

# The Fund Governance Boardroom Panel

INDEPENDENT DIRECTORIAL SERVICES



## INDEPENDENCE

## EXPERIENCE

## INTEGRITY

The Fund Governance Boardroom Panel is a professional services firm of Independent Certified Investment Fund Directors.

### PROFILES

#### DAMIAN KEANE B COMM, FCA, MBA, CIFD



Damian Keane is an Irish resident and has over 30 years' experience in the Financial Services industry, particularly within the regulated global investment funds sector in the areas of Investment Fund Banking, Fund Administration, Fund Custody and Financing. He is a Founder of The Fund Governance Boardroom Panel, a firm which specialises in Collective Investment Governance. Damian is available to act as an independent director and Chairman to Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), UCITS, Traditional Investment Funds, Management Companies (e.g. AIFMs, MANCos) and Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) in all the recognised Fund jurisdictions and across a variety of asset classes and investment strategies.

Damian is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, holds an MBA from the Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business and a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from University College Dublin. He is a member of the Certified Investment Fund Director Institute and the Irish Fund Directors Association (IFDA), an organisation which he co-founded in 2015. Damian has also received the designation of Certified Investment Fund Director (CIFD), an accreditation awarded jointly by the Irish Funds Industry Association and the Institute of Banking School of Professional Finance in Ireland. This specialist programme was developed to address Investment Fund governance in the context of the distinctive characteristics of Investment Funds, incorporating their key risk aspects and oversight.

Damian's focus on a limited number of client relationships ensures that he can devote appropriate and adequate time to undertake the role of independent director and Chairman, with the capacity to fully address in a timely manner any issues that may arise. He is currently approved under the Central Bank of Ireland Fitness and Probity regime as a PCF-2 (Non-Executive Director) and as a PCF-3 (Chairman of the Board) on several investment funds and platforms.

Prior to founding The Fund Governance Boardroom Panel in 2014, Damian established Keanett Consult to provide fund and management consultancy services to a variety of financial institutions and other companies. Damian served as a Board Director and CFO with Fortis/ABN AMRO Prime Fund Solutions Group in Ireland for 16 years from the start-up of operations until 2010. This also incorporated an initial period with MeesPierson Fund Administration in the Isle of Man. He served for many years as a non-executive Director and Asset & Liability Committee (ALCO) member of a Fortis Licensed Bank which was focused exclusively on the provision of banking services and financing to the international investment funds sector. Damian initially started his career in 1988 with Ernst & Young in Ireland, which included secondments to Prague in the Czech Republic and to Budapest in Hungary.

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