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## Boards failing on risk management says poll

The NED has conducted a poll to find out if boards spend enough time on risk management, as opposed to risk measurement. The poll also asked respondents if boards should be spending more time than they are at present considering macro-economic issues and how these might impact their fund. And it has asked the CEO of a hedge fund to give his views on what the right relationship, between board and manager, should be on risk management issues.

A broad cross section of directors, most on alternative fund boards, responded to this poll. Replies were received from 34 from an overall sample of 50 that were selected. A response rate of 68% is high and suggests that this is a subject of considerable interest amongst the non-executive director community.

On the question of whether boards spend enough time on real risk management (as opposed to historical risk measurement) there was a consensus that they do not. A surprisingly high number do not think that boards spend enough time on what might be termed proper risk management matters.

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## NED expansion news

In preparation for the launch of its DirectorIntelligence service this autumn The NED is expanding the database of directors it has built up over the last three years. DirectorIntelligence is a confidential research tool for managers looking for reliable and independent information on fund directors. The NED would like to hear from all subscribers that would like to be included in this database.

In particular this service is intended to help managers locate directors with hard to find skills such as those with portfolio or risk management experience. DirectorIntelligence is also being launched to assist subscribers with regulatory or other governance questions. This service is free of charge for subscribers.

And in October The NED is also launching a domestic US version of this publication, called Alternative Fund Governance. There will be a roadshow for Alternative Fund Governance in various US cities in late October with a particular focus on answering questions put by investors and managers. In September US investors and managers will be asked to submit questions that they would like to see answers to – either at these roadshows or in the pages of Alternative Fund Governance.

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