

## Activism & M&A Trends

M&A and shareholder activism are going ‘hand in hand’ more than ever. While friendly M&A remains robust in today’s market, activist pressure on companies to sell and willingness to contest transaction valuations seeking greater premiums are becoming more common. Even at historic market highs and valuations, the credibility and reputation of Boards and management are on the line – with IROs often on the front lines. Join us for an interactive discussion of trends in activism and M&A, and how you can be prepared to handle the current environment.

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- From the first call: How do you engage with an activist?
- What do activists typically seek and what are their tactics?
- What are my duties to engage?
- What is the M&A landscape? Relative to shareholder activism?
- How can I best position my company in a transaction?



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