

Bio – Adriana Kostov – Award-winning Advocacy for Women in Financial Services

Ms Kostov, as Regional Director Australia of the global Hedge Fund Association, and prior Director of Regulatory Affairs & Compliance for Excalibur Funds Management, has been heavily involved in activities involving the advocacy for women, and promotion of women building careers in the financial services sector.

Her advocacy work for women was recognized via the award of an “Industry Advocacy” prize in Australia’s Women in Financial Services Awards in 2014.

“The Women in Finance Awards is the benchmark for excellence celebrating and recognizing the outstanding women influencing the Australian finance industry.

The awards recognise excellence and advocacy from women across the financial services spectrum”

Ms Kostov was also invited as a speaker at the Women in Asset Management Forum, presented by Asian Investor magazine, at the Ritz Carlton in Hong Kong in 2014.

Ms Kostov was invited to speak under the Panel Discussion of “The Role of Women”, which was a “***discussion on the trials and successes of women in the asset management industry, the importance of mentoring, challenges in climbing the corporate ladder, professional selfawareness and visibility, and solutions to women’s obstacles to professional success.***”

Ms Kostov also arranged and hosted local and international investment forums, for the benefit of the Australian alternative investment and hedge fund sector.

These events included:

- Price Waterhouse Coopers Regulatory Update
- KPMG Australia Hedge Funds Symposium
- Hedge Fund Standards Board Institutional Investor Roundtable

Lara Block, the Executive Director of the Hedge Fund Association wrote in her recommendation letter:

“Adriana Kostov has served as the Regional Director of the Australian Chapter of Hedge Fund Association since 2013. Adriana has proved to be very responsible, proactive, and innovative, and when she sets out to do something she gets done. Adriana has worked diligently and pro-actively to further the goals of the HFA in Australia.”