

The BGF EFD Programme

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Our EFD Programme

Our market leading EFD programme is our network of Experienced Finance Directors and CFOs with whom we work on a consultancy basis both across the portfolio and when reviewing new investment opportunities.

If you are an experienced CFO interested in following a consultancy, plural or Non-Executive career, then our EFD programme could be for you!

What sort of opportunities might I be introduced to through the programme?

There is a large variety of assignments and opportunities. We never know what's going to come up when!

Examples include:

Review of a potential new investment opportunity

Typically, we ask an EFD to review a potential investment in a sector in which they have some prior experience. A good way to think of these consultancy assignments would be: opinion-led, analysis based, highly commercial financial diligence. All engagements are structured on a no-liability basis: we want you able to freely share your thoughts, opinions and recommendations.

The best results are achieved by fully integrating you with the BGF deal team. Our EFDs find this a varied, intellectually stimulating and challenging way of adding immediate value and insight to a business. We take pride in receiving great feedback on the process from the businesses themselves.

Working with a portfolio company ahead of an exit

As many CFOs will testify to, an exit is a hugely pressurised and potentially stressful time for the FD or CFO of a business. This is compounded by the fact that for many of our FDs, this may be the first time they have been through an exit process. Every situation will be different, but opportunities exist throughout the portfolio for an experienced CFO to support the core management team of a business during an exit, ranging from a low level mentoring role, to a quasi-advisor role in a streamlined process.

Non-Executive Directorships

Whilst the more typical Non-Executive appointment to a BGF investee business is that of the Non-Executive Chairman, opportunities do arise more suited to individuals with a finance background.

Other opportunities

Including M&A support; mentoring; and, systems implementation.

Becoming an EFD

What is a typical background of an EFD?

Typically, our EFDs will have at least 15 years' experience of working as an FD or CFO and will have acquired a wide range of skills and experience during this period. This is likely to include: partnering with a CEO to drive organic growth in a business; working across a range of shareholder structures, ideally including growth or private equity; leading buy-n-build M&A activity; mentoring and growing a finance team; leading an exit; driving international expansion; and rolling out systems and processes.

Why would I get involved?

The EFD programme appeals to our members for a variety of reasons. Often, our EFDs no longer want to commit to a full-time Executive CFO role but nor are they ready to retire from working life. Through the EFD programme, you may meet with a variety of exciting businesses at various stages of growth and development and partner with BGF to support and guide these businesses through their journey. The level of commitment you want to make however is up to you, this is a truly flexible way of working.

How do I get involved?

Please complete our [Join the Network form](#) and a member of the BGF Talent Network will be in touch. We may suggest an initial telephone conversation or an in-person meeting.