

## The Six Personality Traits of a Successful Wall Street Trader

(eFinancialCareers, excerpt, 8/12/13) - Goldman Sachs traders posted losses on just six days during the second quarter. They booked more than \$100 million in profits on 10 days. Needless to say, there's plenty of money to be made as a Wall Street trader.

If you want to be a successful trader on Wall Street, you better be highly intelligent and have an inspiring work ethic. You also need to have a certain personality – strong, fearless but also humble.

**“There are different types of traders, but a common characteristic to most of them is a cool head that knows not to fall in love with a market view**



**when the tape runs against you,” said [George Stein](#), managing director of New York-based [Commodity Talent](#). Stubborn traders often find themselves looking for work.**

**This is particularly true for those who take directional bets, either on flat price of spread positions, Stein said. “They must have the confidence in their ability to see in future what others in the market do not, and assess whether events undermine or reinforce that view.”**

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