**Philip S. Walker, Jr., CFA**

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**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Results-oriented investment professional with extensive experience in the public and private fixed income markets across different industries. Deep knowledge of capital markets, with specific expertise as a buy-side investor and credit rating agency analyst. Demonstrated track record of success working with executive management of diverse companies and achieving results with and through various constituencies. Known for successfully managing multiple projects and superior written and oral communications skills.

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

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| * Capital Markets
* Training/Mentoring
 | * Credit Analysis
* Research
 | * Investments
* Communication
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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**White Mountains Advisors, L.L.C., Guilford, CT 2006 - 2016**

*Senior Credit Analyst – Corporate Bonds*

Responsible for providing buy, hold, and sell recommendations for fixed income securities in the agricultural, financial institutions, consumer products, and telecom, media, and technology sectors to the portfolio manager.

* Improved the credit performance of the investment portfolio through the implementation of a formal quarterly review process.
* Optimized portfolio manager’s decision-making by providing real-time information through a standardized earnings review process.
* Assessed each issuer’s liquidity and identified companies with refinance risk as part of the investment decision-making process.
* Accelerated learning and increased productivity of junior staff through structured and disciplined training mentoring, which resulted in shifting selected work to the lower levels.

**Fitch Ratings, New York, NY**  **1996 - 2006**

*Senior Director – Financial Institutions Group (2001-2006)*

*Director – Financial Institutions Group –* (1999-2001)

*Associate Director – Financial Institutions Group -* (1996-1999)

*Member – Credit Policy Board (2001-2005)*

Responsible for the North American commercial finance and leasing company rating coverage and publishing timely research on sector and issuers in coverage. Received Fitch’s annual ‘Best Credit’ award twice.

* Expanded rating coverage of the sector through the establishment of formal rating criteria, which increased transparency to issuers and investors.
* Initiated commercial finance and leasing company annual review and outlook, which helped increased Fitch’s presence in the sector and rating relationships.
* Established/co-authored Fitch’s global commercial paper rating standards and hybrid security criteria, which increased transparency to issuers and investors and increased rating assignments.
* Authored Fitch’s Y2K report and its expected impact on ratings; was interviewed on CNNfn as a subject matter expert.

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**The Bank of New York, New York, NY 1995 - 1996**

*Vice President – Financial Institutions Group*

Responsible for the credit underwriting of a portfolio of insurance company borrowers.

**Shawmut Bank Connecticut – Hartford, CT** **1989 - 1995**

*Vice President – Specialized Lending* (1994-1995)

*Assistant Vice President and Unit Manager –Credit Analysis Department* (1993-1994)

*Officer –Credit Analysis Department* (1991-1993)

*Trainee/Analyst –Credit Analysis Department* (1989-1991)

Hired into the MBA credit training program and was promoted numerous times to increasing levels of responsibility in the Credit Department. Final two years served as a corporate relationship manager in the Specialized Lending Division covering finance companies and non-investment grade borrowers.

* Increased credit commitments to finance companies to approximately $1.2 billion and generated over $1 million of fee income.
* Authored Shawmut’s ‘White Paper’ governing credit extensions and banking strategy for the finance company sector.
* Trained and developed credit analysts while serving as a Unit Manager.
* Completed the Chartered Financial Analyst program to increase expertise and value to the organization.

**EDUCATION**

The University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Master of Business Administration in Finance and Marketing

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

**PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION & MEMBERSHIPS**

Chartered Financial Analyst

CFA Institute

CFA Society Hartford