Examples and client and starting up companies:

Known hedge fund managers:

* [Raymond Thomas Dalio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ray_Dalio)[[1]](#footnote-1)[[2]](#footnote-2), [Bridgewater Associates LP](https://www.bridgewater.com)
  + Started: Futures trader and broker at Shearson Hayden Stone, a securities firm run by [Sanford I “Sandy” Weill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sanford_I._Weill)
  + First Client: McDonald’s
  + Contribution: Lock down its production costs by buying corn and soybeans futures ([link](https://www.cnbc.com/2018/05/03/how-ray-dalio-helped-launch-mcdonalds-chicken-mcnugget.html))
* Sandy Weill, building [Shearson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carter,_Berlind,_Potoma_%26_Weill) (1981-1985)
  + Started: a runner and later a licensed broker at Bear Steams Companies
  + Contribution: investment
* Laurence Douglas Fink and his partners[[3]](#footnote-3)
  + Co-founded [The BlackRock](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BlackRock), under the corporate umbrella of the [Blackstone Group](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Blackstone_Group)

* Ciff Asness and his partners, Founded Applied Quantitative Research
  + Manager
  + Contribution: a research based “systematic and consistent approach” to portfolio construction
* Israel Englander, Millennium Management
  + A Trader focusing on trading convertible securities and options
  + Contribution: quant trading, long-short pairing, merger arbitrage

Other sectors

* Oprah Winfrey, The Oprah Winfrey Show
  + TV host
* Walt Disney, The Walt Disney Company
  + Failing to attract many customers, Disney and Iwerks agreed that Disney should leave temporarily to earn money at the Kansas City Film Ad Company, run by A. V. Cauger; the following month Iwerks, who was not able to run their business alone, also joined[[4]](#footnote-4)

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3. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BlackRock [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. [*Barrier, J. Michael*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Barrier)*(2007).*[*The Animated Man: A Life of Walt Disney*](https://archive.org/details/animatedmanlifeo00barr)*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press.*[*ISBN*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISBN_(identifier))[*978-0-520-24117-6*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:BookSources/978-0-520-24117-6)*. Buckaroo Bugs'.* [↑](#footnote-ref-4)