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Time for LPAC standardisation?

Results of a major global study on private equity fund governance show a significant degree of disparity in LPAC development. The research has just been released. It was conducted by IFI Global's research department, The NED's parent, and Vistra. It is first global study on private equity fund governance ever undertaken.

The research suggests that LPAC development is in a period of real transition. Should this continue a great deal further, in terms of LP involvement in the fund, it could lead to questions as to who is ultimately in charge: the GP or the fund's LPs, via its advisory committee. A GP from a European buyout firm said that the direction of travel in LPAC development suggests that these entities could perhaps perform the same functions as a corporate board one day.

One of the questions where there was a great variety of responses was on how GPs determine who should join the LPAC, and what they are used for. The results of this research show that decisions on who joins the LPAC break down into the following four broad categories: Size, Likeability, First in, Proportionality. [Continued on page 12 >>](#)

Views on director selection

The NED has been told many times that selection of fund directors is a random process, too often dependent on who you know, as opposed to what you know. As a result it is undertaking a number of projects to help professionalise the selection process.

The hope is that some of these will be in place before the FCA's recently announced changes to UK fund boards come in. If there is an established means of selecting independent directors for UK fund boards available by the time the FCA's changes come into effect it could well make a big difference to the quality of the candidates selected.

To get things going The NED surveyed a cross-section of people in the UK who are involved in advising managers on the selection of non-executive directors for their funds. Over the period from August 29 to September 19 The NED surveyed 21 advisors in the UK on fund director selection. (This research will be followed up with a similar study later this autumn in the US.)

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