‘Overpaid’ CEOs a Risk for Investors, Study Finds

Executive pay that is disproportionate to a company’s past performance may also signal that poor returns are coming, according to a study released by shareholder activist group As You Sow and **reported by Reuters**.

The California nonprofit claimed returns for the 100 S&P 500 companies it had identified as having the most questionable pay went on to underperform the index by 2.9 percentage points over a roughly two-year period ended on Jan. 31, writes **Ross Kerber**.

Among the chief executive officers it labeled as “overpaid” was Discovery Communications Inc. CEO David Zaslav, who received $32.4 million in 2015. During the study period, Discovery shares fell 12 percent.

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