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2014 01/14 Operating Executive Compensation Report **Survey Analysis** 

### Introduction

Heidrick & Struggles is pleased to present our 2014 North American Operating Executive Compensation Report.

We were fortunate to be able to draw upon the resources and network of both PE Open and PEI, making this report the most comprehensive compensation report of its type. We received 165 valid surveys. All of the answers are selfreported.

In addition to questions on compensation, we asked respondents to inform us about their backgrounds, the scope of their roles and how they are employed.

With respect to compensation, we looked at the level of cash and non-cash compensation (carry, equity, etc.) according to title, as well as both current fund size and total AUM. We also explored the source of respondents pay (GP, portfolio fees, etc.) and how their compensation has changed over the past year.

Some interesting data points of note:

- The vast majority of operating executives reported no change in cash compensation from 2012 to 2013.
- The majority (60%) of operating partners are employed by the GP but 40% are either self- employed or employed in a 3rd party legal entity.
- Less than half (43%) of operating partners receive their cash compensation exclusively from the GP management fee. The remaining 57% receive their cash compensation by charging portfolio companies or a combination of management fees and portfolio company fees.
- Only 11% of the respondents had a prior working relationship with the GPs. This is a clear indication of the explosive growth in the operating executive role given that in the past, most GPs hired executives from successfully exited portfolio companies.
- Pages 4 and 5 provide a graphic representation of respondents' average base salary, bonus and carry by both current fund size and total AUM. We have also provided charts on pages 12-15, which illustrate the full range of responses received. It is worth noting that the carry number in the charts that focus on current fund size *include only fund carry, not deal by deal carry or any equity participation in individual companies.* The carry numbers in the charts that focus on AUM include *all fund carry, deal by deal carry and equity participation.* As such, we regard the carry figures for the charts that have been sorted by AUM as a more accurate representation of total non-cash compensation.

We look forward to discussing our findings with you.

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# Profile of Respondents



# Average Base, Bonus & Carry by AUM ('000s)



Carry - \$ at work – in this case the expected return on carry participation across all vehicles, including deal-bydeal carry and direct equity participation. This is based on achieving a net 2x return (above hurdle and after fees) in a vehicle charging a 20% performance fee.

Average Base (Median) 2013

# Average Base, Bonus & Carry by Most Recent Fund Size ('000s)



Carry - \$ at work - in this case the expected return on carry participation in the respondents' current fund. This is based on achieving a net 2x return (above hurdle and after fees) in a vehicle charging a 20% performance fee.

Average Carry Most Recent Fund (000 s Average Bonus (Median) 2013 Average Base (Median) 2013

# General Observations on Compensation Trends



Base Salary: 2013 vs. 2012

#### Amount of Base Salary Increase Reported by Respondents



# General Observations on Compensation Trends



Bonus: 2013 vs. 2012

#### Amount of Bonus Increase Reported by Respondents



# Scope of Role



#### Average Board Seat vs. Average Observer Seat by Title



# Economics of Current Role and Career Prospects







How Respondents' Cash Compensation is Funded

Path to become Partner or Managing Director



Fund management fee only

Portfolio company oversight fees only

Time billed directly to portfolio companies only

Fund management fee & Portfolio company oversight fees

Fund management fee & Time billed directly to portfolio co's
Portfolio company oversight fees & Time billed directly to portfolio companies

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# Fund performance & Education vs. Compensation





# Appendix

#### Base, Bonus & Carry - Range ('000s) Carry by Total Firm AUM

#### Less than \$500M

		2011			2012			2013	
	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High
Base									
Firm Leader	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$176	\$176	\$176
General Partnership level	\$176	\$251	\$376	\$226	\$251	\$426	\$226	\$251	\$426
One step below general partnership level	\$326	\$376	\$426	\$301	\$326	\$426	\$251	\$276	\$426
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$188	\$251	\$376	\$188	\$276	\$376	\$263	\$326	\$376
Bonus									
Firm Leader	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$126	\$126	\$126
General Partnership level	\$75	\$151	\$776	\$69	\$100	\$826	\$69	\$100	\$476
One step below general partnership level	\$100	\$126	\$176	\$151	\$176	\$176	\$100	\$126	\$126
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$49	\$62	\$426	\$49	\$62	\$526	\$49	\$62	\$776
Carry Most Recent Fund		Low			Ave			High	
General Partnership level		\$1,900			\$2,500			\$4,000	
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor		\$2,750			\$3,500			\$5,000	

#### \$500M -\$1B

		2011			2012			2013	
	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High
Base									
Firm Leader	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$226	\$226	\$226	\$226	\$226	\$226
General Partnership level	\$176	\$226	\$726	\$201	\$326	\$726	\$201	\$326	\$726
One step below general partnership level	\$226	\$226	\$326	\$226	\$251	\$326	\$238	\$276	\$326
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$276	\$376	\$526	\$276	\$376	\$726	\$113	\$251	\$776
Bonus									
Firm Leader	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$126	\$126	\$126	\$126	\$126	\$126
General Partnership level	\$49	\$49	\$176	\$49	\$49	\$176	\$49	\$49	\$176
One step below general partnership level	\$49	\$49	\$326	\$49	\$62	\$426	\$49	\$87	\$426
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$49	\$112	\$426	\$49	\$112	\$426	\$106	\$176	\$326
Carry Most Recent Fund		Low			Ave			High	
Firm Leader		\$4,000			\$4,000			\$4,000	
General Partnership level		\$1,438			\$3,175			\$6,000	
One step below general partnership level		\$963			\$1,700			\$3,350	
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor		\$100			\$100			\$100	

#### \$1.1B - \$1.5B

		2011			2012			2013	
	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High
Base									
General Partnership level	\$226	\$326	\$526	\$226	\$326	\$526	\$213	\$326	\$526
One step below general partnership level	\$176	\$226	\$326	\$226	\$226	\$376	\$226	\$251	\$376
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$326	\$326	\$326	\$326	\$326	\$326	\$326	\$326	\$326
Bonus									
General Partnership level	\$75	\$201	\$576	\$113	\$226	\$576	\$113	\$251	\$976
One step below general partnership level	\$69	\$126	\$226	\$113	\$151	\$226	\$69	\$126	\$276
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$49
Carry Most Recent Fund		Low			Ave			High	
General Partnership level		\$1,613			\$3,000			\$14,000	
One step below general partnership level		\$400			\$1,000			\$2,000	

#### Base, Bonus & Carry - Range ('000s) Carry by Total Firm AUM

### \$5.5B - \$10B

		2011			2012			2013	
	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High
Base									
General Partnership level	\$276	\$326	\$776	\$226	\$276	\$826	\$226	\$276	\$926
One step below general partnership level	\$188	\$251	\$376	\$188	\$226	\$426	\$188	\$251	\$476
Two steps below general partnership level	\$176	\$176	\$326	\$176	\$176	\$326	\$176	\$176	\$326
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$263	\$276	\$376	\$263	\$276	\$376	\$263	\$326	\$376
Bonus									
General Partnership level	\$201	\$326	\$1,276	\$176	\$426	\$1,476	\$201	\$426	\$1,476
One step below general partnership level	\$113	\$251	\$876	\$163	\$301	\$776	\$188	\$276	\$426
Two steps below general partnership level	\$126	\$151	\$176	\$138	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$176
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$49	\$87	\$226	\$49	\$87	\$126	\$49	\$49	\$126
Carry Most Recent Fund		Low			Ave			High	
General Partnership level		\$4,500			\$9,000			\$19,500	
One step below general partnership level		\$1,675			\$2,550			\$5,100	
Two steps below general partnership level		\$1,125			\$1,250			\$1,500	
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor		\$888			\$1,425			\$2,500	

#### \$10.1B - \$20B

		2011			2012			2013	
	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High
Base									
General Partnership level	\$401	\$676	\$1,001	\$501	\$826	\$1,001	\$501	\$826	\$1,001
One step below general partnership level	\$238	\$276	\$476	\$276	\$276	\$476	\$276	\$276	\$476
Two steps below general partnership level	\$138	\$151	\$176	\$151	\$176	\$226	\$151	\$176	\$226
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$238	\$326	\$476	\$238	\$376	\$526	\$238	\$376	\$576
Bonus									
General Partnership level	\$112	\$276	\$1,276	\$112	\$176	\$1,276	\$112	\$176	\$1,276
One step below general partnership level	\$126	\$126	\$2,251	\$126	\$176	\$2,251	\$126	\$176	\$2,751
Two steps below general partnership level	\$176	\$226	\$326	\$226	\$276	\$376	\$263	\$301	\$376
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$49	\$62	\$376	\$49	\$62	\$376	\$56	\$75	\$376
Carry Most Recent Fund		Low			Ave			High	
General Partnership level		\$4,263			\$11,000			\$15,000	
One step below general partnership level		\$2,625			\$4,000			\$6,250	
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor		\$1,200			\$1,200			\$1,200	

#### More than \$20B

		2011			2012			2013	
	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High
Base									
Firm Leader	\$526	\$526	\$526	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$576	\$576	\$576
General Partnership level	\$313	\$426	\$726	\$351	\$451	\$776	\$363	\$476	\$1,001
One step below general partnership level	\$176	\$226	\$426	\$176	\$226	\$426	\$213	\$226	\$476
Two steps below general partnership level	\$138	\$151	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$176
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$213	\$301	\$476	\$213	\$301	\$476	\$213	\$301	\$476
Bonus									
Firm Leader	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$426	\$426	\$426
General Partnership level	\$351	\$526	\$826	\$413	\$526	\$976	\$501	\$576	\$1,126
One step below general partnership level	\$113	\$176	\$526	\$113	\$176	\$526	\$126	\$201	\$526
Two steps below general partnership level	\$126	\$126	\$126	\$138	\$151	\$176	\$138	\$151	\$176
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$93	\$137	\$226	\$93	\$137	\$226	\$93	\$137	\$226
Carry Most Recent Fund		Low			Ave			High	
Firm Leader		\$17,800			\$17,800			\$17,800	
General Partnership level		\$2,000			\$4,125			\$12,000	
One step below general partnership level		\$750			\$900			\$50,000	
Two steps below general partnership level		\$1,000			\$1,000			\$1,000	
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor		\$2,000			\$2,000			\$2,000	

#### Base, Bonus & Carry - Range ('000s) Carry by Most Recent Fund Size

#### Less than \$500M

		2011			2012			2013	
	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High
Base									
Firm Leader	\$81	\$112	\$176	\$93	\$137	\$226	\$188	\$201	\$226
General Partnership level	\$176	\$276	\$376	\$226	\$276	\$426	\$226	\$226	\$426
One step below general partnership level	\$226	\$276	\$426	\$238	\$301	\$426	\$238	\$276	\$426
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$113	\$176	\$376	\$113	\$176	\$376	\$76	\$201	\$376
Bonus									
Firm Leader	\$56	\$62	\$75	\$68	\$87	\$126	\$126	\$126	\$126
General Partnership level	\$62	\$176	\$776	\$49	\$126	\$826	\$49	\$75	\$476
One step below general partnership level	\$88	\$126	\$326	\$138	\$201	\$426	\$88	\$126	\$426
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$49	\$62	\$426	\$49	\$62	\$526	\$69	\$100	\$776
Carry Most Recent Fund		Low			Ave			High	
Firm Leader		\$4,000			\$4,000			\$4,000	
General Partnership level		\$1,138			\$1,900			\$4,000	
One step below general partnership level		\$850			\$850			\$850	
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor		\$1,050			\$2,000			\$5,000	

#### \$500M -\$1B

		2011			2012			2013	
	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High
Base									
General Partnership level	\$226	\$276	\$726	\$226	\$326	\$726	\$226	\$326	\$726
One step below general partnership level	\$176	\$201	\$326	\$176	\$226	\$326	\$176	\$226	\$326
Two steps below general partnership level	\$126	\$126	\$126	\$126	\$126	\$126	\$126	\$126	\$126
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$451	\$476	\$526	\$501	\$576	\$726	\$288	\$451	\$776
Bonus									
General Partnership level	\$49	\$126	\$576	\$49	\$126	\$576	\$49	\$126	\$976
One step below general partnership level	\$49	\$100	\$526	\$49	\$100	\$526	\$56	\$126	\$526
Two steps below general partnership level	\$326	\$326	\$326	\$376	\$376	\$376	\$376	\$376	\$376
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$238	\$301	\$426	\$238	\$301	\$426	\$251	\$276	\$326
Carry Most Recent Fund		Low			Ave			High	
General Partnership level		\$2,038			\$3,175			\$14,000	
One step below general partnership level		\$1,000			\$1,500			\$3,350	

#### \$1.1B - \$1.5B

		2011			2012			2013	
	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High
Base									
General Partnership level	\$376	\$426	\$526	\$376	\$426	\$526	\$326	\$426	\$526
One step below general partnership level	\$276	\$276	\$326	\$251	\$276	\$276	\$251	\$276	\$276
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$276	\$276	\$326	\$276	\$276	\$326	\$276	\$326	\$376
Bonus									
General Partnership level	\$112	\$226	\$826	\$112	\$226	\$876	\$49	\$176	\$1,126
One step below general partnership level	\$126	\$126	\$876	\$126	\$126	\$776	\$126	\$126	\$276
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$49	\$49	\$75	\$49	\$49	\$75	\$49	\$49	\$75
Firm Leader		Low			Ave			High	
General Partnership level		\$2,250			\$3,500			\$12,000	
One step below general partnership level		\$250			\$250			\$250	
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor		\$2,000			\$2,000			\$2,000	

### Base, Bonus & Carry - Range ('000s) Carry by Most Recent Fund Size

### \$1.6B - \$5B

		2011			2012			2013	
	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High
Base									
General Partnership level	\$226	\$326	\$1,001	\$226	\$326	\$1,001	\$226	\$326	\$1,001
One step below general partnership level	\$226	\$276	\$476	\$226	\$276	\$476	\$226	\$276	\$476
Two steps below general partnership level	\$176	\$176	\$326	\$176	\$176	\$326	\$176	\$176	\$326
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$288	\$351	\$476	\$288	\$351	\$526	\$288	\$351	\$526
Bonus									
General Partnership level	\$88	\$251	\$1,276	\$176	\$326	\$1,476	\$176	\$401	\$1,476
One step below general partnership level	\$100	\$126	\$2,251	\$126	\$176	\$2,251	\$126	\$226	\$2,751
Two steps below general partnership level	\$126	\$126	\$176	\$126	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$226
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$49	\$49	\$376	\$49	\$49	\$376	\$49	\$62	\$376
Carry Most Recent Fund		Low			Ave			High	
General Partnership level		\$3,000			\$5,000			\$19,500	
One step below general partnership level		\$1,075			\$2,300			\$8,500	
Two steps below general partnership level		\$1,125			\$1,250			\$1,500	
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor		\$2,500			\$2,500			\$2,500	

#### \$5.1B - \$10B

		2011			2012			2013	
	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High
Base									
Firm Leader	\$526	\$526	\$526	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$576	\$576	\$576
General Partnership level	\$351	\$526	\$976	\$401	\$526	\$976	\$401	\$526	\$976
One step below general partnership level	\$176	\$201	\$476	\$176	\$226	\$476	\$188	\$251	\$426
Two steps below general partnership level	\$126	\$126	\$126	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$176
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$226	\$226	\$376	\$226	\$226	\$476	\$226	\$226	\$576
Bonus									
Firm Leader	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$426	\$426	\$426
General Partnership level	\$201	\$376	\$1,026	\$276	\$426	\$1,026	\$351	\$526	\$1,026
One step below general partnership level	\$49	\$62	\$176	\$49	\$62	\$226	\$49	\$87	\$276
Two steps below general partnership level	\$126	\$126	\$126	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$126	\$126	\$126
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$137	\$226	\$226	\$87	\$126	\$326	\$49	\$49	\$326
Carry Most Recent Fund		Low			Ave			High	
Firm Leader		\$17,800			\$17,800			\$17,800	
General Partnership level		\$3,050			\$6,000			\$15,000	
One step below general partnership level		\$750			\$800			\$6,250	
Two steps below general partnership level		\$1,000			\$1,000			\$1,000	
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor		\$563			\$775			\$1,200	

#### More than \$10B

	2011			2012			2013		
	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High	Low	Ave	High
Base									
General Partnership level	\$276	\$426	\$726	\$276	\$476	\$1,001	\$326	\$476	\$1,001
One step below general partnership level	\$226	\$226	\$326	\$226	\$226	\$326	\$226	\$276	\$326
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$476	\$476
Bonus									
General Partnership level	\$276	\$476	\$726	\$376	\$526	\$976	\$376	\$526	\$826
One step below general partnership level	\$226	\$226	\$326	\$226	\$326	\$376	\$226	\$326	\$526
Senior Advisor / Executive Advisor	\$226	\$226	\$226	\$226	\$226	\$226	\$226	\$226	\$226
Carry Most Recent Fund		Low			Ave			High	
General Partnership level		\$2,000			\$4,150			\$12,000	
One step below general partnership level		\$1,000			\$2,000			\$50,000	



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