

David Morrison

Mr. Morrison is currently the Executive Director (CEO) of the Caucasus Protected Areas Fund, a charitable trust fund dedicated to nature conservation in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. These three recently independent countries form the core of the Caucasus “eco-region”, which harbors the highest level of bio-diversity in a temperate climate zone in the world. The organization’s mission is to create public-private partnerships with the three governments in support of their magnificent but chronically underfunded national parks and other protected areas. Mr. Morrison also devotes substantial portions of his time to overseeing the investment of his foundation’s endowment and to fundraising. The foundation is sponsored by the German government, WWF, Conservation International, and the Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund. For more information on this project, visit: www.caucasus-naturefund.org

Prior to joining the CPAF, Mr. Morrison was widely recognized as one of Europe’s leading financial lawyers. During his 28-year career at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, Mr. Morrison advised principally on capital markets transactions of all kinds, including many of Europe’s most important privatizations, as well as mergers and acquisitions both large and small. He was a driving force behind his firm’s expansion into French and German law during the 1990s, opened its Frankfurt office in 1995, and managed S&C’s organic expansion in continental Europe from 13 employees on in 1989 to well over 100 employees in 2007. Mr. Morrison retired from S&C as an active partner in 2007 to pursue his other interests. He was named the CPAF’s first CEO in 2008.

A citizen of the United States, Mr. Morrison graduated from Yale College, received his law degree from UCLA, and was a Fulbright scholar at the University of Frankfurt. He is 56 years old, is married and has five children. He has lived most of his adult life in France and Germany and speaks fluent French and German. He currently lives in Paris.