



New MFA Resource Guide: EU Short Selling Regulation Compliance:

Recently, MFA released its [Resource Guide: EU Short Selling Regulation Compliance](#), a comprehensive web page that brings together important information regarding the EU Short Selling Regulation (SSR). The SSR took effect on November 1, 2012 and could potentially have a significant impact on many MFA members, whether those members are based in the U.S. or the EU.

MFA has closely monitored the SSR throughout its development from proposed legislation by the EU Council and Parliament, to final implementing regulations issued by the European Commission and the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA). MFA has put together key legislative and regulatory materials issued by EU regulators in connection with the regulation on this page.

For more information, please visit MFA's new [Resource Guide: EU Short Selling Regulation Compliance page](#).

MFA and LSTA Hold Field Hearing on Chapter 11 Reform:

On October 17, MFA and the Loan Syndications and Trading Association (LSTA) sponsored a field hearing of the American Bankruptcy Institute's (ABI) Commission to Study Chapter 11 Reform. The hearing allowed ABI to gather information and views from various financial stakeholders and academics on improving the Bankruptcy Code.

Witnesses testified on how to better facilitate the reorganization of business debtors, while preserving and expanding jobs, by creating a bankruptcy system that is efficient, predictable, transparent, and fair.

MFA believes that well-functioning capital markets provide significant benefits to the bankruptcy process. Certainty and transparency in the bankruptcy system gives investors confidence that their investments will be treated fairly, encouraging investment in U.S. businesses. These characteristics are hugely important for job creation and the development of robust capital markets.

To learn more about the hearing, [click here](#).

Singaporean Regulator Cites MFA Study in Speech at SALT Conference:

Speaking at the SkyBridge Alternative Conference in Singapore last week, Lim Hng Kiang, Minister for Trade and Industry and Deputy Chairman, Monetary Authority of Singapore highlighted MFA's recent study on risk management. MFA released this study in early September along with BNY Mellon and HedgeMark. The study included survey results and other data points showing the growing importance of risk management in the industry.

“To meet the demands of institutional investors and global regulatory standards, hedge funds have taken steps to beef up their risk management and compliance functions,” he said. “In a recent study by the Managed Funds Association, BNY Mellon and HedgeMark, it was found that 79% of global hedge funds now separate the roles of the risk manager and fund manager, with 60% of the larger hedge funds having a dedicated risk management function. This augurs well for the hedge fund industry, as it allows the industry to grow in a more sustainable manner with strong internal control systems and risk management oversight.”

The focus on risk management in the speech highlighted the importance of risk management and how it posits well for the long-term prospects of the industry. The study also noted that 84% of hedge funds use off the shelf risk analytics and that hedge funds are increasingly telling their stories in plain language, focusing on explaining their approach to risk to investors in detail.

For the full text of Lim Hng Kiang’s speech, [click here](#).

To view “The Risk Roadmap: Hedge Funds and Investors’ Evolving Approach to Risk” report, [click here](#).

Hedge Fund Industry Assets Grow According to New Report by Hedge Fund Research:

Hedge fund industry assets surged to a new record high – backed by strong performance in the third quarter of this year. According to new numbers released by Hedge Fund Research, performance and net inflows led to a 3.6% increase in industry assets to \$2.19 trillion. The new high exceeds the previous record set in the first quarter of this year.

HFR’s data show an increase in hedge fund industry assets of \$80 billion during the third quarter, giving 2012 a \$183 billion increase in assets to date. Investors also allocated a net total of \$10.6 billion in new capital in the third quarter, pushing year-to-date net inflow totals to \$31 billion.

To view the new HFR press release, [click here](#).

Hedge Fund Fundamentals Presentations Launched This Month:

Hedge Fund Fundamentals is a website offering straightforward, informative educational materials on different aspects of the hedge fund industry. This month the site added new resources, including:

- *What is a Hedge Fund?*
- *Hedge Fund Strategies*
- *The Benefits of Hedge Fund Investing*
- *Hedge Funds & Risk Management*

The site also offers visitors a new infographic, entitled: *What is a Hedge Fund?* Hedge Fund Fundamentals is designed to help answer questions and promote a greater understanding of the global hedge fund industry and its benefits to investors and the global economy.

To check out the new presentations and materials, [click here](#).

MFA's *Outlook 2102* Recap:

MFA convened another successful *Outlook* conference in New York City. *Outlook 2012* provided a venue for thought-leaders and founders in the industry to gather and discuss the major issues currently facing the hedge fund industry.

To view photos from this year's Outlook conference, [click here](#).