

Ekaterina Sharashidze Independent Director

Ekaterina Sharashidze is an Independent Director on the Board of Punj Lloyd Limited.

Ekaterina holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics, English and Art History, a Master's Degree in Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School of Government and an MBA from MIT Sloan School of Management.

She is an Executive Director of Samena Capital with special responsibilities of expanding the Samena brand by developing investor relations, identifying direct investment opportunities and evaluating new strategic partnerships. Ekaterina has served in the Government of Georgia for the last 5 years and has held high-level cabinet posts such as the Minister of Economic Development, the Head of the Administration of the President (twice) and the Chief Advisor to the President on Economic Development and Foreign Direct Investments.

As the Minister of Economy, Georgia, Ekaterina spearheaded major economic reforms in the country coupled with aggressive privatisation and liberalisation policies, deregulation and elimination of trade barriers, leading Georgia to 11th place worldwide according to the World Bank 'Ease of Doing Business' ranking, achieved unprecedented economic growth and attracted FDI through her investor relations efforts.

Ekaterina was instrumental in creating Financial Services Authority of Georgia, an independent body that regulates financial services, and served as the Vice Chairperson of the Board. Moreover, Ekaterina played a major role in the debut of the Sovereign Eurobond and the inception of the Sovereign Wealth Fund and Future Generations Fund.

With over 15 years of hands-on business experience in North America, Europe, developed and emerging markets, ranging from management consulting at Booz & Co. to poverty alleviation and private sector development at the United Nations, from investment banking to venture capital, Ekaterina brings a wide variety of skills and in-depth knowledge.

Ekaterina is an avid tennis player, a skier, and enjoys arts. Ekaterina is fluent in Georgian, English and Russian languages and can converse in German and French. She is a dual citizen of Georgia and the United States.

