

# Night Shift

Matt Abramcyk quit the hedge-fund game for frenzied action of a different sort: the rigors and rewards of New York nightlife BY CRISTINA VELOCCI

**NAME:** Matt Abramcyk

**AGE:** 28

**LOCATION:** New York

**LIFE IN TRADING:** 2001–2003: analyst at Kemnay Advisory Services for the Seedling Fund, an alternative-investment portfolio; 2004: ran a \$250 million alternative-investment fund at Family Management Capital

**LIFE AFTER TRADING:** Part-owner and designer of sleek Manhattan bars and restaurants

**THE STOP-LOSS:** Abramcyk first made an investment in Employees Only, a Greenwich Village speakeasy founded by a friend, in 2004. “I started drinking a lot, and it just made

sense to buy a bar,” he says with a wry grin. He soon abandoned his trading career to design and open Beatrice Inn and Smith & Mills, downtown nightspots heralded for their artful ambience and retro appeal.

**DIVIDENDS AFTER DARK:** Learning from the gifted traders he worked with was a revelation. “I became comfortable in situations where I was obviously the stupidest person in the room,” Abramcyk jokes. “I can’t tell you how invaluable that is.” He now handles a considerable amount of his establishments’ day-to-day operations, which gives him satisfaction: “With hedge funds,” he notes, “you get caught

up in a serious job with intense parameters, and it’s easy to forget about celebrating life.” Managing posh clubs, by contrast? “It makes no financial sense whatsoever. But it’s a lot more fun.”

**THE LONG POSITION:** Abramcyk’s professional interests are legion: He’s currently helping finance and film a hockey documentary for the NHL, starting a company to retail new and refurbished furniture and opening a New York coffeehouse. And he teems with plans to expand his burgeoning nightlife mini-empire. His ultimate goal? “To take over the world,” he says, “one location at a time.” ■



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