

“Wanted: Short Seller to Take on Warren Buffett”

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If you dislike Berkshire Hathaway - really dislike it, enough to put your money where your mouth is - **Warren Buffett would like to hear from you.**

Buffett, in his annual letter to Berkshire shareholders on Friday, said he is looking for a "Credentialed Bear" on Berkshire to join a panel of analysts that will question him at this year's annual meeting in Omaha in May.

Preferably, Buffett wrote, that **Bear would be Short Berkshire shares, meaning they have borrowed and sold the stock betting the Price will Fall.**

"Not yet having a bear identified, we would like to hear from applicants.

The only requirement is that you be an investment Professional and Negative on Berkshire," Buffett wrote.

About 1 percent of the float on Berkshire's widely-held Class B stock is sold short, according to New York Stock Exchange data.

The analyst panel was a new innovation at Berkshire's 2012 analyst meeting, though in that instance it was comprised of three sell-side insurance analysts.

This year the panel will have one insurance analyst, Cliff Gallant of Nomura Securities; one investor, Jonathan Brandt of Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb; and the Bear.

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