



## **Gary Linford**

**Gary Linford**, a former regulator, served as the Head of the Investment & Securities Division of the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA). His primary responsibility was the effective oversight of the investment fund sector, including the authorisation of hedge funds, fund administrators and investment managers as well as the ongoing oversight, inspections and prudential reviews of licensees.

Gary guided the Investment Division through a period of unprecedented growth, with the total number of hedge funds more than doubling to 8,200, with approximately 37 fund launches each week during his final year at CIMA. Gary worked closely with the hedge fund industry in considering proposed changes to legislation, regulations and guidance notes impacting the regulatory framework of Cayman's hedge fund sector.

The majority of Gary's 23-year multi-jurisdictional working life is in the private sector and included six years in Hong Kong, eight years in the Cayman Islands, five years in Jersey, Channel Islands and three years in South Africa. Prior to joining CIMA, Gary was the former Global Head of Banking & Investments at Deutsche Bank International Limited. Gary is a frequent speaker at conferences in Cayman, UK, US, Asia and Switzerland. Gary is the founder of HighWater Limited, previously DMTCLtd, a Cayman regulated business which provides independent directors and related services to the alternative investment industry.

### **Education**

Macquarie University, Australia, Masters in Applied Finance  
Charter Member, AIMA Cayman Chapter