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Gerken Capital plans hedge fund, private equity offerings

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San Francisco-based Gerken Capital Associates is planning a slew of hedge and private equity fund launches this year. The \$1.5 billion alternative shop is looking to round out its emerging markets hedge fund portfolio with offerings dedicated to Russia, India and the Middle East and North Africa, as well as a Brazil, Russia, India and China p.e. fund of funds.

The firm, which currently manages Greater China and Latin America funds, is currently prepping a Greater India offering, according to fund documents obtained by FINalternatives. The multi-asset, multi-strategy hedge fund will predominantly focus on listed companies while up to 20% of its portfolio will be allocated to non-listed, pre-listed and private investment in public equity bets.

The Russia and MENA hedge funds will follow the same strategy as the Greater India Fund for their respective regions. In addition, the firm is reportedly planning an asset allocation fund for investors who want a sprinkle of Gerken's regional hedge funds in their portfolios.

On the p.e. front, Gerken is planning its second fund of funds, the GCA Private Equity FoF II. The fund will invest in private equity, venture capital, and expansion, distressed, mezzanine and special situations firms in the BRIC markets. Up to 20% of its portfolio will be allocated to secondary and direct deals.

Gerken currently manages the AC Private Equity Fund, which was established in 1999 and is fully invested with 14 U.S. and European venture capital and buy-out funds.

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