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Mr. Firestein advises boards on governance issues, substance and timing in the communication of critical decisions, and on the “rules of engagement” between boards and institutional investors. He conducts Socratic Dialogues for executive groups, helping them absorb into corporate practices a systematic search for risk. He is originator of The Open Perception Study™, an innovative market intelligence methodology that reveals to managements and boards how investors make decisions to buy and sell their companies’ shares.

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