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**Women on Boards - Opportunities and Challenges to Improve Governance**

September 13, 2012 at 6:30 PM  
Geneva

According to the Odgers Berndtson paper, ***Alternative perspectives: a seat on the board***, women in the alternatives industry are highly qualified for Board appointments. Many limited company, non-profit and hedge fund boards would benefit from having a more diverse range of independent directors with specialist financial skills.

Are you Board-ready? What are the characteristics, experiences, knowledge and credentials that women need to be realistically considered for board membership? What impact does an external director, and particularly a woman, have on governance? What are the advantages, and risks, for those who take up this challenge?

Our panelists will review governance practices and requirements for board service. Drawing on their own experiences on boards in the hedge fund, corporate and non-profit sector, together with a specialist in Board Search, they will provide an insider's perspective on how to prepare yourself for consideration as a board director and practical pointers for how to access board opportunities.

**Participants**

**Rajna Gibson Brandon**, University of Geneva  
**Caroline Hoare**, IPAF (Bermuda) Limited  
**W. Elaine Curry**, ASK-All Special Kids  
**Karina Robinson**, Robinson Hambro  
**Yvonne Connolly**, ***Moderator***, Carne Global Financial Services Limited

**Event Details**

**Date:** September 13, 2012

**Time:** 6 PM Registration.

We will begin *promptly* at 6:30 PM; please arrive early. Since it is disruptive to everyone when latecomers enter the session, those arriving after an education session has begun will only be admitted at the discretion of 100WHF and the host. Please note the start time on this invite and plan to arrive early.

Networking and canapés will follow.

**Host:** Carne Group

**Location:** Swissotel Metropole Geneva

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

## **Biographies**

**Rajna Gibson Brandon**, Professor of Finance, University of Geneva

Rajna Gibson Brandon is Professor of Finance at the University of Geneva. She is also Managing Director of the Geneva Finance Research Institute and Research Director of the Swiss Finance Institute.

She holds a Ph.D. in Economic and Social Sciences (Specialization in Finance) from the University of Geneva. Rajna Gibson Brandon is also Deputy Director of the NCCR FINRISK since Nov. 2009 (before that she was the NCCR Director (2001-2009). She is currently also a Board Member at Swiss Re (since June 2000) and she is a former Member of the Swiss Federal Banking Commission (1997-2004). Her research interests are in Asset Pricing, Risk Management and Corporate Finance.

**Caroline Hoare**, Non-Executive Director, IPAF (Bermuda) Limited

Caroline Hoare is experienced in hedge fund regulation and governance, fund structuring, legal and compliance, risk and operational management and all aspects of running a hedge fund business.

She was called to the Bar in 1978 and admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in 1985.

Caroline joined the futures and options broker, GNI Ltd, in 1994, becoming a director of GNI Fund Management Ltd (the Gerrard Group's alternative funds business) in 1999.

Caroline was the Chief Executive Officer of the hedge fund GLC Ltd from 2001 to 2010 and was also a director of the company.

In 2010 Caroline was named as one of the Top 50 Leading Women in Hedge Funds (the Hedge Fund Journal in association with PwC) as well as one of the 100 Influential Women in Finance working in European financial markets (Financial News).

**W. Elaine Curry**, Board member, ASK-All Special Kids

Elaine joined ASK in 2004 as a parent member and became a board member in 2005.

Elaine's professional career spans over 35 years in the Financial Services industry. She spent 17 years with Merrill Lynch in Frankfurt, Germany and 13 years with Merrill Lynch Banque Suisse, Geneva and was a Directrice in the Bank. In her capacity as a Directrice, she worked closely with the Bank's Chairman and often made presentations to the Board of Directors for the Bank.

She returned to the U.S. in August 2007 after a 30 year stay in Europe where she joined Wells Fargo Advisors (previously Wachovia Securities) in Richmond, VA as a manager of the Metrics Analysis Team for Operations. In June 2008, Elaine joined the Private Client Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, in St. Louis MO, as a Business Administration Consultant which is her current role.

Elaine is very active in her firm and her community helping to promote diversity and inclusion. She is a member of Worldwide Who's Who and has held numerous leadership roles with the Wells Fargo Women's Team Member Network Engagement Committee, the Wells Fargo Advisors, St. Louis chapter African-American Network, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of St. Louis, MO, Toastmasters International, and Faith Family Church Small Group Leadership.

**Karina Robinson**, Founding Principal, Robinson Hambro

Karina Robinson is the Founding Principal of Robinson Hambro Ltd. The firm focuses on Board Search and provides chairman advisory services. It was part of the Advisory Group to Lord Davies's Women on Boards, which launched a Code of Conduct for search firms aimed at increasing the participation of women.

In 2010, Karina co-led the Board Practice at boutique search firm Saxton Bampfylde, advising on non-executive selection across all sectors. She was Senior Editor of The Banker magazine for eight years and the International Herald Tribune's banking columnist. Her eponymous Karina's Column interview with heads of state and CEO's was syndicated in the IHT. Karina was formerly Political & Economic Correspondent at Bloomberg/TV and began her career at merchant bank Morgan Grenfell as the Spanish Equity Analyst. She was educated in Madrid, at the Hotchkiss School in the US and at the London School of Economics where she studied economics and international relations. She is fluent in four languages.

She is the former Chair of the London School of Economics Mentoring Committee and sits on the judging panel for Women in the City. She is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of International Bankers, a Court Observer and a member of the City Affairs Committee. Additionally, she is a member of the Kilfinan Group which mentors CEOs of charities and Chairman of the Editorial Board of LID Publishing UK.

**Yvonne Connolly**, Principal, Carne Global Financial Services Limited

Ms. Connolly is a Principal with Carne Global Financial Services Limited. Her specialist areas are Governance, Product development, Compliance, Financial Reporting and Operations. Yvonne has also assisted Investment Managers and Service Providers with various aspects of operational development and efficiency. Yvonne also serves as a Director for Irish Management companies and funds.

Prior to 2010, when she joined Carne, Yvonne was an Investment Funds Consultant for State Street International (Ireland) Limited and Bank of New York Mellon Alternative Investment Services, advising on integration of BNYM's and PNC's global investment servicing business, the implementation of a new operating platform for ETFs and helping to launch a number of new hedge fund structures. From 1993 - 2004 she was Vice President - Head of Operational Development for State Street (International) Ireland Limited, reporting to the CEO and contributing to the overall strategy and direction of the business.

**About Carne Group**

Carne is leading global provider of independent fund governance and oversight solutions for investment funds of all kinds.

Carne serves its clients by providing governance and oversight solutions that help them to meet the increasingly stringent demands of investors and regulators for high quality corporate governance within the asset management industry. We provide independent directors to fund boards in both offshore and onshore locations, and we are recognised as thought leaders in the debate on higher oversight standards in the asset management industry.

In addition Carne offers a suite of additional support services for fund managers seeking to market funds on a cross-border basis, making use of offshore jurisdictions or onshore regulated solutions like UCITS funds. Our fund directors can draw on the deep reserve of knowledge and resources represented by the wider Carne network to bring further value to their roles on fund boards.

**About 100 Women in Hedge Funds** ([www.100womeninhedgefunds.org](http://www.100womeninhedgefunds.org))

100 Women in Hedge Funds is a global, practitioner-driven non-profit organization serving over 10,000 alternative investment management investors and professionals through educational, professional leverage and philanthropic initiatives. Formed in 2001, 100 Women in Hedge Funds has hosted more than 300 events globally, connected more than 250 senior women through Peer Advisory Groups and raised over \$25 million for philanthropic causes in the areas of women's and family health, education and mentoring.