



## FACT SHEET

- AIMA Canada, the Canadian office of the Alternative Investment Management Association (AIMA), was formed in March 2003 to act as the voice of the alternative investment industry in Canada.
- Founded in 1990, AIMA is an international not-for-profit global trade association that focuses specifically on hedge funds, managed futures and managed currency funds. Its objectives are: to increase investor education, transparency and promote due diligence and related sound practices, and to work closely with regulators and interested parties in order to promote the responsible use of alternative investments.
- AIMA has over 1,200 corporate members in 47 countries around the world. Its membership covers the entire spectrum of the industry, including fund of funds managers, institutional investors, hedge fund managers, prime brokers, exchanges, fund administrators, auditors, lawyers and other specialist service providers. AIMA Canada has 75 corporate members.
- In addition to holding Chapter luncheons and information sessions in Toronto and Montreal, AIMA Canada has, over the past several years, developed a number of educational materials, including:
  - Guide to Sound Practices for Hedge Fund Managers
  - Guide to Sound Practices for Disclosure and Promotion of Alternative Investments in Canada
  - Hedge Fund Primer for Canadian Investors
  - Hedge Fund Investor Checklist.
  - AIMA Canada Strategy Paper Series (including Equity Market Neutral Strategy, Long/Short Equity Strategy, The Role of a Prime Broker, Convertible Arbitrage Strategy, An Overview of Short Selling, An Overview of Leverage, Risk Arbitrage, Portable Alpha and Managed Futures).All of these papers may be downloaded free of charge from the AIMA-Canada web site.
- In 2005, AIMA Canada introduced the AIMA Canada Research Award which is awarded annually as a means of promoting high-quality Canadian research relating to the alternative investment industry.
- Phil Schmitt, President of Summerwood Group Inc., serves as Chairman of AIMA Canada and heads its five-member Executive Committee which includes: Eamonn McConnell (Deputy-Chairman), Michael Burns (Legal Counsel), Andrew Doman (Secretary), and Chris Pitts (Treasurer).
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