



Quantitative Investment Research and GRETA, a quantitative research economic and financial centre linked to Ca' Foscari Formazione e Ricerca (Ca' Foscari University), Venice-Italy, with over 15 years experience accumulated in quantitative research, have signed a partnership to develop and to implement the New Advance Jacdil 2 Proprietary Quantitative Software of QIR, putting more efficiency, technology, innovations and expertise.

Alexandre M. Andreani | Founder - Proprietary Quantitative Modeller
Prof. Domenico Sartore | Chairman of GRETA

Alexandre M. Andreani, Chairman of Quantitative Investment Research SA in Geneva, considers this a credible alliance combining innovation with a high degree of professional commitment: "I am convinced that GRETA and all QIR-GRETA Quantitative Team, is the right marriage for each other at this stage and that GRETA's expertise will provide considerable input to the development of our investment strategies."

Prof. Domenico Sartore, Chairman of GRETA, and Prof. Monica Billio, director of QIR-GRETA Quantitative Team, are convinced by Alexandre M. Andreani proprietary quantitative models and strategies: "We were impressed of Alexandre's ability to develop and interpret quantitative models and his vision of stock markets. We believe Alexandre models very original and creative, putting together unique and sophisticated methods into systematic sector rotation approach."

QIR-GRETA Quantitative Team

Alexandre M. Andreani Co-Director of QIR-Greta Quantitative Team
Prof. Monica Billio Co-Director of QIR-Greta Quantitative Team

The QIR-GRETA Quantitative Team, which will be directed by Alexandre M. Andreani and Prof. Monica Billio, includes 3 Professors of Econometrics, 1 Professor of Finance (all PhDs in Econometrics and Finance) and 1 senior quantitative software engineer. All these Professors have over 20 years experience in quantitative research and modelling.

GRETA has worked for major Italian financial institutions, such as Intesa Sanpaolo, Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Nextra and Euromobiliare, as well as a number of private and public entities such as Deloitte, the Ministry of Treasury in Rome, the European Commission – DGXII and EUROSTAT.

The QIR-GRETA Quantitative Team will work together in the near future to develop new quantitative products in the hedge fund industry.

The New Advance Jacdil 2 Proprietary Quantitative Software of QIR

This new release of the program offers optimized computation and includes new features such as a client/server functionality, all along with a new design and a new evolution in the systematic sector rotation approach. This unique software combines advanced and high-profile quantitative skills and high-tech optimized computation methods.

Using a client/server functionality, QIR could demonstrate to its clients the process and the model live. Alexandre M. Andreani confirmed its willingness to the QIR-GRETA Quantitative Team, to show to its high-qualified institutional investors the models "up running live": "I am convinced that technology and quantitative innovation has to be positioned simultaneously for the New Advance Jacdil 2 Proprietary Quantitative Software.

In addition, I am sure that my clients are tired to invest in proprietary quantitative hedge funds without seeing anything. If I were them, I would not invest in something that I cannot see by myself. It is very important that my investors be involved in their investments, that is why I want to have a client/server functionality." QIR is sure that the methodology included in its software could be adapted to other hedge fund investments strategies, this is the force of its software.

Evolution of the Model

QIR is studying the opportunity, with the top investment banks, to trade sector volatility within the model through a variance swap approach.

Alexandre M. Andreani considers this approach an evolution for the model's performance with the same model's target volatility: "We are implementing this model evolution which could improve model's performance of 30/35% on a monthly basis. The model will trade sector volatility when the sector model recommendation is not accurate; the model would consider better to trade sector volatility rather to trade sector directionality.

For example, if the recommendation of the sector is not accurate and the model forecasts a 5% volatility increase in the sector, we will buy the sector volatility instead of buying the sector recommendation." QIR is always searching new techniques and approaches for the evolution of the model. QIR tries to improve, in the most efficient way, the model performance without taking more risks and containing the same target volatility of the model, which is around 2,5% on a monthly basis.

Of course, the QIR-GRETA Quantitative Team is already working on this model evolution and will be ready with this evolution before the start of the fund, which will be for the first of May 2007.

Start of the "Quantitative Long/Short ETF Sector Fund" under the Global Multi-Strategy Umbrella Fund of European Global Investments – May 07

QIR will operate as an Investment Advisor to the Fund as well as Marketing and Distribution Agent. Data on the fund will be available on Bloomberg and other information providers as well as on EGI's website (<http://www.egifunds.com>).

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