



MUTUAL FUND DIRECTORS FORUM

The FORUM for FUND INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

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MUTUAL FUND DIRECTORS FORUM ISSUES PRACTICAL GUIDANCE FOR FUND DIRECTORS ON VALUATION OVERSIGHT

*New report highlights director responsibilities for valuation
and provides guidance to assist directors in carrying out their responsibilities*

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 18, 2012 -- The [Mutual Fund Directors Forum](http://www.mfdf.org) has released a special report, “Practical Guidance for Fund Directors on Valuation Oversight,” it was announced today.

“While fund independent directors do not generally play a day-to-day role in the pricing of a fund’s individual investments, directors bear the ultimate responsibility for valuing those securities without a readily available market price,” said Susan Ferris Wyderko, president and CEO of the Forum. “Because valuation is one of the most significant areas of potential risk for funds, we feel it is important to provide directors with some practical guidance regarding how boards can carry out their oversight role in this area.”

The Forum’s report includes an overview of directors’ legal obligations for valuation, provides information to inform a board’s oversight of valuation procedures, and offers guidance on board resources and reporting on valuation.

“This report emphasizes that directors should develop an understanding of the adviser’s valuation process and resources in order to effectively oversee potential areas of risk,” said Carolyn McPhillips, Counsel to the Forum. “Fund directors can use the information in this report to evaluate their processes in light of the particular facts and circumstances in their fund complexes.”

About the Mutual Fund Directors Forum

The Mutual Fund Directors Forum is an independent, nonprofit membership organization for investment company independent directors dedicated to improving mutual fund governance by promoting the development of concerned and well-informed independent directors. For more information about the Forum, please visit www.mfdf.org.

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