

# SEI Guide Offers Insights for European Managers Targeting US Market

# Packaging and Distribution Considerations Must Be Addressed Early On

OAKS, PA -- (Marketwired) -- 11/06/13 -- <u>SEI</u> (NASDAQ: SEIC) today released the "Nine Key Considerations for European Managers Approaching the US Market," a new guide designed to help European investment managers identify and understand key considerations before undertaking U.S. distribution efforts. This European-focussed guidance stems from SEI's <u>Global Asset Management Product Guide</u>, a comprehensive online resource that details the key features and requirements of the investment product packaging options predominant in today's global market.

"With convergence well underway and an increasingly global marketplace, managers continue to explore new distribution opportunities," said <a href="Philip Masterson">Philip Masterson</a>, Head of SEI's <a href="Investment Manager Services division">Investment Manager Services division</a> in Europe. "For instance, we often field questions from European managers regarding U.S. '40 Act mutual funds. While there is no 'one size fits all' solution for U.S. distribution and not all strategies fit the applicable regulatory construct, '40 Act products permit managers to access multiple channels in the U.S. and have over \$10 trillion in assets. We frequently counsel managers on the pros and cons of establishing their own '40 Act fund infrastructure or leveraging a turnkey series trust solution."

In addition to exploring investment product packaging options and distribution challenges, the guide also offers insight on the role of consultants and service providers in developing a U.S. distribution strategy. The guide was created by the <u>SEI Knowledge Partnership</u>, which provides ongoing business intelligence to SEI's investment manager clients, and is available at <u>www.seic.com/9Considerations</u>.

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