

Corporate Governance in Macquarie-managed Funds



Macquarie's expertise in managing fund assets and sourcing new value-adding opportunities is a key attraction for investors in Macquarie-managed funds (Funds).

The Macquarie-managed funds' governance standards adopt an appropriate governance framework to ensure that key decisions are taken in the best interests of investors consistently with the fund's mandate and regulatory requirements.

The key elements of Macquarie's corporate governance framework for Funds are:

- appropriate management of conflicts of interest arising between a Fund and its related parties. Related party transactions should be identified clearly, conducted on arm's length terms and tested by reference to whether they meet market standards. Decisions by listed Funds about transactions with Macquarie or its affiliates should be made independent of Macquarie.
- appropriate resourcing of funds management businesses. In particular:
 - staff involved in managing a Fund should be dedicated to the relevant funds management business, rather than to advisory or other activities
 - all recommendations to Fund boards (and supporting information) should be prepared or reviewed by funds management staff
 - each listed Fund that invests in operating assets or businesses should have its own managing director or chief executive officer as well as a majority of independent directors on the Fund board
 - Chinese walls operate to separate Macquarie's corporate finance, advisory and equity capital markets businesses from its funds management businesses.