

**MUTUAL FUND DIRECTORS FORUM ANNOUNCES
ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

*Dina Tantra brings wide experience and a tireless commitment to working with and for
fund independent directors*

Washington, D.C. (March 7, 2024) – The Mutual Fund Directors Forum (www.mfdf.org), the independent membership organization for fund independent directors, today announced the election of Dina Tantra to its board of directors.

Ms. Tantra serves as Board Chair for Heartland Funds, a 40 year old asset manager focused on value investing. She also serves as an Independent Board Trustee and Chair of Nominating & Governance Committee for both Thornburg Income Builder Opportunities Fund (a closed-end fund managed by Thornburg Investment Management) and Boston Trust Walden mutual funds, which focuses on ESG. Previously, she served as CEO and Board Member of Advisers Investment Trust, a series trust fund company.

As Co-CEO, Dina built Global Rhino, LLC, a strategic advisory firm helping asset managers to bridge the gap between managing money and managing the business of asset management. During her career, she has also led business, legal and compliance teams at several asset managers and fund administrators.

“We are so pleased that Dina is joining MFDF’s Board. Her board service and prior experience will add an important perspective to the board,” said Carolyn McPhillips, President of the Mutual Fund Directors Forum. “Dina’s contributions to our work have already been significant. We can’t wait to gain the benefits of her insights in a more formal way as she joins the Board.”

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The Mutual Fund Directors Forum is an independent, non-profit organization that exclusively serves independent directors of U.S. funds. The Forum enhances the governance of funds by providing educational and outreach programs as well as the opportunity for directors to exchange views with one another, other industry participants, and with industry regulators. The Forum also provides independent directors with a voice in the key policy issues affecting funds and their shareholders. For more information, please visit www.mfdf.org.

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