



Hedge Fund Association Appoints U.S. Regional Chapter Leaders Thalius Hecksher and Robert Sawyer

NEW YORK – November 25, 2013 - The [Hedge Fund Association](#) announced today the appointments of Thalius Hecksher as Regional Director for the HFA's Southeast Chapter, and Robert G. Sawyer in the newly created role of Regional Director for the HFA's Boston Chapter. These accomplished industry professionals have been chosen to direct the HFA's local event programs, and contribute to the organization's mission of advancing transparency, development and trust in alternative investments.

[Thalius Hecksher](#) is Global Managing Director of Business Development for Apex Fund Services. Apex Fund Services, a global provider of total fund solutions to the Asset Management community with 33 offices worldwide and is one of the fastest growing independently owned Administrators. He has over 18 years of experience working within the international financial markets and has significant expertise in the fund management and asset management sectors. Prior to joining Apex, Thalius was Head of Sales for EMEA at Linedata Services and before that was a sales director at Thomson Financial (now Thomson Reuters).

[Robert Sawyer's](#) practice at Foley Hoag LLP is focused on investment advisers and private investment funds, including hedge funds, private equity and venture capital funds. As co-chair of the firm's investment management practice, Robert assists advisers with the formation and structuring of domestic and offshore investment funds, as well as a range of regulatory compliance matters, including formulation of policies and procedures tailored to their business, advice and assistance with respect to current regulatory developments and compliance with registration and reporting requirements.

"As the markets continue to react positively and we see continued growth within the hedge funds arena, I'm delighted to join a panel of well-regarded industry experts at the HFA who actively guide the shape of industry as we know it today through collaboration and sharing of insights in an ever changing landscape," said Thalius Hecksher, regional director for the HFA's Southeast Chapter. "Florida and the South East is becoming a great jurisdiction of choice for new and well established managers and I'm pleased to taking on this leadership role at an important time and location."

"I'm excited to be taking on this leadership role in an organization that represents such a dynamic segment of the financial industry," said Robert Sawyer, regional director for the HFA's Boston Chapter. "The continued growth of alternative investments relies not only on our ability to promote broader understanding of the value of these investments, but also to promote discussion and understanding amongst our own professionals as to current issues and regulatory developments facing the industry. I'm looking forward to being part of that growth through the HFA."

"All HFA leaders, elected and appointed, volunteer to help foster the growth of the alternative investment industry," said HFA President Mitch Ackles. "These new U.S. regional leaders, each highly accomplished senior professionals, will add to the wealth of talent and networking opportunities available to HFA members everywhere."

About The Hedge Fund Association

The Hedge Fund Association is an international not-for-profit organization made up of hedge funds, funds of hedge funds, family offices, high-net-worth individuals, financial advisors, and service providers. In the U.S., the HFA has chapters in the Northeast, Southeast, Midwest and on the West Coast. Internationally, the HFA has chapters in Europe, Asia, Australia, Latin America and the Cayman Islands. HFA works on behalf of the entire hedge fund industry, including more than 10,000 hedge funds in the U.S. and abroad which collectively manage in excess of \$2.4 trillion in assets, as well as sophisticated investors and industry service providers.

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