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Bridgewater Makes \$1.5 Billion Options Bet on Falling Market

World's largest hedge fund takes on a big bearish trade; founder Dalio says firm's overall position on market isn't negative



Bridgewater Associates, a hedge fund founded by Ray Dalio, is betting on a stock-market downturn.



Bridgewater Associates LP has bet more than \$1 billion that stock markets around the world will fall by March, said people familiar with the matter.

The wager, assembled over a span of months and executed by a handful of Wall Street firms, including [Goldman Sachs Group](#) Inc. and [Morgan Stanley](#), would pay off for the world's biggest hedge fund if either the S&P 500 or the Euro Stoxx 50—or both—declines, some of the people said.

It is made up of put options, which are contracts that give investors the right to sell stocks at a specific price, known as a strike, by a certain date. They allow investors to shell out a relatively small amount of cash to hedge a larger portfolio or make a directional wager. The options expire in March and currently represent one of the largest bearish bets against the market.