

# Shareholder Activists and Corporate Strategy

# Agenda

- Definition and examples of shareholder activism
- The activist playbook
- · Ethics of shareholder activism

# Definition Thecasesolutions.com

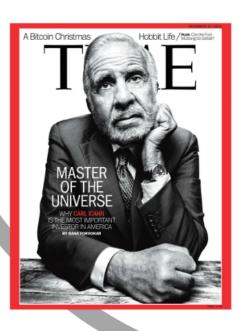
An activist investor is an individual or group that purchases large numbers of shares in a public company and/or tries to obtain seats on the company's board with the goal of effecting a major change in the company.

# Activist Hedge Funds Thecasesolutions.com

Attempt to effect significant change to a company's strategy, financial structure, management, or board of directors with the ultimate goal of producing higher returns for shareholders.

- End-of-year assets under management (AUM) in 2015 of ~\$173B
- AUM for the industry increased 268%
   between 2010 and 2015

### Icahn Enterprises



- · Carl Icahn
- Select activist positions
  - Apple
  - Xerox
  - Yahoo
  - Netflix

# Pershing Square



- Bill Ackman
- Select activist positions
  - J.C. Penney
  - Chipotle
  - Valeant Pharmaceuticals
  - Canadian Pacific
  - Herbalife (short)

## **Greenlight Capital**



- David Einhorn
- Select activist positions
  - Allied Capital Corporation (short)
  - Lehman Brothers (short)

#### **Third Point**



- Daniel Loeb
- Select activist positions
  - Yahoo
  - Sotheby's
  - Sony
  - Baxter International
  - Ligand Pharmaceuticals