

RECAP

Hedge Fund Fee Structure:

Hedge Funds typically follow the 2 and 20 compensation structure consisting of an annual 2% fee of Assets under Management (AUM) once the hurdle rate is met and a 20% performance fee charged on profits generated beyond the hurdle rate.

Hurdle Rate:

The hurdle rate is the **minimum** rate of return that must be achieved before the AUM fee and the performance fee can be charged.

EXAMPLE

If you're a hedge fund investor, understanding the fund's waterfall policy is essential. A waterfall explains how a fund's investors and manager get paid. It outlines who gets paid first and how much of a fund's profits an investor will receive.

The details of this structure can best be demonstrated through a sample scenario:

- At Njord Investments limited we follow the **2 and 20** compensation structure and have set our hurdle rate at **15%.** Our lock-up period is two years.
- Mr. John decides to become a Limited Partner (LP) and invests \$150,000 with us. After the two-year lock-up period, Mr. John decides to redeem at 26% (our most recent ROI). After the AUM and performance fees are charged (as the hurdle rate has been met), Mr. John receives \$183,926.40 at redemption.

Let's breakdown the calculations of the fee structure to see how we arrive at this redemption value.

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It is vital that our investors understand our waterfall structure and have a clear understanding of the fees charged by Njord. We continue with the scenario proposed earlier:

- After some time has passed since Mr. John's initial \$150,000 investment, we hit our hurdle rate of 15% and the 2% AUM fee can be charged.
 - ➤ Value after meeting the hurdle rate: \$150,000(1.15) = \$172,500.
 - **2%** AUM Fee: \$172,000(0.02) = \$3450.
 - ➤ Value after 2% AUM fee charged = \$169,050.
- ❖ The two-year lock-up period has passed, and Mr. John redeems at 26%. His investment grew a further 11% after meeting the hurdle rate. The 20% performance fee is to be charged on profits generated after the hurdle rate is met.
 - > Value at end of lock-up period: \$169,050(1.11) = \$187,645.50
 - > 20% performance fee on profits: (\$187,645.50 \$169,050)(0.2) = \$3719.10
 - Value at redemption: \$183,926.40
- After all fees are charged Mr. John makes a 22.6% profit on his initial investment.

 Summary:

Initial Investment	\$150,000.00
Total Fees Charged	\$7169.10
Redemption Value	\$183,926.40