



50 LEADING WOMEN IN HEDGE FUNDS 2026

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Katie Tester leads Business Development for Schonfeld's Discretionary Macro and Fixed Income (DMFI) strategy in EMEA. She played an integral role in the completion of DMFI's most successful hiring season to date, which added close to twenty portfolio manager teams globally. Since joining Schonfeld in 2022, Katie has contributed to the substantial growth of the platform, helping to add and build out teams in London, Dubai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, São Paulo and the US. She is central to each phase of the process: identifying talent, due diligence, relationship management, negotiating and closing. To ensure the successful launch of a portfolio manager, Katie drives close coordination between Legal, Finance, Treasury, COO, Quant, Compliance and HR teams, as well as with Strategy Heads and the Executive Committee. She began her career in the public sector, before joining Goldman Sachs in 2010. Katie spent eight years in the Global Markets Division, ultimately as COO for Global Interest Rate Products. She helped drive the division's post-Volcker transformation into an institutionalized client franchise. In 2018, she joined former Goldman Sachs colleagues at hedge fund Eisler Capital, where she contributed to the firm's global investor footprint and the launch of a new fund. At Schonfeld she has brought the full breadth of her experience to a mandate that demands deep markets fluency and sophisticated people judgment. She sits on Schonfeld's EMEA Culture Committee, enjoys mentoring talent from across the industry, and is an advocate for Girls Are INvestors (GAIN). Critical to Katie's role is leveraging the network she has developed over more than 15 years in global markets businesses, spanning sell-side and buy-side institutions. Katie studied Biochemistry at the University of Oxford, where she was a member of the Oxford University Blues Hockey Varsity team.