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### **Presentation Overview**

- Watson Wyatt's credentials in and approach to investment consulting
- Your issues/views
- What are fund managers worth in the market?
- Characteristics of successful fund management organisations
- The role of compensation and optimal design
- Discussion



# Global Presence of Watson Wyatt Investment Consulting



#### **European Practice:**

175 investment professionals
11 countries

Assets: \$775 bn Clients: 770



70 investment professionals 3 countries

Assets: \$685 bn Clients: 400



65 investment professionals
11 countries

Assets: \$209 bn Clients: 360



310 investment professionals

25 countries

Assets: Over US\$1.6 trillion Clients: Over 1,500



## Our manager research philosophy

- Process advantage gets arbitraged out ever faster
  - greater access to information
  - hedge funds
- Business platform is often unstable
  - corporate activity
- People advantage is the principal battleground for success



Alignment of business, people and process strengths leads to sustainable competitive advantage



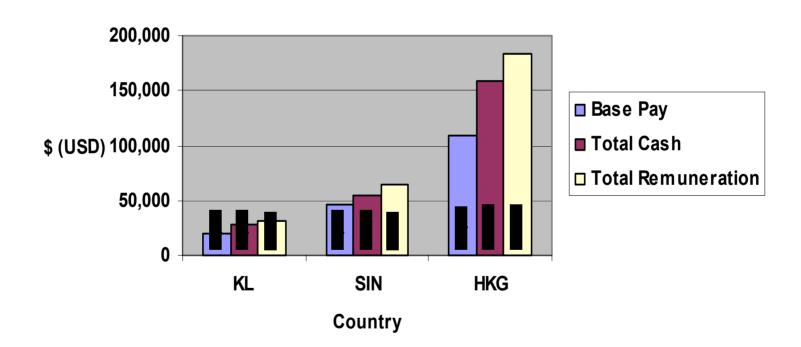


- Tell us about it!
- Your issues
- Your solutions!
- Your concerns
- What you want to know



# **Market Values**

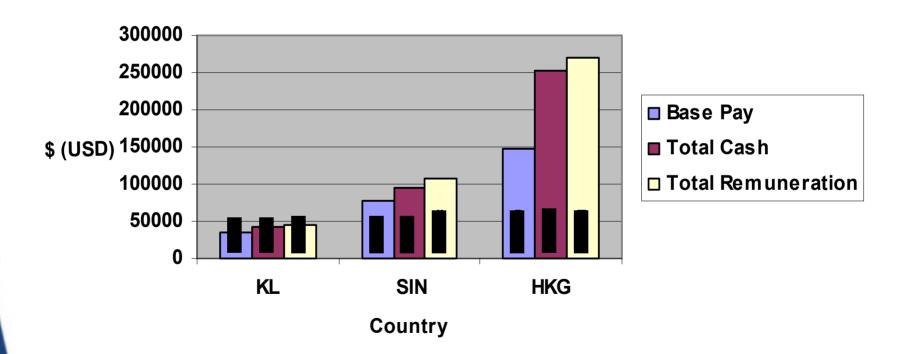
## **Fund Manager (Equity)**





## **Market Values**

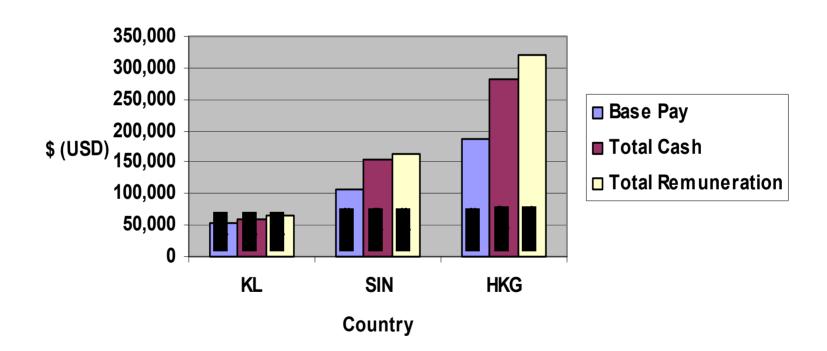
#### **Senior Fund Manager (Equity)**





# **Market Values**

#### **Director Fund Management**





# What makes a successful funds management organisation?

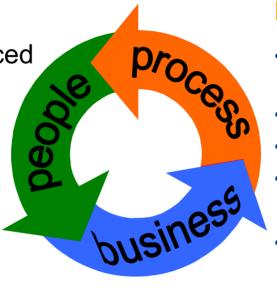
- The 18 qualities we look for

#### **People**

Talented and experienced

Small decision-making teams

- Depth of resources
- Cultural alignment
- Strong recruitment and training
- Healthy staff turnover



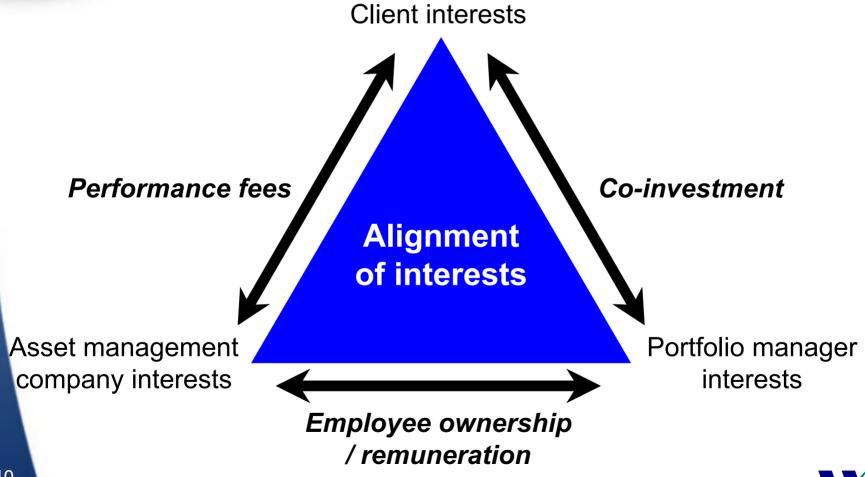
#### **Business**

#### **Process**

- Clear competitive advantage
- Superior research
- Efficient communication
- Strong portfolio construction
  - Transaction cost monitoring
- Evolution of process
- AM core business area
- Long-term focus
- Stable corporate structure
- Employee ownership
- Strong technology platform
- Limitations to growth



# So how can the 'business' and 'people' factors be aligned?





# **Alignment**

- Ownership does not have to be actual equity in the business
  - can be phantom equity
  - can be share of profitability of team / business
  - Important that what is owned has a direct link with the effort of the individual
- Multiple aspect of remuneration
  - Base salary
  - Short term bonus component
  - Longer term incentive plan (deferred compensation)
- Remuneration should be highly transparent



### Remuneration

- Base salary should be competitive (interestingly most managers say they target upper quartile)
- Annual bonus :
  - When linked to performance, should be linked to 3 and 5 year performance history (most are much shorter)
  - Qualitative aspects can be subjective
  - Innovative approaches include deferring a portion of the bonus and invest in own funds (alignment)



### Remuneration

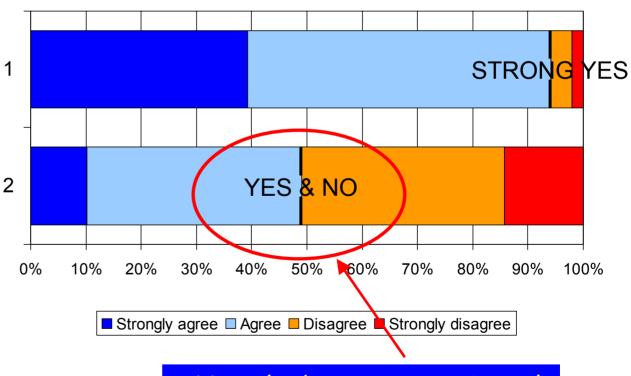
- Approaches to long term incentive plans (LTIP) vary considerably
- Structure needs to be well thought out to ensure payment is spread over time (single lump sum payments can encourage departures)
- LTIPs tend to vest over 3 to 5 years
- LTIPs include:
  - Deferred profit share / bonus
  - Options / equity in business
- Need to be careful that LTIP does not lock in dead-wood

There is no single correct formula, it is dependent on manager's structure and remuneration is multi-facet



# Fund Manager Survey - Responses (1)

- 1. Performance fees can be used to increase client manager alignment.
- 2. Should move to remunerating managers on a basis linked to the profitability of individual products.



You don't seem convinced

## A better fee model

- Manager is paid a base (\$) fee to cover costs of doing business (does not include bonuses or profit margin)
- Annual performance fee which is linked to bonus component of remuneration plus profit component (comprises between 25 and 40% of total fee)
- Significant performance component creates alignment of interest with client
  - Manager focus become one of performance not growth
- Managers benefit because significant portion of revenue is fixed and not dependent on market



# A final thought ...

