

Fin 536 Corporate Governance

Project 1

International Cases of Hedge Funds Activism

Due at the beginning of 5th lecture

Shareholder activism by hedge funds has gone global. The objective of this assignment is to analyze the incidence and characteristics of international shareholder activism in Asia, Europe and South America. (North America cases will be covered in the lecture.) Please search for a case in a country of your interests and document the following items.

Engagement information

1. Year of filing or disclosure (Entry & Exit)
2. Country
3. Activist name and other basic information
4. Target name and other basic information
5. Summary of activist engagements
6. Activist engagement outcomes
 - a. Board change (replacement of the CEO, Chairman, or Non-executive directors)
 - b. Changes to payout policy (share buybacks or increased/special dividend)
 - c. Restructuring (divestitures and spin-off of non-core assets, and blocking diversifying acquisitions)
 - d. Takeover (the target firm is acquired by a strategic buyer or private equity fund)
7. Track record (Exit or Hold?)
8. Stock price around disclosure of activist engagements
9. Stock price around exit of activists

*Please specify the source of information.

Appendix. List of Major Hedge Fund Activists

Here is the list of funds with a minimum of ten engagements worldwide during 2000-2010

Steel Partners	Harbinger Capital	Yucaipa Companies LLC
Financial Edge Fund	SAC Capital Advisors	Barington Capital Group
MMI Investments LP	Highland Capital Management	Newcastle Partners
Carl Icahn	Elliott Associates	Governance for Owners
SCFS Equities	The Children's Investment Fund	Cycladic Capital Management
Effissimo Capital Management	Nierenberg Investment Partners	Third Avenue Asset Management
ValueAct Capital Partners	Wynnefield Capital	Deminor
Cannell Capital	Stillwell Value	Symphony Financial Partners
Atlantic Investment Management	Audley Capital	Clinton Group
Ramius	Hermes Focus Funds	Greenlight Capital
Discovery Group	Southeastern Asset Management	Jana Partners
Ichigo Asset Management	Leonardo Capital	GAMCO Investors, Inc
Third Point	Blum Capital Partners	David M Knott
Shamrock Activist Value Fund	Pirate Capital, LLC	Taiyo Pacific Partners
DE Shaw Group	Breeden Capital Management	Cevian Capital
Murakami Fund	Riley Investment Management	Sterling Investment Group
Amber Capital Sandell Asset	Relational Investors	Wyser Pratte & Co
Farrallon Capital Management	Liberty Square	Lazard Korea Corp. Gov. Fund
Centaurus Capital	Laxey Partners	Pershing Square LLC
Principle Capital Inv. Trust	Dalton Fund	K Capital Partners