

## **Alfred Berg Quant Equity strengthens its investment team**

Alfred Berg announced today that Dr. Larry Pohlman and Amitabh Dugar have joined its Quantitative Strategies team as CIO and Portfolio Manager respectively. Dr. Pohlman was formerly Director of Quantitative Research at Wellington Management, while Mr. Dugar managed US and international equity portfolios at Mellon Capital Management. Both will be based in Boston, USA. Alfred Berg's Oslo-based Quant team remains unchanged and will continue to manage its existing portfolios.

Alfred Berg's Quant team manages over EUR 2.4 billion of assets in global equities and minimum-variance equity strategies for Nordic, European and Asian institutional and retail clients. The Alfred Berg quant model has outperformed the MSCI World Index with lower volatility than the index over its 15-year history, and successfully navigated the market turbulence of 2007-2008.

"Larry and Amitabh bring complementary skills and extensive expertise in the areas of research and portfolio management. Their addition to the team strengthens our ability to extend our proven quantitative investment capabilities to new products and investment strategies", said Patrick Van de Steen, CEO of Alfred Berg.

Alfred Berg also confirmed that Professor Robert A. Haugen, the founding father of quantitative return forecasting, will continue his role as academic advisor to the team.

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