The AI LP Intent Graph: Ranking Allocators by Mandate Fit and Timing

An Evidence-Control Architecture for Private-Market Fundraising

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Abstract

Private-market managers often treat limited-partner targeting as a static database exercise, even though an institution's ability and willingness to commit depends on policy, portfolio exposure, pacing, liquidity, governance cycles, people, consultant influence, current searches, relationship access and the manager's own readiness. This paper develops an evidence-led intent graph for ranking institutional allocators by mandate fit and timing. Forty modules cover universe construction, entity resolution, mandate translation, policy constraints, portfolio exposure, pacing, allocation gaps, ticket compatibility, adjacency, board calendars, personnel change, consultants, searches, strategic plans, commitment activity, legal eligibility, sustainability, diligence readiness, graph design, evidence classes, point-in-time data, source rights, fit and timing scores, relationship access, vetoes, confidence decay, AI extraction, retrieval, validation, bias, value hypotheses, marketing controls, workflow, funnel measurement, attribution, drift, management information and evidence-gated implementation. Five figures, five tables, eight frequently asked questions and twenty-six authoritative references support allocator-, vehicle-, strategy-, jurisdiction- and period-specific review. The framework does not claim that public signals establish willingness to invest, and illustrative indices require replacement with sourced records, approved methods and observed outcomes. It does not substitute for investment, placement, regulatory, privacy, marketing, legal, tax or fiduciary advice.

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1. Define the allocator-intent question

Set the strategy, vehicle, geography, ticket, timing and relationship decision that the graph must support.

Controlled evidence includes fund; strategy; geography; ticket; timing; owner; decision; exclusion. The immediate decision is to freeze the decision boundary before gathering signals.

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2. Build a governed allocator universe

Create an entity-resolved population spanning pensions, sovereign investors, insurers, endowments, foundations, family offices, consultants, platforms and funds of funds.

Controlled evidence includes entity; legal name; type; jurisdiction; adviser; source; status; owner. The immediate decision is to approve the addressable universe and preserve exclusions.

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3. Resolve entities and organisational relationships

Connect allocator brands to legal entities, plans, pools, subsidiaries, consultants, fiduciaries and disclosed decision makers.

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4. Translate the fund mandate into observable fit

Convert the proposed strategy into testable attributes including asset class, stage, sector, geography, structure, duration, liquidity, return and sustainability constraints.

Controlled evidence includes mandate; attribute; definition; threshold; evidence; reviewer; version; approval. The immediate decision is to make fit a traceable comparison rather than an impression.

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5. Map allocator mandates and policy constraints

Capture the policies, regulations, delegations and board-approved ranges that determine whether an allocator can consider the proposition.

Controlled evidence includes policy; authority; asset class; range; restriction; effective date; source; review. The immediate decision is to separate permitted exposure from current appetite.

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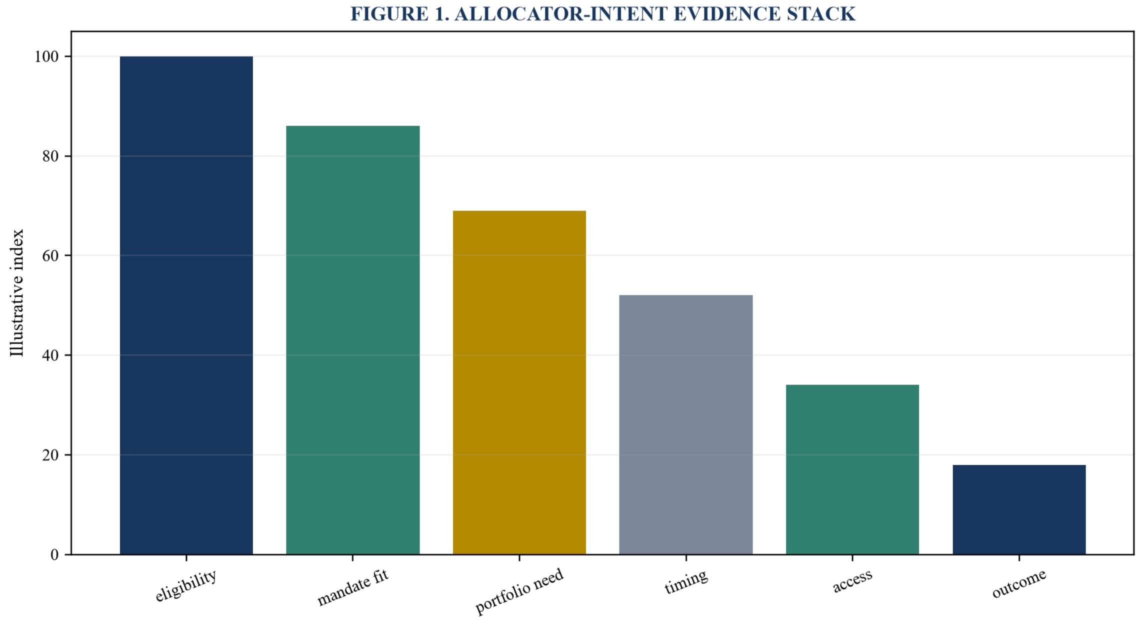
Table 1. From allocator evidence to coverage decision

Evidence layer	Question	Decision use
eligibility	can the institution invest?	apply hard gate
fit	does the mandate and portfolio align?	rank relevance
timing	is capacity or process active?	set engagement window
access	is there a credible route?	assign channel and owner

Illustrative classifications should be replaced with institution-specific evidence and approved treatment.

Figure 1. Allocator-intent evidence stack



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6. Measure current portfolio exposure

Build a look-through view of disclosed holdings, manager relationships, strategy concentrations, geography and vintage exposure.

Controlled evidence includes portfolio; manager; fund; strategy; vintage; exposure; date; source. The immediate decision is to identify genuine gaps, concentrations and adjacent relationships.

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7. Reconstruct pacing and commitment capacity

Estimate commitment cadence from targets, net cash flow, distributions, calls, liquidity and board-approved budgets.

Controlled evidence includes target; actual; calls; distributions; liquidity; budget; period; confidence. The immediate decision is to bound plausible commitment capacity by period.

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8. Detect allocation gaps and overweights

Compare policy targets, actual exposures and announced implementation plans without treating every gap as investable demand.

Controlled evidence includes target; actual; range; gap; implementation; constraint; period; source. The immediate decision is to distinguish a mathematical gap from an actionable mandate.

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9. Model ticket-size compatibility

Test whether the vehicle size, minimum commitment, concentration limits and co-investment expectations fit the allocator's scale.

Controlled evidence includes AUM; allocation; ticket; minimum; maximum; concentration; co-invest; source. The immediate decision is to remove structurally incompatible prospects early.

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10. Assess strategy and portfolio adjacency

Identify existing managers, programmes and exposures that indicate familiarity, complementarity, crowding or duplication.

Controlled evidence includes manager; programme; strategy; adjacency; overlap; gap; evidence; date. The immediate decision is to explain why the proposed fund belongs in the portfolio.

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11. Read board and committee calendars

Convert public meeting dates, agenda cycles, annual reviews, budget approvals and delegated-authority windows into timing hypotheses.

Controlled evidence includes body; meeting; agenda; decision; deadline; lead time; source; owner. The immediate decision is to align engagement with the allocator's real governance clock.

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12. Detect personnel and governance change

Track CIO, asset-class head, investment team, board and consultant changes that can reset priorities, access and decision timing.

Controlled evidence includes person; role; start; departure; committee; consultant; source; consequence. The immediate decision is to route coverage through current authority and preserve change history.

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Table 2. Timing-signal hierarchy

Signal	Strength	Control
published search	direct	verify deadline and eligibility
board-approved programme	strong	map governance cycle
allocation gap	conditional	test pacing and budget
public commentary	contextual	corroborate before use

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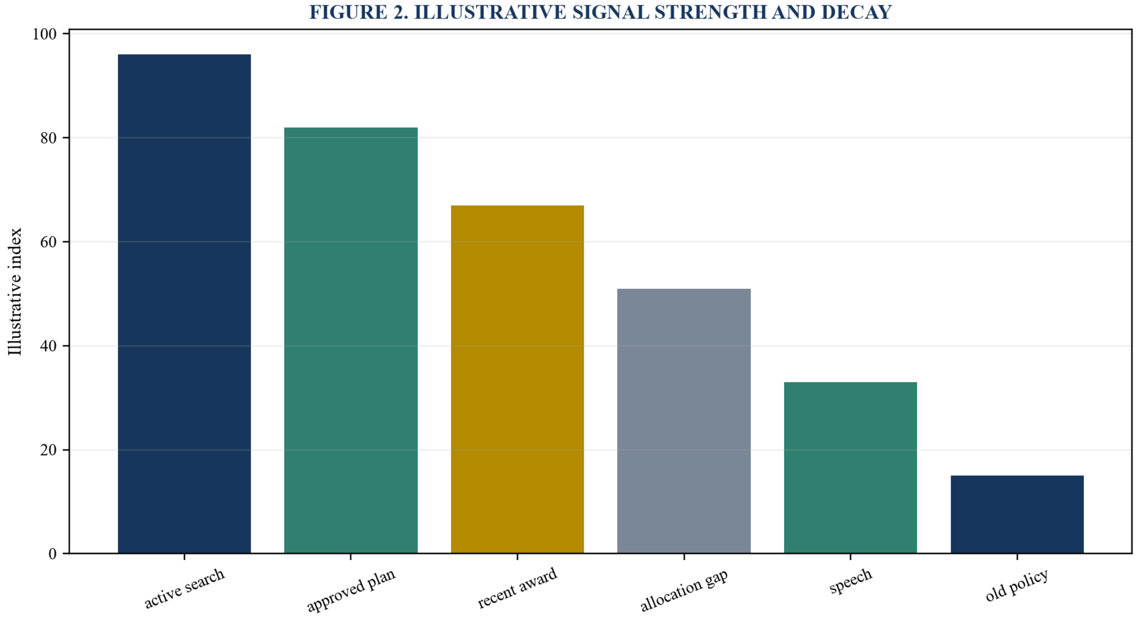
Figure 2. Illustrative signal strength and decay



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13. Map consultant and gatekeeper influence

Identify consultants, outsourced CIOs, advisers, platforms and fiduciaries that screen, recommend or control access.

Controlled evidence includes allocator; gatekeeper; role; mandate; relationship; evidence; date; owner. The immediate decision is to understand the actual decision chain before contacting people.

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14. Use procurement and search evidence

Capture requests for proposals, manager searches, procurement notices and board mandates with their eligibility and deadline conditions.

Controlled evidence includes search; issuer; strategy; requirement; deadline; contact; source; status. The immediate decision is to prioritise explicit demand while respecting process rules.

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15. Interpret public statements and strategic plans

Extract forward-looking priorities from annual reports, investment plans, speeches and official publications.

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16. Read transaction and commitment activity

Use disclosed commitments, awards, manager appointments and programme launches to infer implementation direction and relationship depth.

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17. Account for regulation and legal eligibility

Map prudential limits, marketing regimes, investor qualification, placement rules, sanctions and jurisdictional constraints.

Controlled evidence includes jurisdiction; rule; investor; vehicle; activity; restriction; counsel; evidence. The immediate decision is to stop prohibited or unsupported engagement paths.

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18. Represent sustainability and stewardship requirements

Capture climate, impact, stewardship, exclusion, diversity and reporting requirements at the level actually applied by each allocator.

Controlled evidence includes policy; metric; exclusion; disclosure; threshold; period; source; owner. The immediate decision is to test proposition fit without overstating credentials.

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19. Score operational and diligence readiness

Compare allocator diligence expectations with the manager's governance, team, track record, operations, valuation, cyber and reporting evidence.

Controlled evidence includes requirement; evidence; owner; freshness; gap; remediation; reviewer; status. The immediate decision is to avoid creating demand that the manager cannot yet convert.

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20. Build the evidence graph

Connect entities, people, mandates, holdings, policies, events, relationships and sources through typed and dated links.

Controlled evidence includes node; edge; type; source; effective date; confidence; owner; version. The immediate decision is to preserve the evidence path behind every score.

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Table 3. Evidence-graph node and edge controls

Object	Required attributes	Key failure
entity	legal identity and jurisdiction	wrong institution
mandate	scope, limits and effective date	stale fit
relationship	parties, permission and recency	invented access
signal	source, date and confidence	false intent

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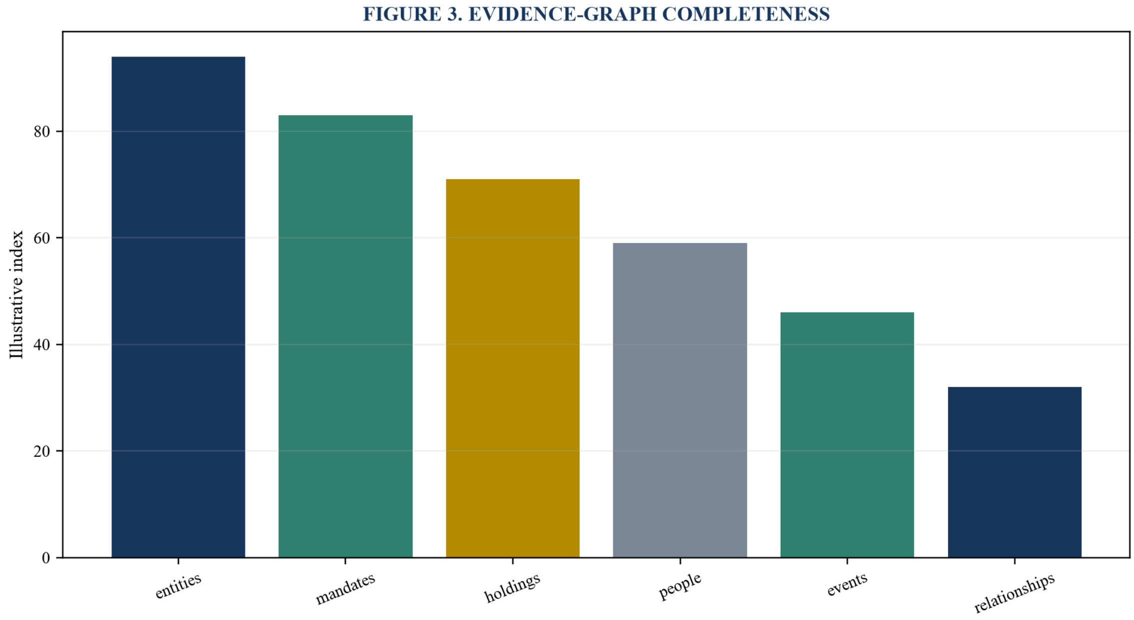
Figure 3. Evidence-graph completeness



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21. Separate facts, estimates and hypotheses

Label official records, manager-supplied facts, calculated estimates and coverage hypotheses with distinct confidence and expiry rules.

Controlled evidence includes claim; class; source; method; confidence; expiry; reviewer; action. The immediate decision is to prevent weak signals from masquerading as verified intent.

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22. Engineer point-in-time data

Store effective dates, publication dates, retrieval dates and superseded values so historical rankings can be reproduced.

Controlled evidence includes record; effective date; publication date; retrieval date; version; superseded; source; hash. The immediate decision is to reconstruct what was knowable at the time of each decision.

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23. Control source rights and personal data

Govern licensing, terms of use, confidentiality, personal data, retention and permitted downstream use.

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24. Design a fit score

Combine eligibility, mandate alignment, portfolio need, ticket compatibility, geography, structure and diligence readiness.

Controlled evidence includes factor; definition; value; weight; evidence; sensitivity; reviewer; version. The immediate decision is to rank structural fit without hiding disqualifying conditions.

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25. Design a timing score

Combine pacing, budget, policy review, search activity, governance calendars, liquidity and recent commitments.

Controlled evidence includes signal; date; horizon; direction; weight; decay; source; confidence. The immediate decision is to rank when an allocator may be able to act.

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26. Design a relationship-access score

Represent verified introductions, current coverage, consultant pathways, prior dialogue and permission to engage.

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27. Keep vetoes outside the weighted average

Treat legal ineligibility, closed searches, conflicts, minimum-size failure and explicit rejection as gates rather than small negative weights.

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28. Calibrate confidence and signal decay

Reduce the influence of old, indirect or contradicted evidence and retain a visible range where timing is uncertain.

Controlled evidence includes signal; age; source tier; corroboration; contradiction; decay; confidence; review. The immediate decision is to make uncertainty visible in rankings and coverage decisions.

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29. Use AI for extraction with evidence retention

Apply models to classify and extract policy, portfolio, governance and event data while preserving the source span and reviewer action.

Controlled evidence includes document; span; extraction; model; version; reviewer; correction; approval. The immediate decision is to accelerate evidence assembly without breaking traceability.

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30. Use retrieval before generation

Ground summaries and proposed rationales in approved source records selected for the specific allocator and period.

Controlled evidence includes query; corpus; retrieved record; rank; answer; citation; reviewer; approval. The immediate decision is to keep generated analysis attached to the evidence graph.

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Table 4. Model validation scorecard

Test	Evidence	Gate
ranking	precision and recall by segment	minimum performance
calibration	observed outcomes by score band	bounded confidence
stability	sensitivity and drift	refresh or suspend
conduct	claim and outreach review	human approval

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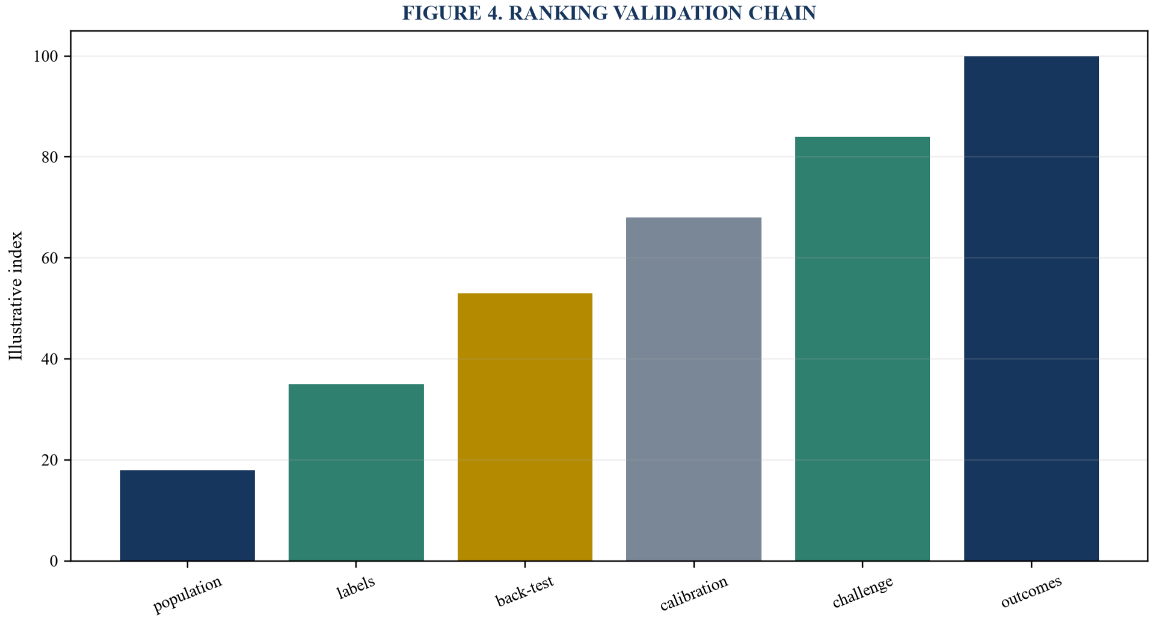
Figure 4. Ranking validation chain



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31. Validate ranking quality

Back-test historical decisions, sample high and low ranks, measure calibration and compare against rules-based and human benchmarks.

Controlled evidence includes population; period; label; score; benchmark; error; segment; result. The immediate decision is to approve a model only for the decisions it has demonstrated.

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32. Control bias and popularity loops

Test whether disclosure volume, language, geography, institution size or existing relationships systematically distort opportunity ranking.

Controlled evidence includes segment; exposure; score; selection; outcome; disparity; cause; remedy. The immediate decision is to prevent well-documented institutions from crowding out suitable but quieter allocators.

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33. Create allocator-specific value hypotheses

Translate strategy fit into a concise portfolio role, implementation case, evidence request and unresolved question for each institution.

Controlled evidence includes allocator; portfolio role; evidence; benefit; constraint; question; owner; approval. The immediate decision is to equip coverage teams with a relevant and supportable reason to engage.

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34. Govern outreach and marketing claims

Review pitch language, performance, track record, comparisons, hypothetical results and sustainability claims under applicable rules.

Controlled evidence includes communication; recipient; claim; evidence; disclosure; approval; version; retention. The immediate decision is to ensure prioritisation does not produce misleading communication.

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35. Route engagement through accountable workflows

Assign owners, channels, permissions, next actions, deadlines and escalation points without allowing the model to transmit autonomously.

Controlled evidence includes allocator; owner; channel; permission; action; deadline; approval; outcome. The immediate decision is to turn rank into controlled human activity.

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36. Measure the coverage funnel

Track eligible universe, researched accounts, approved targets, meetings, diligence, investment-committee progress, commitments and collected fees.

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37. Attribute outcomes cautiously

Compare ranked cohorts and matched baselines while controlling for fund quality, relationship strength, market conditions and team effort.

Controlled evidence includes cohort; baseline; exposure; outcome; period; confounder; cost; reviewer. The immediate decision is to separate model contribution from selection and execution effects.

The analysis should retain the difference between eligibility, strategic fit, capacity, timing, access and willingness. A public allocation gap can coexist with a closed programme, a full commitment budget or an incumbent relationship. Each conclusion therefore needs the underlying source, date, entity, portfolio context and responsible reviewer.

Coverage teams should see the evidence that moved the score, the evidence that is missing and the action needed to narrow uncertainty. Stable identifiers should connect institutions, plans, pools, advisers, people, policies, holdings, searches, meetings and outcomes. Overrides need a reason, author, timestamp and later result.

38. Monitor drift, contradictions and stale intent

Detect policy changes, portfolio moves, personnel turnover, delayed searches, reversals and data-quality deterioration.

Controlled evidence includes record; prior state; new state; contradiction; age; consequence; owner; resolution. The immediate decision is to refresh or suspend rankings when the evidence changes.

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The graph should preserve adverse evidence and failed cases. Rejections, delayed decisions, abandoned searches and stale relationships are economically important observations. Removing them would inflate apparent conversion and train the system toward optimism rather than disciplined capital formation.

39. Design management information and assurance

Give leadership a reconciled view of coverage, evidence quality, conversion, conduct, exceptions, costs and realised economics.

Controlled evidence includes metric; definition; population; source; reconciliation; threshold; owner; action. The immediate decision is to govern the system with decision-useful evidence.

The graph should preserve adverse evidence and failed cases. Rejections, delayed decisions, abandoned searches and stale relationships are economically important observations. Removing them would inflate apparent conversion and train the system toward optimism rather than disciplined capital formation.

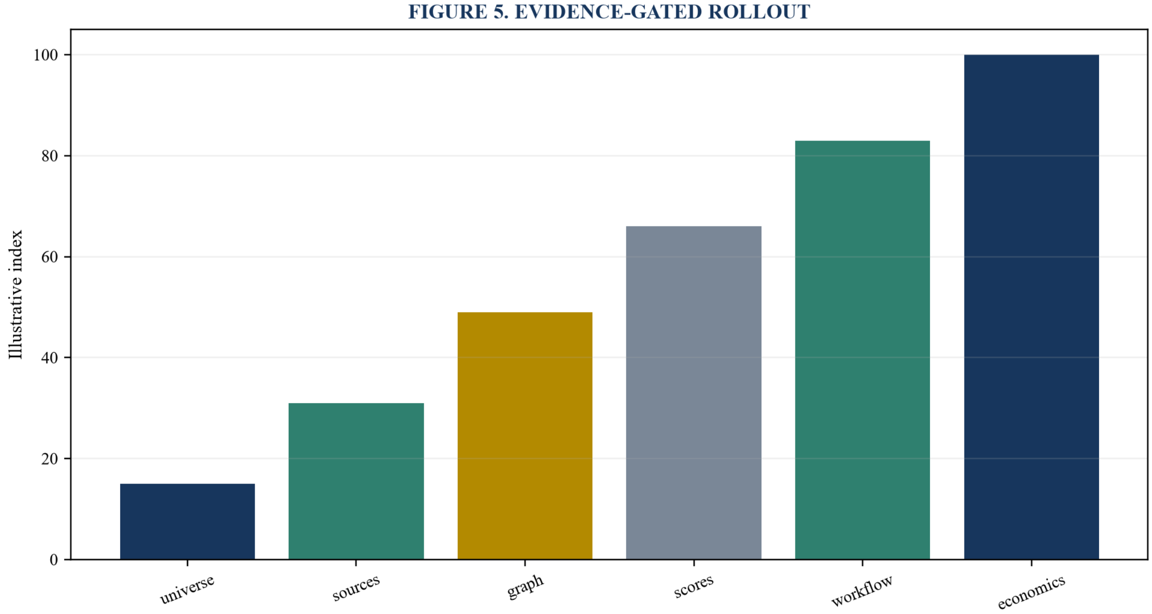
Managers should apply entity-, strategy-, vehicle-, jurisdiction- and period-specific review. A signal from one plan, team or programme should not be projected across an institution without evidence. Comparisons should control for strategy, fund size, maturity, access route, market conditions and the quality of the proposition.

Table 5. Evidence-gated implementation

Period	Primary work	Gate
days 1-30	universe, mandate and source controls	approve baseline
days 31-60	graph, scoring and historical validation	approve bounded pilot
days 61-100	coverage workflow and outcome measurement	approve scaled use

Illustrative classifications should be replaced with institution-specific evidence and approved treatment.

Figure 5. Evidence-gated rollout



Values are illustrative indices for framework explanation and require institution-specific evidence.

40. Implement through evidence-gated cohorts

Start with bounded strategies and institutions, verify records and outcomes, then widen scope only after quality and conduct gates pass.

Controlled evidence includes cohort; scope; owner; test; threshold; exception; benefit; gate. The immediate decision is to scale the intent graph only when evidence and outcomes justify it.

Managers should apply entity-, strategy-, vehicle-, jurisdiction- and period-specific review. A signal from one plan, team or programme should not be projected across an institution without evidence. Comparisons should control for strategy, fund size, maturity, access route, market conditions and the quality of the proposition.

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Implementation should start with a historical snapshot that the team can reconstruct independently. The pilot population should include attractive, unattractive and ambiguous institutions, together with known rejections and delayed decisions. Reviewers should compare the graph's rank, rationale and proposed timing with the evidence available on that date, then record later progression and the reasons for divergence.

A scale decision should require acceptable entity resolution, source coverage, point-in-time reproducibility, calibration, conduct review, user adoption and unit economics. Leadership should also confirm that the system changes resource allocation in a useful way. A technically accurate ranking creates little value when the proposition is weak, diligence materials are incomplete, relationship owners do not act or communication arrives outside the allocator's decision window.

The approved operating baseline should identify data owners, refresh frequencies, model versions, manual controls, reviewer capacity, incident routes and retirement criteria. Expansion to another strategy, geography or allocator class should be treated as a new cohort with its own evidence distribution and validation, since source availability, rules, governance and investment practice can change materially.

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