plan Investments, Ltd.** (FPI) serves as subadvisor.

The new mutual fund's PM team includes three FPI team members: **Timothy Hanna**, senior portfolio manager; **Daniel Poppe**, senior research analyst at FPI; and **Jerry Wagner**, president of FPIA. Watch for the FPI team to allocate the new fund's managed futures strategy assets mostly to commodity pools sponsored by [Eckhardt Trading Company](#) (ETC), a Chicago-based firm whose system-testing process is called the *Gauntlet*.

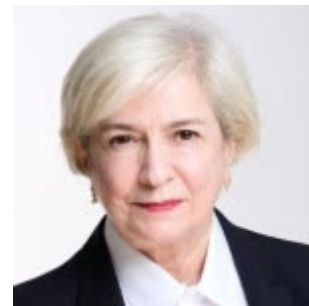
The Quantified Eckhardt Managed Futures Strategy Fund comes in two flavors: advisor shares (QETAX), with an expense ratio of 225 basis points; and investor shares (QETCX), with an expense ratio of 165bps. The fund is the [14th Quantified Fund](#) from Advisors Preferred and FPI.

Bill Eckhardt puts the launch in the context of his eponymous trading firm's "focus ... on achieving long-term success through a disciplined approach to managed futures."

"We believe this fund is a great opportunity for investors to benefit from our disciplined approach to capturing market trends while managing risks," Bill Eckhardt states. "We look forward to seeing how this Fund will empower investors to navigate today's challenging market environment."

Wagner describes the new fund as providing investors "with a powerful tool for navigating volatile markets while striving for consistent returns."

The Quantified Eckhardt Managed Futures Strategy Fund is a series of *Advisors Preferred Trust*. The new fund's other service providers include: **Ceros Financial Services, Inc.** (an Advisors Preferred affiliate) as distributor; **Cohen & Company, Ltd.** as independent accounting firm; National Financial Services, LLC (**NFS**) as limited purpose custodian; **Thompson Hine LLP** as counsel; **U.S.**



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There is no guarantee the fund will achieve its investment objective. There is no guarantee that any investment strategy will generate a profit or prevent a loss. An investment in the Fund entails risk, including loss of principal.

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