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There has been a tremendous growth in the Hedge Fund industry in recent years. It is estimated that there are more than 8000 Hedge Funds in the US alone. They have grown in popularity since the bear market of the early 2000's which convinced many people that they cannot just own stocks outright or inside mutual funds. Most investors understand mutual funds. They understand that the manager selects stocks and buys them. They also understand why they made (or lost) money in their mutual fund investments. The same thing cannot be said about Hedge Funds which come in a variety of flavors. E