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NEW DIRECTORS LAYER · LIVE NOW

11,000+

PRIVATE COMPANY DIRECTORS

Linked to companies, GPs, LPs, and transactions. Growing weekly.

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THE PROBLEM

Private markets have always been opaque at the governance layer.

You can find a fund. You can find its LPs. You can find a portfolio company. You can find the transaction that brought them together. But who actually sits in the boardroom of that private company – the people making the real decisions – has lived in a black box.

We just opened it.

Dakota now tracks more than 11,000 directors at private companies, and the dataset grows every week. More importantly, it's connected. Every director is linked to the company they govern, the GPs invested in that company, the LPs backing those GPs, and the transactions that brought everyone to the table.

THE DIFFERENCE

Most private market data is a **list**. Dakota is a **graph**.

Director data on its own is a roster. There are vendors who sell rosters. The Dakota difference is what happens when directors are fused with the rest of the private markets graph – and made callable through a single connector inside the Dakota AI Layer.

Suddenly you're not asking who is on this board. You're asking who is on this board, what else are they on, who do they sit alongside, which LPs are one degree away, and what transaction history connects them all.

The answer to that question used to take a research team a week. It now takes one prompt.

THE DAKOTA GRAPH

Five connected layers. One private markets intelligence engine.

- 01 Limited Partners**
Institutional capital allocators
- 02 General Partners**
Fund managers & sponsors
- 03 Transactions**
M&A, financings, exits
- 04 Companies**
158,000+ private companies
- 05 Directors** **NEW**
11,000+ · growing weekly

WHO THIS UNLOCKS

Six audiences. One connector. An entirely new question set.

EXECUTIVE SEARCH

Find operator-turned-directors by sector and adjacency.

Cross-reference every director with the PE firms they sit alongside, the companies they govern, and the LP networks one degree away. Board roles are leading indicators of CEO candidacy.

PRIVATE EQUITY

See who’s actually in the room on a deal.

Map the real decision-makers at a target company and surface which of your existing LP and GP relationships already know them. Relationship paths, not cold outreach.

D&O UNDERWRITING

Evaluate governance against capital structure in one pass.

Board composition, transaction history, and sponsor backing — historically three separate research efforts — now resolve as a single connected query.

INVESTMENT BANKING

Map decision-makers across 158,000 private companies.

Build M&A target lists that go beyond press releases. Identify board-level relationships that signal openness to a process months before bankers usually see it.

CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT

Pipeline against governance signals, not just financial filings.

Board turnover, new independent directors, and sponsor representation are pattern signals for upcoming liquidity events and strategic openness.

WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Identify directors approaching liquidity events.

Private company directors are disproportionately UHNW. Map the ones connected to companies in late-stage sponsor cycles, and the prospecting list builds itself.

THE THESIS: The engine is AI. The fuel is data. And the data is only useful when the layers are connected. **11,000 directors today. More every week. The graph keeps deepening.**

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Get access to the complete Dakota private markets graph.

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