

THE STANDARDS BOARD UPDATES ITS STANDARDISED BOARD AGENDA

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The Standards Board has published an updated version of its [Standardised Board Agenda](#) in its Toolbox. The original version was published in April 2014 to provide guidance to fund directors, managers and investors on issues relating to running fund board meetings, topics to be addressed and documentation to be produced at those board meetings. The Standards Board is the global standard-setting body for the alternative investment industry, providing a collaborative platform for institutional investors and alternative investment managers to standardise and improve industry practices and disclosure. It is supported by over 200 alternative investment managers and institutional investors who collectively manage \$4.5 trillion.

Fund governance arrangements have become an area of increased investor scrutiny, and fund jurisdictions have strengthened their respective governance frameworks. The Standards Board's Governance Working Group, formed in 2018, has updated the [Standardised Board Agenda](#) following an extensive review of these fund governance frameworks in key investment fund jurisdictions, including the Cayman Islands, Ireland and Luxembourg. The agenda now includes a declaration and review of conflicts of interest of fund directors, a review of structural conflicts of interest (e.g., between different funds of the same manager), a more extensive review of the fund manager's Management/Executive Committee Report, a review of non-audit services provided by the auditor and an assessment of independence of the audit firm.

Kai Rimpi, Head of Hedge Funds at Varma, the Finnish Pension Insurer, and a member of the working group, said: "Investment managers and Fund Directors are encouraged to review the Standardised Board Agenda and to tailor it to the specific characteristics of the fund. From an investor's perspective, the agenda provides a useful benchmark for due diligence of a fund's governance arrangements."

The Standardised Board Agenda forms part of the SBAI Toolbox, which complements the [Alternative Investment Standards](#) by providing additional guidance to managers, investors and fund directors on practical issues such as [Administrator Transparency Reporting, Standard Total Expense Ratio \(STER\) calculation methodology and Cyber Security](#).

Currently, the Governance Working Group is reviewing a number of other topics, including co-investments, investment manager committee structures and conflicts of interest between fund directors. The findings of these reviews will be published in the coming months as part of the [SBAI Toolbox](#).

The Standards Board Governance Working Group consists of Standards Board stakeholders: Aalto University Foundation, Aktia Asset Management, Albourne, BlueBay Asset Management, CQS, Elo Mutual Pension Insurance Company, HealthCor Group, Ionic Capital Management, Lansdowne Partners, Martlet Asset Management, New Holland Capital, Nordkinn Asset Management, Northpeak Governance, Orchard Global Asset Management, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, Periscope Capital, Pictet Asset Management, PIMCO, PSP Investments, The State Pension Fund of Finland (VER), Transtrend, Unigestion and Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company.

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Notes to editors:

1. The Standards Board (formerly known as the Hedge Fund Standards Board (HFSB)) is a collaborative platform bringing together institutional investors and alternative investment managers to standardise and improve industry practices and disclosure. The SBAI's resources, including the Alternative Investment Standards and the Toolbox, facilitate better investor due diligence and simplify the interaction between managers and investors. The Alternative Investment Standards provide a powerful framework of transparency, integrity and good governance for the industry and complement public policy. The SBAI Toolbox offers practical guidance to investors and managers, in areas such as fund governance, transparency, risk and expense reporting and cyber security. The SBAI is supported by more than 130 alternative investment managers with approximately \$1 trillion in aggregate assets and by more than 80 institutional investors overseeing \$3.5 trillion in assets. The Standards and the full list of signatories and supporters are available at www.sbai.org. In July 2014, the SBAI became an affiliate member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions ("IOSCO").
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