

Activist & proxy contest defense

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London corporate law firm Crefovi has teams of governance practitioners, takeover defense planning advisors and proxy contest defense lawyers. They advise CAC 40 and Footsie 100 corporations, as well as mid and small capitalisation companies.

Threats to the long-term interests of stockholders take many forms. As of late, activist investors in the marketplace, the boardroom or at the annual meeting can be destabilising and require careful planning and experienced counseling.

London corporate law firm Crefovi advises CAC 40 and Footsie 100 corporations, as well as mid and small capitalisation companies, on:

- Planning for potential governance challenges on matters ranging from board structure and governance to executive compensation
- Review of ratings by proxy advisory firms, and compliance with their various policy mandates
- Evaluation of specific threats posed by activist accumulations of share positions, including the removal and nomination of directors at annual or special meetings or action by written consent
- Active implementation of defenses such as rights plans, including those designed to address the threats posed by derivative share acquisitions by insurgent hedge funds

If the fight comes to a meeting or by a solicitation, London corporate law firm Crefovi can deploy its corporate and litigation teams, who work closely with the client's management team and bankers, investor and public relations advisors to bring the contest to a successful outcome for the company however that may be defined — be it a quick settlement to avoid disruption to the board's broader agenda or a win at the annual meeting to assure continuity in the boardroom.

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