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As if escalating four-figure wine bills weren't enough for City traders to show off to hyper-competitive rivals, now comes a new magazine that tries to rank the world's highest-earning traders.

Although New York hedge fund specialists dominate the list, compiled in Trader Magazine's inaugural issue, it includes a smattering of London traders, topped by Noam Gottesman, a partner in GLG Partners, one of Europe's biggest hedge funds. According to Trader, edited by New York men's magazine guru Randall Lane and backed by City trading veteran Magnus Greaves, Gottesman earns between \$50m (£27.1m) and \$75m annually, putting him in the top 25, even if well behind top-ranked US trader - SAC Capital's Stevie Cohen, who clocks in at \$500m to \$550m.

Other City-based traders on the list include Wall Street specialist Driss Ben-Brahim of Goldman Sachs (\$50m to \$60m); Alan Howard of hedge fund Brevan Howard (\$40m to \$50m); and former JPMorgan fixed-income trader Yan Huo, who recently moved to UJF International (\$30m to \$40m). Of 100 traders listed, 17 come from London, 81 from the US, and one each from Bermuda and the Virgin Islands.

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