

# Operational Due Diligence and Hedge Fund Forensics

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Buffett's quote, "when the economic tide goes out, you find out who is swimming naked," never seems more relevant than in the past year, when many hedge fund strategies have been revealed as exposed to liquidity mismatch, excessive leverage, inaccurate marking and dangerously complex and opaque fund structures. In the very worst of the low tide, major frauds have been revealed, as investor demands for liquidity have shocked the foundations of these "houses of cards".

What points should investors be focusing on to spot these accidents waiting to happen? And how can administrators, auditors and hedge funds themselves demonstrate best practice in matters of risk, operations and product structuring in order to allay investors fears?

# **Participants**

Monique Melis, Kinetic Partners Elizabeth Stone, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Nicola Malhotra, Winton Capital Joan Kehoe, Quintillion Limited Anne-Catherine Frogg, Mirabaud

### **Event Details**

Date: October 13, 2009 Time: 5 PM Registration.

We will begin *promptly* at 6 PM; please arrive early.

Networking and cocktails following session

**Host:** Kinetic Partners **Location:** Hotel Beau Rivage

Quai du Mont-Blanc 13, Geneva, 1201, Switzerland

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Admission to this event is free, but there is a 30 SFr charge if you register and do not attend (even if you cancel in advance). No-show proceeds will be donated to our 2009 beneficiary.

Space is limited. No walk-ins will be permitted.

# **Biographies**

## Monique Melis, Member, Kinetic Partners

Monique joined Kinetic Partners as a Member from the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange, where she was Head of Business Development. Her experience includes expertise in areas such as Financial Services Regulation, International Regulation, Cross-border regulatory exchange of information, Investment Exchanges, Offshore regulation, Assessment against IOSCO principles, Marketing of Financial Products and Compliance Procedures.

During her time at the CSX, Monique was seconded to the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA) where she co-drafted the Securities Legislation, its underlying regulations and statement of guidance. She also assisted CIMA in the IMF country assessment against IOSCO principles.

Prior to working at the CSX Monique Managed the Transaction Monitoring Unit in the Markets and Exchanges Division of the FSA. She transferred to the FSA from the Securities and Futures Authority where she worked in the Surveillance Department. Monique was part of the team that initiated the Transaction Reporting regime in the UK and designed SABRE, the FSA monitoring tool for transactions.

# Elizabeth Stone, UK Tax Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Elizabeth Stone is a tax partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers focusing on areas including alternative investments and hedge funds. Ms. Stone specialises in investment management tax and currently leads the firm's UK offshore funds team, advising on the distribution of offshore funds in the UK. Ms. Stone also specialises in investment management and advises a range of traditional and alternative asset management clients in the UK.

### Nicola Malhotra, Head of Risk, Winton Capital

Nicola Malhotra is Head of Risk Management at Winton Capital Management ('Winton'), a London based, research focussed CTA. Reporting directly to the Managing Director, Nicola is responsible for the development and maintenance of Winton's risk policy, procedures and controls, including operational and counterparty risk; Nicola is also fully involved in the product development process. Nicola has significant involvement in the due diligence process, including contributing to the company's due diligence questionnaire and meeting with investors and plan sponsors to explain and discuss the risk measurement and control framework and all operational processes within the business.

Nicola joined the company in mid-2007, following a two year period at ICAP, as Risk Manager of its Futures business. Prior to ICAP, Nicola spent over six years in risk management at both LCH. Clearnet Ltd. and the Australian Clearing House, part of the Australian Stock Exchange, where she was responsible for developing risk policy and the day to day risk management of its clearing initiatives.

#### Joan Kehoe, Chief Executive Officer, Quintillion Limited

Joan Kehoe is Chief Executive Officer and was previously an Executive Vice-President of PFPC Worldwide and Managing Director of the European operations of PFPC International Limited. Joan has over 20 years experience in the funds industry and previously held the position of head of Unit Trust Administration in Morgan Grenfell (Ireland) Limited.

### Anne-Catherine Frogg, Senior Analyst, Mirabaud

Anne-Cathrine Frogg Spadola, Senior Analyst and member of several internal fund executive committees, joined Mirabaud & Cie in 2004. Prior to joining Mirabaud, Mrs. Frogg Spadola worked for Agora Capital Services SA for 5 years, as a Senior Analyst and Portfolio Manager. She began her career in 1995 at Banque Franck SA in Geneva as an analyst covering alternative investment funds and traditional funds. She was responsible for managing the in-house fund of hedge funds. In 1998 she was part of the European funds management team at Commodities Corporation and Goldman Sachs Asset Management. Ms Frogg Spadola holds a Masters in International Relations from the Institut Universitaire des Hautes Etudes Internationales (IUHEI) in Geneva.

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