

Portfolio Valuation Advisory Services

With the global trend of an accelerated shift to fair value accounting, evidenced in part by recent IPEV, IASB and FASB Fair Value releases, the “old” methods for determining the fair value of illiquid investments often do not live up to current fair value standards or the expectations of the reporting entity’s constituents. Estimating and supporting fair value is ever more challenging as the securities held by investors are becoming increasingly complex.



The Duff & Phelps’ Portfolio Valuation Advisory Group specializes in assisting clients in the valuation of alternative investments, specifically for securities and positions for which there are no “active market” quotations available.

Valuation of Alternative Investments

Given the dramatic rise in the number and value of illiquid securities held by hedge funds, private equity funds, pension funds, endowments and corporations, the scrutiny and attention by investors and regulators to fair value reporting standards has sharpened dramatically. In light of these trends, it is imperative that reported fair values are not only accurate, but are also supported by a well defined and consistently applied valuation policy that complies with the relevant reporting standards.

Our Services

Duff & Phelps brings extensive and unparalleled industry specific experience through years of working with some of the world’s foremost investors in alternative assets. We assist our clients with the valuation challenges of a single investment to entire portfolios of investments. We advise on valuation policy including performing independent “diagnostic” assessments of a client’s existing valuation policy to assisting in the development and implementation of industry leading valuation “best practices.”

DUFF & PHELPS IS A MARKET LEADER IN PROVIDING ILLIQUID PORTFOLIO PRICING VALUATION SERVICES TO THE ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS COMMUNITY.

Our Services

Through engagements involving billions of dollars in positions across all industries and geographies, we have extensive experience with:

- Debt - senior and subordinated, secured and unsecured, performing and distressed
- Preferred and common equity
- Derivatives of all types including:
- Convertible securities, warrants and options
- Equity, energy and credit swaps
- Structured products including CDOs, CLOs, RMBS, CMBS and ABS
- Whole loan pools for residential, commercial and asset back collateral types across all borrower qualities
- Real Estate

Our Clients

Our services are appropriate for any entity with a requirement to estimate and report the fair value of illiquid securities including:

- Private Equity Funds
- Hedge Funds
- Fund of Funds
- Business Development Companies

- Pension Funds, public and private
- Corporations
- Endowments
- Fund Administrators

Benefits

Accurate estimates of fair value resulting from sound valuation policy, well documented and consistently applied, are a requirement for all leading entities investing in alternative assets. Benefits of a “best practices” policy include:

- Enhanced ability to demonstrate and support compliance with financial reporting requirements
- Increased confidence in financial reporting and management by constituents including independent auditors, regulators, boards and investors
- Core competence and hallmark of any well run fund
- Enhanced risk management measure through the additional structure and discipline around the regular monitoring of investments

An independent assessment of an entity's fair value policies, procedures and results by the Duff & Phelps' Portfolio Valuation Advisory Group provides transparency and allows the investor to demonstrate to its board, auditor and constituents that its valuation assessment is appropriate given the latitude and judgment involved in determining fair value at each reporting date.

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About Duff & Phelps

As a leading global independent provider of financial advisory and investment banking services, Duff & Phelps delivers trusted advice to our clients principally in the areas of valuation, transactions, financial restructuring, dispute and taxation. Our world class capabilities and resources, combined with an agile and responsive delivery, distinguish our clients' experience in working with us. With offices in North America, Europe and Asia, Duff & Phelps is committed to fulfilling its mission to protect, recover and maximize value for its clients.

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