

US magazine toasts star traders aged 30 or younger

NEW YORK (Reuters) - They may be too young to remember "Saturday Night Fever" and the Reagan presidency, but some of Wall Street's more youthful traders are sharp enough to make a killing in today's financial markets, according to a survey in a business magazine.

"Trader Monthly" magazine recently polled its contacts in the investment world to help identify the rising stars born in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

The result -- its second annual "30 Under 30" list -- will be published in the periodical's next issue, on August 8.

The 28 men and two women from the "MTV" generation who made the cut were all born after the summer of 1975. The majority are in their twenties.

"They are too young to remember the original 'Dukes of Hazzard,'" the authors said in a preface to the report, referring to the American TV show. "When disco was in style, most of them were in diapers."

One of them, Tim Sykes, 25, runs a top-ranked, short-bias fund called Cilantro Fund Partners, which he founded in 2003 in his senior year at Tulane University in New Orleans.

Describing his success in trading, he told Reuters in an interview on Wednesday that most of the time he bets against companies whose share price he sees as overvalued.

"I've been doing this eight years now, so you pick up certain subtleties of the market over the years, and it's just a niche. It's about finding inefficiencies that appear in the small-cap and micro-cap markets," Sykes said.

Rich Blake, a senior editor at "Trader Monthly" and one of the report's authors, said he was "shocked" by the huge amount of input from the magazine's readers and the global trading community which helped him compile this year's honour roll.

"For the most part, it was 'Hey, you've got to have this guy on your list.' It was interesting to see friends and colleagues rally around certain people," he said.

The "30 Under 30" list, which is not a ranking, is as follows:

1. Chandler Bocklage, SAC Capital Advisors, Stamford, CT
2. John DePalma, Bank of America, New York
3. Lee Frankenfield, Deutsche Bank, New York
4. David Garonzik, Goldman Sachs, New York
5. Gualtiero Giori, Sagio Investments, Geneva



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6. James Groth, independent, Chicago
7. Adam Grunfeld, Comac Capital, London
8. Gabriel Hammond, Alerian Capital Management, New York
9. Rebecca Hogan, Morgan Stanley, New York
10. Lawrie Inman, Marex Financial, London
11. Simon Jones, Citigroup, New York
12. Chris Lanigan, Ziff Brothers Investments, New York
13. Cliff Larson III, The Cliff Larson Co., Minneapolis
14. Austin Lewis, Lewis Asset Management, New York
15. Daniel Lirtzman, NYMEX, New York
16. Giles Macey, Mako Group, London
17. Kelvin Milgate, ABN AMRO, London
18. Adam Nadler, Sperling Enterprises, Boca Raton, FL
19. Marc Pasuco, XTF Market Making, New York
20. Darren Petterson, TransMarket Group, Chicago
21. Jennifer Pomerantz, Sandell Asset Management, New York
22. Paul Redmond, Elite Derivatives, London
23. Scott Shleifer, Tiger Global Management, New York
24. Josh Slavitt, BNP Paribas, New York
25. Paul Sohn, Kingdon Capital Management, New York
26. Timothy Sykes, Cilantro Fund Partners, New York
27. Andrew Warford, Maverick Capital, New York
28. David Wertentheil, Carlin Financial, New York
29. Travis Williamson, DCF Capital, Greenwich, CT
30. Benjamin Zorilla, HLV Capital, New York

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