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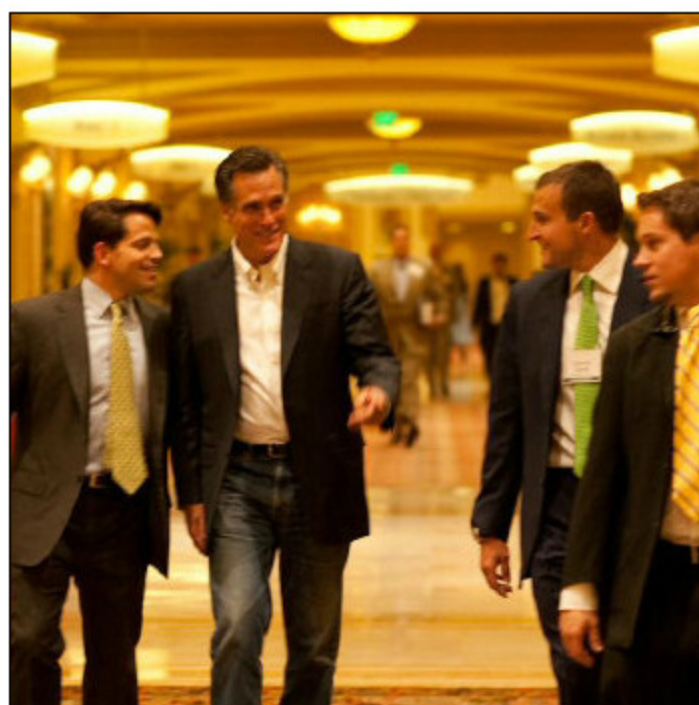
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The fundraisers behind Obama's rival.

The big name hedge fund managers behind the Mitt Romney campaign are no secret. Paul Singer has been called his "hedge fund kingmaker." Ken Griffin and Dan Loeb have publically fallen out of love with Barack Obama and now support the Romney ticket. John Paulson, Robert Mercer and Julian Robertson have each given \$1 million to pro-Romney group Restore Our Future. And Cliff Asness has been an unabashed Obama critic and supporter of Romney and his vice-presidential pick, Paul Ryan (remember the controversial \$700 worth of wine they shared?).



Scaramucci with Romney at the SALT Conference (Photo: @scaramucci)

But who are the rank and file of Romney's hedge fund fundraisers?

Most super political action committee contributions are secret and individual donations to candidates are capped at \$2,500 per election. That leaves the real political support to those who fundraise by convincing others to donate, or "bundlers."

Bundlers help organize events and nab contributions. They woo donors with, say, a private breakfast at Cipriani or an evening reception at the Essex House. The cost to attend is sometimes as little as \$100 or as much as (or more than) \$25,000 a pop. Unlike Obama, Romney doesn't release the names of his bundlers or how much they've gathered. But USA TODAY put together a good rough list, and hedge funds figure prominently.

That's no surprise given the industry's recent political shift. In 2008, 67% of hedge fund money went to Democrats; this time Republicans have so far received 70% of industry cash, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Below are 31 names that AR identified as in the hedge fund industry, including funds of funds and placement agents.

Name	Firm
Alex Sloane	A.J. Sloane Capital
Alex Robertson	Tiger Management
Anthony Scaramucci	SkyBridge Capital
Cliff Asness	AQR
Dan Loeb	Third Point
David Knott	Knott Partners Management
Edward Forst	Goldman Sachs Investment Management (retired)
Gene Atkinson	Atkinson Capital
Henry Druker	Druker Capital
Jeffrey Altman	Owl Creek Asset Management
Jennifer Elise Donovan	Davidson Kempner Capital Management
Jim Parsons	Viking Global Investors (recently departed)
John Griffin	Blue Ridge Capital
John Paulson	Paulson & Co.
Julian Robertson	Tiger Management
Karl G. Wellner	Papamarkou Wellner Asset Management
Laurence Zuriff	Granite Capital International Group
Mark Graham	BLUE Alternative Asset Management
Paul Singer	Elliott Management
Raanan Agus	Goldman Sachs Investment Partners
Remy Trafelet	Trafelet & Company
Richard Hurowitz	Octavian Advisors
Richard Leibovitch	Gottex Fund Management
Richard Shinder	Perella Weinberg Partners
Robert Matza	GoldenTree Asset Management
Roy Katzovicz	Pershing Square Capital Management
Sander Gerber	Hudson Bay Capital Management
Scott Kapnick	Highbridge Capital Management
Stephen Ketchum	Sound Point Capital Management
Stephen M. Lessing	Aqueduct Capital Group
William Kourakos	Perella Weinberg Partners

Source: USA TODAY, AR research.

If we've missed any on the USA TODAY list, email us at ldelevingne@absolutereturn.net

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