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Eric has a wide range of practical experience in Hedge Funds and knowledge in entrepreneurship from Fintech start-ups. Among the start-ups he has co-founded, he still is in the supervisory board of *IRX Investor Relations Exchange* formerly *aktionaersforum AG*, an online shareholder communication company, he was the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of *Swiss Rating Agency SA*, and member of the scientific board of *CEPRES GmbH*, a web-interfaced private equity data provider. In 2010, he had co-founded *Aurarius Fund*, a Volatility Arbitrage Hedge Fund, which had been active in trading until 2013 and received the *Investors Choice Award as Emerging Volatility & Tail Hedge Fund of The Year 2012*.

Professor Nowak maintains close cooperative relationships with Swiss and European policymakers and regulators. He has frequently testified as an academic expert for *SIX Swiss Exchange Regulation*, the *European Parliament*, the *German Ministry of Finance*, and the *German Parliament (Finanzausschuss und Rechtsausschuss des Deutschen Bundestages zu Fragen der Vorstandshaftung)*. He also was OECD Consultant on Corporate Governance of Non-Listed Companies. He is frequently cited in the media and was referred to as "*The Corporate Governance Specialist*" by *Manager Magazin* and *AFP*.