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Influence of Activist Shareholders on M&A and Corporate Governance

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Topics to be Covered

- Background of activists
- Target companies
- Playbook for activist campaign
- Being prepared
- Goals and outcomes
- Appendix: Case study

Background of activists

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What is an activist shareholder?

- An outside shareholder who takes action to influence corporate practices in one or more areas:
 - Financial
 - Operational
 - Strategic
 - Board or Management
- Ultimate goal is shareholder returns/value creation

Who are the major activists?



\$39.5bn

Paul

Carl Icahn



\$32.9bn

Daniel Loeb



Ubben

\$15.7bn

Jeffrey



Bill





THIRD POINT

\$18.0bn

\$15.2bn







Nelson Keith Peltz Meister





Thomas



Jeffrey

\$11.4bn

\$11.4bn

\$8.6bn

\$8.2bn

\$1 bn

\$2.6bn

... plus many others

Other Funds Deploying Activist Strategies

- Appaloosa Management
- Arcadia Capital Advisors
- Atlantic Investment Management
- **Audley Capital**
- Barington Capital Group
- Becker Drapkin Management
- Biglari Capital
- Blue Harbour Group
- Breeden Capital Management
- Brigade Capital Management
- Brooklyn Capital Management/ **Bulldog Investors**
- Cannell Capital
- Casablanca Capital
- Carlson Capital
- Citadel Advisors
- Clinton Group Coppersmith Capital Management
- Crescendo Advisors
- Discovery Group
- Dolphin Ltd Partnership
- Engaged Capital
- **Engine Capital**
- EverPoint Asset Management (f/k/a SAC Capital Advisors)
- First Manhattan Co.

- Franklin Mutual Advisors
- Front Four Capital
- **GAMCO Investors**
- Glenview Capital Management
- Harbinger Capital
- HealthCor Management
- Highfields Capital
- Highland Capital Management
- JCP Investment Management
- Jewelcor Management
- Karpus Investment Management
- Lawndale Capital Management
- Locksmith Capital Management Loeb Capital Management
- Luxor Capital Group
- Marcato Capital Management
- Mason Capital
- MCM Management
- Millennium Management
- Mustang Capital Management
- Newcastle Partners
- Nierenberg Investment Management
- Norges Bank Investment Management
- Oliver Press Partners
- Pardus Capital Management
- Paulson & Co.

- Perry Capital
- PL Capital Potomac Capital Management
- Privet Fund Management
- Raging Capital Management
- Red Mountain Capital Partners Riley Investment Management
- Roark Rearden & Hamot
- Sabby Management
- Sarissa Capital Management
- Scepter Holdings
- Scopia Management
- Seidman and Associates
- SMP Asset Management
- Southeastern Asset Management
- Spotlight Advisors
- Steel Partners
- Stillwell Value
- TCI Fund Management
- Western Investment
- Wynnefield Capital Management
- York Capital

... and many more





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