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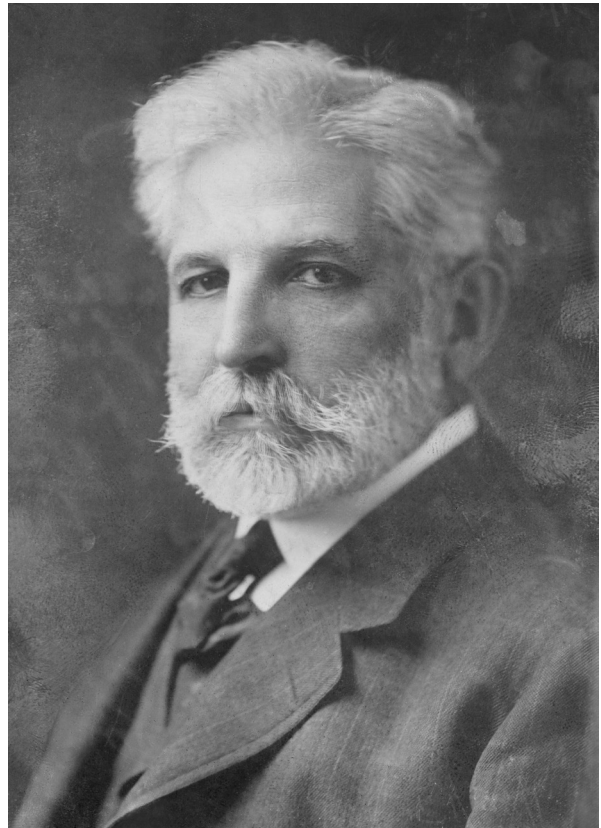
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# ROBERT S. BROOKINGS SOCIETY

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Robert S. Brookings aspired to create an institution where experts could provide unbiased, fact-based recommendations to policymakers facing difficult decisions. Individuals who believe in this goal continue to recognize the value of the rigorous, independent research and innovative approaches that are Brookings's trademarks.

The Robert S. Brookings Society gives emerging leaders exclusive opportunities to engage in interactive discussions with Brookings experts and each other on a range of priority issues. The Society has grown rapidly since its founding, and invitations are offered only through the recommendation of a current member of the Society, Brookings Council, or Board of Trustees, building a community of future leaders who have a passion for and interest in contributing to a smarter public policy dialogue.



Established in 2012 and currently comprised of over 80 individuals, the Society's purpose is threefold:

- To provide leadership, build community, and add members' unique perspectives as the Institution confronts current and future public policy challenges.
- To contribute to the intellectual rigor of Brookings's scholarship through the exchange of ideas and active participation in public policy discussions.
- To serve as benefactors to the Institution providing critical unrestricted support of its mission.

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# MEET THE MEMBERS



Brookings Trustee David M. Rubenstein (left), Brookings President Strobe Talbott (center), and Chair of the Brookings Board of Trustees John L. Thornton (right) with the 2017 Society Summit participants.



Left: Khurram Dara, Alfred Johnson, and Jackie Klaber (front, left to right) with Brookings scholar Louise Sheiner and Brookings staff Justin Biassou, Kerry Grannis, and Trevor Sparks (rear, left to right) at the 2017 Society Summit.

# MEET THE MEMBERS



Left: Diana Willson, Kate Harris, and Meghan Joyce (left to right) at the 2017 Society Summit.

Right: Teddy Bunzel, Camilla McFarland, and Rebecca Liao (left to right) at the 2017 Society Summit.



Left: Andrew Klaber with John L. Thornton, Chair of the Brookings Board of Trustees, at the 2017 Society Summit.



Right: Tristan Walker and Brookings scholar Nicol Turner-Lee (left to right) at a Brookings reception in Palo Alto, CA.



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## Alfred Johnson, Co-chair

### MobilizeAmerica

#### Member since 2015

Alfred I. Johnson is co-founder and CEO of MobilizeAmerica, a national platform that connects individuals, groups, and national progressive organizations with the most impactful volunteer-led actions to elect Democrats. From 2015-2017, he was Head of Sales at Clara, a Silicon Valley-based, VC-backed financial institution. Prior to Clara, Alfred was a Vice President in the Financial Markets Advisory group at BlackRock where he led advisory engagements with banks and Official Institutions. From 2009-2012, Alfred served as a political appointee in the Obama Administration. Most recently, he served as the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets at the United States Treasury Department. Alfred also served as the Special Assistant to the White House Chief of Staff and as a member of the Administration's Financial Crisis Response Team. Prior to joining the Administration, Alfred served as the Regional Field Director for Northern New Mexico during Barack Obama's Presidential Campaign in 2008.

Alfred graduated from the Stanford Graduate School of Business in 2014. He also holds a B.A. in political science from Stanford University where he played defensive end for the varsity football team. Alfred is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution and a member of the National Advisory Council for Stanford in Washington.

## Andrew Klaber, Co-chair

### Paulson & Co.

#### Member since 2012

Andrew Klaber is a Partner on the investment team at Paulson & Company. Since 2002, Andrew has served as the founder, chairman, and chairman emeritus of Even Ground ([www.evenground.org](http://www.evenground.org)), an international non-profit organization that annually provides more than 2,000 children who have been affected by HIV/AIDS and poverty with academic scholarships, basic healthcare, and nutrition in South Africa.

Originally from Buffalo Grove, Illinois, Andrew graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa president from Yale College, where he was a Truman Scholar, Udall Scholar, and First-Team USA Today Academic All-American, and received the David Everett Chantler Award for "best exemplifying the qualities of courage, strength of character, and high moral purpose" and Hadley Prize (valedictorian) at graduation. He earned Masters of Science degrees in Financial Economics and Economic History from Oxford as a Marshall Scholar, and holds a J.D./M.B.A. from Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School, where he graduated with Distinction and as the Dean's Award winner.

Andrew received the President's Environmental Youth Award at the White House for his "efforts and commitment to the environment" and the Yale-Jefferson Public Service Award for his "innovative and sustained contributions to society," served with the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on

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Orphaned and Vulnerable Children, and presented Even Ground at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Andrew rowed on the Yale lightweight crew (2002 national champions), ran in the Berlin, Boston, Chicago, Hamptons, London, New York (2009, 2013, 2016), Paris, Philadelphia, Valencia, and Washington D.C. marathons, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, and pedaled 4,200-miles (New Haven, CT to San Francisco, CA) to raise awareness and financial support for Habitat for Humanity.

Andrew serves or has served on the boards of AEI Enterprise Club (Founder), Association of Marshall Scholars (President), Bowery Mission Young Philanthropists, Brookings Society (Founder), Center for Jewish History Legacy Council, Echoing Green Social Investment Council (Co-Chair), Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces Young Leadership, Harvard Law School Overseers' Committee, International Rescue Committee GenR (President), Jewish Museum Young Patrons, Juilliard Club, Learning Matters, Magdalen Society, Morgan Library Young Fellows, Natan, New York Needs You Young Leadership Board, New York Public Library Young Lions, Public Theater Young Partners, Russell Trust Association (Treasurer & Capital Campaign Chair), Truman Scholars Association, United Jewish Appeal (UJA), Young Wall Street (Co-Chair), and Yale Alumni Fund.

Andrew is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations Term Member Program, Trilateral Commission David Rockefeller Fellowship, Partnership for New York City David Rockefeller Fellows Program, Wexner Heritage Program, Economic Club of New York, and New York State Bar. He is a co-author of the book, *Social Entrepreneurship in the Age of Atrocities: Changing Our World* (2012), and he is a Fellow at Trumbull College, Yale University.

## Jacqueline Klaber, Co-chair

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**Member since 2013**

Jacqueline (Jackie) Carter Klaber is a Vice President at Goldman Sachs, where she works in the Alternative Investments & Manager Selection division. She previously worked at Citigroup with the management team of the Investment Banking division. Prior to this role, Jackie graduated from Yale Law School/Yale School of Management, where she completed a J.D./M.B.A. and served as Comments Editor of the Yale Law Journal and as Co-President of the Yale Law & Business Society. She was active in the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project and helped build a partnership with University of Jordan Law College. Jackie has experience at the Clinton Foundation, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Covington & Burling LLP, and the Yale Investments Office. She is currently a Term Member at the Council on Foreign Relations. Jackie graduated cum laude from Yale College where she majored in Ethics, Politics, and Economics. She holds an M.A. from Columbia University, where she focused on theories of international discourse.

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## Jonathan Robins, Co-chair

### Bain & Company

#### Member since 2015

Jonathan Robins is a Consultant at Bain & Company based in New York. He joined Bain in 2015 after receiving his MBA in Strategy from Columbia Business School. Prior to attending graduate school, Jonathan spent three years at Alcoa where he managed high-impact government affairs issues and drafted speeches and policy memos for the Chairman & CEO. Before joining Alcoa, he was at Albright Stonebridge Group—a leading international strategic advisory firm in Washington, DC where he helped Fortune 500 companies and non-profits navigate the intersection of business and politics, and drafted speeches and policy memos for the Chairman. Jonathan received his B.A. in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia. Jonathan is Co-Chair of the Robert S. Brookings Society's New York chapter at the Brookings Institution.

## Scott Baxter

### Tiger Eye Capital, LLC

#### Member since 2016

Scott Baxter is a research analyst at Tiger Eye Capital where he leads the firm's investments in the technology and media sectors. Previously, Scott was a senior associate on the investment team at Collier Capital and an analyst in the merchant banking division of Macquarie Capital.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Scott received an A.B. in Economics and a certificate in Political Economy from Princeton University. Scott is a mentor for the Princeton Entrepreneurship Council, a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution, and has served as the president of the junior board of Breakthrough New York.

## Blair Bedgood

### Carestream Health Inc.

#### Member since 2017

Blair Bedgood graduated Magna Cum Laude undergrad at St. Bonaventure University majoring in Finance, with minors in Economics and Accounting. While at St. Bonaventure University, Blair led a student run investment fund and brought to inception the first micro-finance fund, to fund ventures and small businesses in the area. He continued at the university to complete an MBA with a concentration in Finance in 2014. Upon graduation, Blair joined Carestream Health Inc. where he has been since, in several analyst roles, and has provided competitor analysis to drive individual business growth, business case analysis, reporting, and valuation.

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## Matthew Boole

### The Carlyle Group

#### Member since 2017

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Brock received a B.A. in Political Economy from Tulane University in 2003 and a J.D. from the University of Tennessee in 2007. In addition to being a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution, he serves on the Task Force on National Security and the Rule of Law at the New York City Bar Association, the Steering Committee of the Junior Council at the American Museum of Natural History, and he is a member of the Apollo Circle at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

## Theodore Bunzel

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#### Member since 2013

Theodore (Teddy) Bunzel, Director, is a member of the Corporate Strategy team at BlackRock, where he helps BlackRock develop and implement long-term objectives and respond to competitive and industry dynamics. Prior to joining BlackRock in 2013, Teddy completed his M.B.A. at Stanford's Graduate School of Business and his M.A. in International Relations at Johns Hopkins' School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). After graduating from Yale University with a B.A. in History and Economics in 2008, Teddy worked for two years as a research assistant to former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski. He has also worked at the U.S. Department of Treasury in the Office of the Chief Economist and in the political section of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. Teddy is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution.

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## Sean Campbell

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Sean Campbell is a managing director in Macquarie's Corporate and Asset Finance division, which makes proprietary equity and debt investments; he focuses on US commercial real estate and other real assets. Prior to joining Macquarie, he held investing positions at Marathon Asset Management and D. E. Shaw & Co; his primary focus at those firms was also on US commercial real estate, but he has also invested in distressed securities, public equities in consumer-focused companies, and private equity, and in real estate assets and loans in Europe and Asia. He has also worked at the New York City Economic Development Corporation, where he was involved in projects including the rebuilding of Ground Zero and the development of Hudson Yards, and in the office of the mayor of Chicago.

Sean is a native of New York City. He holds a B.A. in History from the University of Chicago, where he was a Truman Scholar, and an M.Phil in Economic and Social History from Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Louis August Jonas Foundation, which runs an international leadership camp for adolescents in Dutchess County.

## Pam Chan

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#### Member since 2017

Pam Chan is a Director and member of the Portfolio Management team within the Alternative Solutions Group at BlackRock. As a Portfolio Manager, she is responsible for designing and implementing investment solutions across alternatives, covering both direct opportunistic and multi-alternative portfolios. In particular, she covers global real estate equity and debt, private credit and securitized assets on behalf of Alternative Solutions funds/accounts.

Prior to joining BlackRock in 2012, Pam worked as a senior research analyst for Governor Mark Carney in his capacity as Chair of the Financial Stability Board. In 2011, she worked at Harvard Management Company on strategic operations and prior to that, she was a Senior Investment Associate at Bridgewater. She started her career at Goldman, Sachs & Co. in their Financial Institutions Group, first as an investment banker and subsequently, as a member of their Capital Markets group, focused on private placements.

Pam is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers Community, Aspen Institute Society of Fellows, Robert S. Brookings Society, and the Alternative Investments Committee of the New York Society of Security Analysts as a CFA charterholder. She is also active in the arts as a founding Contemporaries Patron for the Whitney Museum of American Art and a member of the Apollo Circle at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College with a joint concentration in Philosophy and Government, and earned an M.B.A. degree, with high honors, from Harvard Business School.

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## William Chism

### Barclays Capital

#### Member since 2015

William Chism is an Analyst at Barclays Capital in the Leveraged Finance group where he specializes in financing solutions for corporate and sponsor clients across the Natural Resources, Power and Chemicals sectors. Originally from Jackson, Mississippi, William graduated with distinction from Yale in 2015 with a B.A. in Political Science. At Yale, William worked as both a staffer and manager at the Elmseed Enterprise Fund, a student run non-profit that provides loans and other business development services to New Haven entrepreneurs. In 2013, he was awarded the Dwight Hall Summer Service Fellowship to advance his work within Elmseed. William held leadership positions within the New Haven Big Brothers & Big Sisters Program and Yale's Mandi Schwartz Bone Marrow Drive. More recently, William has led the Barclays fundraising efforts for City Harvest and serves as an adjunct to the Finance Committee of READ Alliance. William earned four varsity letters as an offensive linemen for the Yale Football team, earning All-Ivy honors in 2013 and 2014, Academic All-New England, and Academic All-Ivy honors. He now serves on the board of the Yale Football Association. William has been a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society since 2015.

## Mark Clark

### I Squared Capital

#### Member since 2017

Mark Clark is a Vice President investment professional at I Squared Capital, an independent multi-billion dollar global investment fund focused on Energy, Utilities and Transportation sectors and with offices in New York, Houston, London, Delhi, Singapore and Hong Kong. Prior to I Squared Capital, Mark was a Senior Analyst at Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. where he supported execution of M&A and Capital Markets engagements across the Latin America region. Mark holds a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (honors) in Economics and Spanish Literature from Hamilton College where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with Phi Beta Kappa honors. Mark is fluent in oral and written Spanish.

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Everett Cook III is a Portfolio Manager at Launchpad Trading/Tudor Investments. He has been an analyst and portfolio manager specializing in global macro investing for the past 8 years. Previously, he was a senior analyst at Atreus Capital Management, a \$2bn global macro hedge fund, where he led the firm's investment research efforts. Prior to this, he was an analyst at Taylor Woods Capital and SAC Capital. He graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2007 and is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution.

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## Hanna Dameron

### Member since 2016

Hanna Dameron most recently served as an Assistant District Attorney at the New York County District Attorney's Office before leaving her role to raise her daughter full time. Originally from New York City, Hanna received a B.A. in Biology from the University of Chicago in 2008, and a J.D. cum laude from Georgetown Law School in 2013. At Georgetown, Hanna was a Senior Articles Editor of the American Criminal Law Review and member of the Barrister's Council Moot Court Team. In 2012, she was a quarterfinalist in the National First Amendment Moot Court Competition. Prior to law school, Hanna worked for the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, where she focused on criminal justice policy in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. She also held positions at the National Security Network in Washington, D.C., specializing in congressional outreach and media strategy. Hanna is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution.

## Khurram Dara

### Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

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Khurram Dara is an associate at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, where he focuses on corporate and public finance transactions. Prior to joining Orrick, he was a corporate associate at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP. He is the author of *Contracting Fear: Islamic Law in the Middle East and Middle America* (Cascade Books 2015) and *The Crescent Directive: An essay on improving the image of Islam in America* (Tensile 2011). His writing has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, CNN.com, *The Washington Post* online, *Forbes.com*, *The Hill*, and *The Buffalo News*, and he has also appeared on cable news and public radio to comment on current events.

Khurram earned a J.D. from Columbia Law School and a B.B.A. from Emory University's Goizueta Business School, where he majored in Finance and Political Science, graduating magna cum laude. While in law school, Khurram served as a student editor for the *American Review of International Arbitration* and interned with the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of New York. Khurram grew up in Amherst, New York and is an alumnus of American Legion Boys State. He currently lives in Summit, New Jersey.

## Joshua Goldman

### Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

#### Member since 2015

Joshua Goldman is an attorney at Skadden Arps, where he advises clients on a wide range of corporate matters with a focus on energy and infrastructure. Earlier in his career, he served as a staff economist for the White House Council of Economic Advisers and assistant to President Obama's Economic Recovery Advisory Board. Josh advises emerging companies in mobility, energy and urban tech as an Expert in Residence at Grand Central Tech and has served as a mentor with the CleanTechOpen and Urban-X

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accelerator programs. He graduated from Cornell University and NYU School of Law and now lives in Brooklyn, NY. He is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution.

## Jeremy Goldstein

### LOLA

#### Member since 2017

Jeremy Goldstein is the B2B Lead and Manager of Special Projects at LOLA, a women's health company. Prior to joining LOLA, Jeremy was an Associate Consultant at Bain and Company, where he worked on a wide variety of projects in private equity due diligence, portfolio complexity reduction, performance improvement, and growth strategy. Early in his career, Jeremy worked at Endeavor Global in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as an Associate in the Entrepreneur Selection and Growth group. Jeremy received a B.A. with honors in History from Yale University in 2014. He is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution.

## Joshua Goldstein

### Edge Principal Advisors

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Joshua Goldstein is an associate at Edge Principal Advisors, a New York based Real Estate Private Equity firm. Joshua began his career at Morgan Stanley as an analyst in the Financial Institutions Group. At Morgan Stanley, he was involved in a number of M&A transactions, strategic advisory assignments, and capital offerings. In 2014, Joshua joined the JBG Companies in Washington D.C. where he was a member of the Investments Group. At JBG, he was actively involved in transactions across all asset classes. He graduated from Vassar College with a B.A. in Economics and Political Science in 2012.

## Sherif Hamid

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#### Member since 2016

Sherif Hamid is a Business Development Manager at Endeavor (formerly WME IMG), responsible for identifying and analyzing strategic initiatives and acquisition opportunities across the sports, fashion and entertainment landscapes. Prior to Endeavor, Sherif spent nearly five years in investment banking, most recently in Barclays' Global Consumer Retail Group, where he focused on M&A, debt and equity transactions in the food & beverage, retail and restaurant sub-sectors. Sherif graduated cum laude from New York University's Stern School of Business with a BS in Finance and Economics. During his time as an undergraduate, Sherif managed and was a member of one of the nation's most popular college hip-hop groups, frequently touring concert venues across the Northeast as lead support for several major artists such as Wale, Logic, Mac Miller and Hoodie Allen. Sherif is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution



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## Kent Insley

### Tiedemann Wealth Management

#### Member since 2014

Kent Insley is a Managing Director of the Firm and Co-Head of the Manager Research and Manager Due Diligence Team, focused on market strategy, manager selection, fund due diligence and asset allocation. Prior to joining Tiedemann in 2004, Kent worked as a fixed-income specialist with Millennium Partners LP, a New York-based hedge fund with more than \$4 billion in assets under management at the time. Kent's responsibilities included financing high grade, high yield and international fixed-income portfolios, generating risk and profit/loss reports on derivatives portfolios and various other aspects of Millennium's daily business operations. From 2001 to 2002, Kent was a client representative at MFS Investment Management in Boston, Massachusetts. Kent holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. He is a member of the CFA Institute, the New York Society of Securities Analysts and the Brookings Society. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Kent currently resides in Larchmont, NY with his wife and children.

## Adam Justin

### Barclays

#### Member since 2016

Adam Justin is an associate in the Global Healthcare Banking Group at Barclays in New York. Adam works across the healthcare sector with an emphasis on life sciences, with experience in M&A advisory as well as both debt and equity financings. Prior to Barclays, Adam worked at Wells Fargo and financed sponsor-backed M&A transactions. Adam is a member of the impact investment team at United Generations, a non-profit that provides long-term funding and strategic support for institutions in a sustainable and impact enhancing way. Adam also is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution. In his spare time Adam is a marathoner, having completed six marathons and enjoys traveling. Adam has been involved with various non-profits combating youth homelessness particularly in the LGBT community. Adam received his MBA from Columbia Business School in Finance where he received the Class of 2015 Student Service Award and earned his B.S. with Honors at the University of Minnesota with majors in Finance and Accounting.

## Peter Kim

### JPMorgan Chase & Co.

#### Member since 2016

Peter Kim is a Vice President in the Asset Management division at JPMorgan. He started his career in banking at Morgan Stanley in the Fixed Income Division (Sales & Trading), with a specialized focus in the derivatives client clearing business. Building upon his experience in the finance field, he served as an adviser to C-suite executives of Fortune 100 companies in growth and transformation strategy as a management consultant with PwC. Peter is a proud Retired member of United States Marine Corps, having served honorably for over eight years, with deployments internationally to the South Pacific and the Middle East. He is a graduate of Columbia University and holds a degree in political science.

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Peter is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution. He is a strong advocate of investing in international development, especially in primary education and supports this commitment through serving on the Next Generation Board of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF and supporting Pencils of Promise. He is also a member of the Lincoln Center Young Patrons and an active alumnus of Columbia University.

## Aaron Kinnari

### Mobilize Digital

#### Member since 2017

Aaron Kinnari is a co-founder of Mobilize Digital, which works with nonprofit organizations and social enterprises to leverage digital tools and tactics to engage new audiences, rally supporters, advance policy reforms, and raise funding. Organizations Aaron has worked with include the Clinton Global Initiative, the Center for American Progress, StudentsFirstNY, Everytown for Gun Safety, New American Economy and the Harvard Kennedy School. Previously, Aaron was the new media director for national initiatives for New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg, where he led digital strategy and implementation for several of the mayor's national initiatives, including gun violence prevention, immigration reform, and academic achievement. Aaron is a graduate of the NYU Stern School of Business and a native New Yorker.

## Christopher Koza

### Goldman Sachs & Co.

#### Member since 2013

Christopher (Chris) Koza is a Vice President in the Investment Management Division at Goldman Sachs. He joined Goldman Sachs in 2008 after receiving his M.B.A. in Finance from the Johnson School of Management at Cornell University where he was a Park Leadership Fellow. Prior to attending graduate school, Chris spent five years as a management consultant with Arthur Andersen and Deloitte Consulting advising large, multinational companies on their strategic initiatives. Chris received his B.S. in Applied Economics and Management from Cornell University.

Chris is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution and a member of the Board of Directors of the Estate Planning Council of Northern New Jersey (EPCNNJ). An advocate for education and mentoring, Chris is a volunteer at The Equity Project (TEP), a charter school in the Washington Heights neighborhood of New York City and New Heights, a sports-based youth development and educational nonprofit organization based in New York City.

## Camilla McFarland

### Bridgewater Associates

#### Member since 2017

Camilla McFarland works in Client Service at Bridgewater Associates, where she manages the team responsible for communicating Bridgewater's investment content to clients and key stakeholders. Prior

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## Pavan Rangachar

### KKR & Co.

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Pavan Rangachar is an Associate on the Private Credit team at KKR. Prior to this he spent 2 years at Goldman Sachs in the Special Assets Group, focused on distressed credit analysis. Pavan grew up in Maryland and also received his B.S. in Finance from the University of Maryland. He is involved with Futures & Options and is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution. In his spare time, Pavan enjoys playing ping pong and watching independent films.

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#### Member since 2013

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Mustafa received a B.A. with a major in Economics and concentration in Middle East and Asian Languages and Culture from Columbia University, as well as an MBA from Columbia Business School. He is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society and a member of Chatham House. He was selected as a “Next America Fellow” by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and was named a

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40 Under 40 Emerging Leader by M&A Advisor. While at Brunswick, he has worked on major cross-border and domestic transactions including Alibaba Group's \$25 billion IPO, Dell and Silver Lake's \$67 billion combination with EMC and Actavis' \$70.5 billion acquisition of Allergan. He has also advised global companies including BNP Paribas, General Electric and Silver Lake, in addition to counseling on other event-driven engagements.

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#### Member since 2016

Terrance Rogers is a finance professional with experience working in asset management and corporate advisory in the US and Europe. Terrance currently works as an Associate with Evercore Partners, one of the world's fastest growing investment banks, where he is focused on mergers and acquisitions across a variety of industries.

Terrance recently joined the firm in July after earning his MBA from Harvard Business School, where he was a Robert Toigo Fellow. His graduation thesis on technology and financial services, "Why the Everything Store Should Start Selling Financial Services: Amazon's Entry into Finance" was published in the MIT Sloan Management Review, and he was nominated by his peers to keynote Harvard's Inaugural University-wide Black Commencement, a pre-graduation celebration during Harvard's commencement week. The event was featured on the front page of the New York Times, in the Boston Globe, and on CNN, among many other news outlets.

Prior to business school, Terrance gained deep strategy and operations experience at Deutsche Bank running various initiatives for regional executive teams in London and New York City. These senior-level initiatives spanned across business strategy, P&L management, communications, product development, technology, regulatory change, and client advisory.

Outside of work, Terrance founded and co-chaired the Junior Leadership Board for the Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO), which helps further the mission of the SEO Scholars educational program while also developing professionals into future non-profit board leaders, and he recently crowdfunded an endowment at his alma mater, Georgia State University, focused on supporting first generation college students.

Terrance, a proud Georgia native, received his B.B.A. from Georgia State University in Finance and International Business, and as the Nell Trotter Award recipient, he received the University's highest honor at graduation. He currently lives in New York City with his wife.

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Drew Ruben is an associate in the Financial Institutions Group at Davis Polk & Wardwell. He received a B.A. magna cum laude in American Studies from Yale College in 2011 and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 2017. Prior to law school, Drew co-founded Blue State Coffee, a socially conscious retail coffee business with eight stores across New England, and worked as a Management Associate at Bridgewater Associates. Drew serves on the Board of Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (iris), a refugee resettlement agency in New Haven, CT, and co-founded Yale FinTech, a shared interest group for Yale alumni in the industry.

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Emal holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics with a minor in German from UCLA and an M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at Brookings Institution, a member of the Board of Directors of the World Affairs Council in D.C., and serves on the Board of Advisors of Re:Coded, a non-profit coding school for refugees in Iraq and Turkey with support from the United Nations. Emal speaks English, Pashto, German and French.

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Scott received his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a James Kent Scholar and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and his B.A. from Duke University, where he also worked as a research associate in Public Policy, co-authoring a book of case studies on charitable foundations and the not-for-profit sector.

## Rebecca Liao, Co-chair

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A graduate of Stanford University, where she studied Economics, and Harvard Law School, she founded The Aleph Mag, a digital magazine about art, culture and Chinese law and politics. She serves as Co-Chair of the Brookings Society and is a member of the Board of Directors of Words Without Borders, Voices of Music and the Wagner Society of Northern California. She is also a member of the National Committee on US-China Relations. Rebecca is a jazz and opera singer and tweets at @beccaliao. Rebecca was previously Director of Business Development and head of Asia at Globality, Inc., a B2B platform for AI-powered procurement of professional services. She began her career as an international corporate attorney, representing clients in Asia, North America and Europe across a variety of industries, including Internet, mobile, semiconductors, enterprise software, energy, advertising technology, consumer technology and finance. Her work focused on domestic and cross-border transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, private equity investments, venture financings, debt financings and public offerings of debt and equity. She also regularly advised public and private companies on corporate governance and securities law compliance.

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## Aidan Madigan-Curtis

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Horowitz, he was the Director of Business Development for foursquare, where he oversaw strategic partnerships and monetization. In this role, Tristan managed integrations with large brands and media entities including American Express, The New York Times, CNN, MTV, Starwood Hotels & Resorts, and Starbucks. He has been named a USA Today Person of the Year, National Retail Federation Disruptor (2016), Ebony Magazine's 100 Most Powerful People list, Vanity Fair's "Next Establishment," Fortune Magazine's 40 Under 40, AdAge Creative 50, The Hollywood Reporter's Digital Power 50, and Black Enterprise's 40 Next. He is also the Founder and Chairman of CODE2040, a program that matches high performing black and latino undergraduate and graduate coders and software engineering students with Silicon Valley start-ups for summer internships. Tristan holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Stony Brook University, where he graduated as valedictorian, and an MBA from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business. He currently lives with his wife and son in Palo Alto, California.

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### **Indus Capital Partners**

#### **Member since 2013**

Michael Zwerner is currently a Vice President on the research team at Indus Capital Partners, a \$5.7bn Asia focused Hedge Fund. Michael joined Indus in 2016 as a Research Analyst and is a generalist. Prior to joining Indus, Michael was an Analyst at Kynikos Associates a short specialized hedged fund where he covered a variety of sectors including: global financials, Gaming, softline retail, steel, TMT, and food services. Michael started his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers in their Transaction Services Structuring Group. At PwC, Michael advised corporations and private equity firms on various complex transaction issues including: valuation, consolidation, purchase accounting, off-balance sheet financing, stock compensation, derivatives, and lease financing. In 2011, Michael graduated from the Yale School of Management with his M.B.A, and while at Yale, Michael was the recipient of a Dean's Merit Scholarship and received multiple academic distinctions in his course work. Michael received both his Masters in Accounting and Bachelor of Economics from the University of Michigan. Michael's Master's Thesis was on "The Impact of Special Purpose Entities on the Level of Financial



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Disclosure: The Enron Debacle.” At Michigan, Michael was an accounting teaching assistant, member of an acting troupe as well as a member of the intercollegiate club boxing team. He is also a Certified Public Accountant (inactive status), as well as a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA ). He is an avid distance runner and cyclist, as well as a passionate cook. Michael is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution and has also apprenticed under Chef Wylie Dufresne at WD ~50, a Michelin star restaurant in New York.

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## Eric Hall

### Crescent Capital

#### Member since 2017

Eric Hall is a Vice President in the Special Situations group at Crescent Capital, a Los Angeles based alternative asset manager, focused primarily on distressed debt. Prior to Crescent, Eric spent two years as an investment banking analyst at Lehman Brothers. Eric graduated from UCLA with a B.A. in Business Economics. Eric is also involved in various local organizations, including P.S. Arts, Neighborhood Youth Association and is a member of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council.

## Benjamin Ludlow

### Saros

#### Member since 2016

Ben Ludlow manages business development and operations for Saros, a company focused on providing artificial intelligence technology to financial services firms. Prior to joining Saros, Ben worked at The Blackstone Group, most recently as a member of the Portfolio Management team within the \$70B+ Hedge Fund Solutions business. Ben started his career as an investor at West Capital Advisors, a venture capital firm that also advises companies on building corporate innovation and strategic investment programs. Prior to West Capital, Ben was a co-founder of TalentCastr, an online recruiting platform focused on helping boutique consulting and financial services firms with university and college hiring efforts. Ben is a graduate of Dartmouth College.

## Andrea Puig

### United Talent Agency

#### Member since 2017

Andrea Puig was born in Spain, raised in Paris and holds a B.A. in Entertainment from the University of Barcelona. At 19 years old she produced Spanish Awarded Directors content, and by 21, she was working in International Theatrical Distribution for Warner Brothers in Spain and London prior to collaborating with Academy Award Producer and Director in Quebec. Andrea holds an M.F.A. from the Peter Stark Producing Program in Entertainment by University of Southern California (USC) and has been trained in Banking and Strategic Initiatives at The Weinstein Company, in development at Chernin Entertainment and Sony International, and in Digital at 20th Century Fox in Los Angeles. She has completed an Executive Education at Harvard Business School in the Business of Sports, Media and Entertainment, and has recently been working at United Talent Agency in Los Angeles, where she currently lives.

## Naveen Shahani

### Apollo Global Management

#### Member since 2015

Naveen Shahani is an Associate at Apollo Global Management, a \$190+ billion alternative asset manager, where he focuses on private equity and distressed investments in the consumer/retail, industri-

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als and education sectors. Prior to Apollo, Naveen spent two years in the Financial Sponsors Group at Credit Suisse (2012-2014). Originally from New York, Naveen graduated magna cum laude from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania with a B.S. in Economics. Naveen is an Associate Board Member of BUILD, an education-oriented nonprofit, as well as a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution.

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## Meghan Verena Joyce, Co-chair

### Uber

#### Member since 2016

Meghan Verena Joyce is the Regional General Manager of Uber's US & Canada city operations. Her responsibilities include overseeing business outcomes as well as rider and driver experience in 244 Uber markets across the US and Canada. Meghan supervises a team of over 450 operations and marketing professionals and has been a leading voice in Uber's culture turnaround efforts.

Meghan joined Uber in 2013 as the General Manager of the Boston market, where she oversaw unprecedented growth of the market and expanded coverage throughout New England. During her tenure, she launched Uber in Rhode Island, Cape Cod, and Western Massachusetts. She later served as Regional General Manager of the East Coast, and spearheaded a global effort to scale Uber's carpooling option, uberPOOL, by coordinating product and operational teams.

Prior to Uber, Meghan worked at the US Treasury on the financial crisis response team, Bain Capital, and Bain & Company. Meghan is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution and the Executive Advisory Council of WBUR, Boston's NPR news station. She received her Bachelor of Arts in the History of Science from Harvard College and her M.B.A. at Harvard Business School.

## Philip Piro III, Co-chair

### Harvard Business School

#### Member since 2015

Philip (Phil) Piro joined the Brookings Society in 2015 and currently lives in Boston, where he is pursuing an M.B.A. at Harvard.

Prior to school, Phil worked for the Pergament LOHAS fund, a small private investment firm that partners with companies that offer healthy or sustainable products or services. As part of this role, Phil served as COO of a nationally-distributed snack company, where he oversaw the restructuring of the company's operations. His prior experience includes launching a healthy beverage company and working as an investment banking analyst at Deutsche Bank.

Phil graduated from Yale in 2011 and majored in Middle East Studies and Economics. He has traveled to the Middle East numerous times and studied both Arabic and Persian languages. In his free time, he enjoys cooking, traveling and golf.

## H. Em. Abdulaziz Alnuaimi

### Harvard Business School

#### Member since 2016

Abdulaziz Alnuaimi started his career at the UAE sovereign fund investing in alternative assets. He later moved to a private office for the government focused on high-tech investments. Abdulaziz has been

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investing in tech ever since before Harvard Business School. He is a CEO and GP of a government-affiliated venture fund in Abu Dhabi. He is also a director at a Boston-based satellite company, Analytical Space. Currently, he is with the team setting up Abu Dhabi's first venture capital fund in Silicon Valley.

## Benjamin Luxenberg

**Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority**

**Harvard Business School**

**Member since 2015**

Benjamin Luxenberg is participating in the one-year HBS Leadership Fellow program, serving as the Director of Lean Strategy for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

In May 2017, he graduated from joint M.B.A./M.P.P. student at Harvard Business School and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He previously served four years in the United States Marine Corps. Benjamin has published op-eds in the Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, Jerusalem Post, and the San Diego Union-Tribune. He is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution, a member of the Boston chapter of the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers, and is also an Associate Scholar with the Foreign Policy Research Institute's Program on National Security. He received a B.A. in economics and history from Brandeis University.

## Nicolas Martell

**The Wharton School & Harvard Kennedy School**

**Member since 2016**

Nicolas (Nick) Martell is passionate about entrepreneurship globally. He is currently pursuing an M.B.A. from Wharton and will combine this with an M.P.P. degree from Harvard Kennedy School. In his "side-hustle," Nick is the Co-Founder and Co-CEO of MarketSnacks ([www.marketsnacks.com](http://www.marketsnacks.com)) the ultimate daily email newsletter changing financial news by making Wall Street headlines quick, clear, and entertaining for Millennials. MarketSnacks has been featured in Fortune, Business Insider, Forbes, and more, and Nick makes regular TV appearances on CBS, Nasdaq Live, and CheddarTV as a voice for Millennials on business.

Prior to business school, Nick's day job was as a Manager for Latin America & Europe at non-profit Endeavor Global, where Nick connected with high-impact entrepreneurs on the ground in these regions to help them scale their businesses by accessing capital, talent, mentors, and markets worldwide. He also worked in Endeavor's South Africa affiliate as a Manager developing the office's Fintech portfolio and pipeline. Before Endeavor, Nick was an Investment Analyst at UBS, working with institutional clients in asset management on securities-backed lending deals.

Nick graduated from Brown University in 2011 with a degree in American History and played on the Division I varsity men's lacrosse team, earning the Dom Starsia Coaches' Award as a senior. Before college, Nick studied Italian, political science, and economics in Florence, Italy, while volunteering at

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a local olive farm. Proudly born and raised in New York City, Nick enjoys exploring the top bakeries in whatever international city he's working, home-brewing creative craft ales, and surviving his midnight ice hockey league and pond hockey team.

## Omar Nazzal

### Advent International

#### Member since 2016

Omar Nazzal is a private equity associate at Advent International, where he focuses on retail and e-commerce. Previously, he worked at Bain & Company in New York and Tokyo, and at Jet.com. Omar graduated magna cum laude as a Robertson Scholar from Duke University, where he studied economics, biology, and chemistry with High Distinction, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

## Mark E. Saadine

### Harvard Business School & Harvard Kennedy School

#### Member since 2017

Mark Saadine is an M.B.A./M.P.P. Candidate at the Harvard Business School and the Harvard Kennedy School. Mark will return to Bain Capital Private Equity as a Vice President after completing his program at Harvard.

Mark previously worked at Bain Capital in consumer retail investing and contributed to the launch of Bain Capital's impact investing fund. Mark began his career at McKinsey & Company in the Dubai and New York Offices and focused on principal investing and sovereign wealth fund advisory. Concurrently, Mark has contributed to USAID's credit guarantee arm, UNICEF's Syrian refugee fundraising, and Boston's Olympic bid. Mark received his B.S. from Wharton and B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution.

## Nicholas Simmons

### Harvard Business School & Harvard Kennedy School

#### Member since 2015

Nicholas (Nick) Simmons is a candidate for a joint M.B.A./M.P.P. degree at the Harvard Business School and the Harvard Kennedy School. After graduating Yale University, Nick left his job at UBS Investment Bank to pursue his passion for education-reform. He joined the Success Academy Charter School Network in Harlem as their founding 7th grade math teacher. While teaching, Nick's students, mostly from low-income families scored in the top ten for highest achieving classes in all of New York. Nick would go on to serve as Assistant Principal and eventually Acting School Leader. In addition to teaching and leading schools, Nick has advocated for education-reform nationwide by publishing op-eds in the Wall Street Journal and Huffington Post, speaking on the steps of the Supreme Court, and appearing on national TV.

Beyond education, Nick serves as a policy advisor for his sister, Connecticut State Representative

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Caroline Simmons. Nick is the founder of the Success Academy Young Professionals Committee, a board member of Poetry in America and a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution.

## Zachary Singer

### Harvard Law School

#### Member since 2017

Zachary (Zach) Singer is a 1L at Harvard Law School. Prior to law school, he worked as an analyst in Goldman Sachs' Investment Management Division, where he focused on emerging market and commodity hedge fund investments. Zach graduated magna cum laude from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service. He is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution.

## Allan Telio

### Member since 2017

Allan Telio is a man of many talents and many jobs. He is currently helping run a small real estate company in Boston. Prior to this job, he was the Director of Growth for IDEO CoLab, a collaborative research and design network, where he oversees partnerships and business strategy. He also previously served as the Vice President and Director for Startup Institute Boston, an educational program that helps individuals transition into careers in the local tech industry. Prior to joining Startup Institute, he worked in the clean tech and renewable energy industry for seven years. During this time, he helped build several companies and was part of the senior management team of MyEnergy.com, which was acquired by Nest (a Google company). He is also an improv comedian and ran a fake presidential campaign which can be found on twitter at #telio2016. (If you've gotten this far in his bio you might as well check it out.)

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## **Cordel Robbin-Coker**

### **The Carlyle Group**

#### **Member since 2016 - Lagos, Nigeria**

Cordel Robbin-Coker is a Vice President at The Carlyle Group, one of largest global alternative asset managers, where he is focused on sourcing and executing private equity investments in Sub-Saharan Africa. Within Carlyle, Cordel previously worked with the Executive Group in Washington DC, supporting Ed Mathias (Executive Director) and Bill Conway (Co-CEO), and its US-focused middle-market buyout / special opportunities fund. Since joining Carlyle in 2011, Cordel successfully invested in and exited companies across a range of industries in the US, Europe, and Africa.

Prior to joining Carlyle, Cordel worked with Morgan Stanley Investment Banking, advising on M&A and capital markets transactions based in New York and London. Cordel received a B.A. from Stanford University, with a major in Political Science. He is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society; a Board Director for Amrod (South African promotional products) and a Board Observer for Traxys Global (commodities finance and logistics). Cordel is a native of Sierra Leone.

## **Richa Pathak**

### **Global Loan Agency Service**

#### **Member since 2017 - London, United Kingdom**

Richa Pathak is a qualified corporate lawyer, working in the Loan Services and Restructuring Department of the Global Loan Agency Service (GLAS), the independent provider of finance administration services, having offices worldwide. Before joining GLAS, she worked with Standard and Poor Global (Credit Rating), in the EMEA Legal and Regulatory Affairs Department, London, as an intern. Currently, Richa is working on publication on the topics comprising of Corporate Bankruptcy and Reorganization, with the professor of Harvard Law School. Additionally, she is associated with other think tanks, namely, Institute of Economic Affairs and Chatham House; aside working with the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation (Noble Prize winner), in London. Prior to doing her masters, she has worked as a Corporate Lawyer in a law firm, and also carried out strong pro-bono practice on legal aid matters for Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. She is currently pursuing her Masters in Law (LLM) from London School of Economics, and holds a degree in law with a Gold Medal on securing distinction.

## **Clarence von Ahn**

### **Actagon AB**

#### **Member since 2016 - Stockholm, Sweden**

Clarence von Ahn is a Director and Head of US operations at Actagon, a Scandinavian advisory firm. Actagon advise governments and owners of multinational corporations engaged in complex markets. Clarence has been with Actagon since 2011 and primarily works in strategic industries such as Defense and Security, Telecommunications, Energy and Transportation. In 2016 he was a panellist at the US State Department's Global Leadership Forum and he is a National Security columnist at Svenska



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Dagbladet, one of the largest newspapers in Sweden. He is also a writer for the Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences. Before going to university he served as a sniper in the section for sub-arctic mountain warfare of the Swedish Army's 193rd Ranger Battalion.

Clarence is a member of the Robert S. Brookings Society at the Brookings Institution and holds a M.A. in International Affairs from George Washington University, where he was a Fulbright grantee and Wallenberg scholar. He also holds a B.A. in Economics from Uppsala University and a B.A. in Security Studies from the Swedish National Defence University. In addition to work and spending time with family and friends; ultra-running, ski mountaineering and climbing takes most of his time.

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## Christopher Kiple

### Ventec Life Systems

#### Member since 2014

Chris Kiple is the Chief Operating Officer of Ventec Life Systems. He joined the Ventec team in 2015, and Chris has 10 years of experience working in finance, law, and as a co-founder of several start-up companies. Prior to his current role, Chris worked in finance at J.P. Morgan and as a lawyer at Sidley Austin, LLP in the first Global Finance practice group, focusing on secured transactions.

Chris also worked in government affairs at Husch Blackwell, LLP representing municipalities, Fortune 500 companies, and start-ups to expand business opportunities with the Federal government, including directly lobbying agencies and members of Congress. In addition, Chris worked in non-profit fundraising and community outreach for the George Washington University as the Associate Director of Development.

Chris graduated from the George Washington University with a degree in International Affairs and later received a law degree from the George Washington University Law School. Chris serves on the City Year Executive Board of Directors and has traveled to nearly 100 countries

