

Independent Fund Director Services

Promoting good governance for hedge funds and investment funds



A new standard in fund governance

Independent Fund Director Services provides independent director services to hedge funds and investment funds.

We can provide your board with an independent director or we can act as advisers to the existing independent directors on your board. Either way, you will have the independent input of an experienced, qualified, investment professional.

Our business is based on three guiding principles:

Professionalism - We provide a professional independent investment fund director who operates in this capacity full-time. However, we also recognise that non-executive directors from other fields can bring valuable expertise and experience which we can support with specialised advice on fund governance and investment matters.

Investment expertise - We provide an independent director or adviser for the fund board who is an experienced and qualified investment professional. This means that we can provide the board with an informed and objective commentary on portfolio activity, valuation, risk and return.

Adding value - Good governance is not an end in itself, nor should it be obstructive or onerous. We add value by:

- Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the board. We aim to prevent problems before they arise by implementing industry standard codes such as AIMA's sound practice guidance.
- Objectively reviewing the activities of third-party service providers. This ensures that the fund is getting good quality service and value for money.
- Providing independent oversight of all of the fund's activities. This, in turn, provides reassurance to regulators and investors and has marketing benefits for the fund.

Recent high profile failures in the financial system and fraud in the funds industry have focused renewed attention on corporate governance and the role of independent directors on investment fund boards. Many institutional investors require a set standard of governance before they will invest in a fund.

Independent Fund Director Services will provide you with an independent director or board adviser who will create real positive benefits in terms of improved governance, due diligence, operational efficiency, risk control and marketability.

We can also provide advice on marketing, compliance and asset valuation.

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