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BEST PLACES TO WORK

IN MONEY MANAGEMENT

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MULTIYEAR WINNER

2023



2022



2021



2020



2019



2018



2017

MANAGERS WITH 100-499 EMPLOYEES

AQR Capital Management

Headquarters: Greenwich, Conn.
U.S. employees: 409

IN THEIR OWN WORDS:

"AQR is a community with leadership that genuinely cares for employees. The firm has long offered generous benefits such as 100% paid medical, dental and vision coverage — a differentiator that is a testament to the firm's commitment to employees and their families — in addition to wellness benefits like acupuncture and gym reimbursements. Employees enthusiastically join and support our networks and come together for cultural celebrations like Diwali, traditions like Pub Quiz Trivia and volunteer events like the Billion Oyster Project."

THREE COOL THINGS:

- Offers 100% paid medical, dental and vision coverage for employees and dependents. Perks include health and wellness allowance to put toward gym membership or fitness programs.
- Schedules food truck socials, weekly summer ice cream meet-ups, beer tastings, pub quizzes, World Cup watch parties, connectivity lunches and Peloton rides.
- Offers Quanta, an in-house learning and development institute. This year, the firm offered sessions with Amherst College professor Catherine Sanderson on the science of happiness and the science of success, which are designed to help employees learn valuable skills and improve work-life balance.

EMPLOYEES SAY:

- "AQR has fostered an environment that attracts and retains intelligent people who are interested in exploring new areas of asset management and working cohesively across the firm's verticals to help our clients."
- "AQR has fostered a workplace and a workforce that is truly friendly and cares about you as a person. Colleagues are close-knit and work toward shared goals. The people are super smart, curious, and the firm reinforces this by providing ongoing opportunities for training and learning. The firm cares about our well-being, and the work-life balance is quite good for the industry."
- "AQR is the rare financial firm driven by curiosity and cooperation toward building a better organization. We are refreshingly light on the typical power politics so common in finance. Senior leadership demonstrates an appreciation for the details of our operation. Leadership also encourages healthy work-life balance with positive effect on retention and quality of work."

— Bailey McCann



ONE-ON-ONE: AQR employees enjoy Pickles or Slaw, a lunchtime series featuring interviews with firm leaders. Other sponsored events include WIN connectivity lunches with senior women, Pub Quiz Trivia nights, and family events such as the Breast Cancer Alliance 5K Run/Walk and Halloween Kids Day.

Number of employees listed is US-based employees as of June 25, 2023. AQR was recognized as one of the Best Places to Work in Money Management for 2023. The Pensions & Investments' annual survey ranks firms based on responses to employer and employee questionnaires. Employee responses accounted for 75% of the total score, employer responses accounted for the remaining 25%. Pensions & Investments' "Best Places to Work in Money Management for 2023" does not evaluate client experience or advisory services offered.