

Wake on Wall Street Panel: “Global Economy at a Crossroads”

Panelist Biographies:

Tom Blank ('74, Parent '04)

Tom Blank joined Gephardt Government Affairs in 2012 and leads client work in the homeland security, technology, and international arenas. His multi-decade career includes public sector assignments on Capitol Hill and at key Executive Branch agencies, as well as private sector and non-profit experience.

As Communications Director for former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Tom designed and led the message development and communications strategy for the House Republican leadership, including efforts supporting passage of the first balanced budget in a generation. Earlier in his career, Tom served as a Department of Transportation spokesman and was appointed by President Reagan to serve as a lead spokesman for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Tom's 13 years of federal service culminated following his tenure as a “founding father” of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), which he joined in 2002 as a stakeholder liaison. He later served as Assistant Administrator for Security Regulation and Policy and was instrumental in developing the new security regime for the aviation sector, including the Screening Partnership Program, the Federal Flight Deck Officer Program, and the first standard operating procedures for TSA baggage inspection processes. In 2004, Tom was named Chief Support Systems Officer and assumed responsibility for 900 employees and a \$2 billion budget for security technology, IT, human resources, and acquisitions. Tom left the agency as Deputy Administrator (Acting) and remains one of the agency's longest-tenured senior leaders.

Prior to joining TSA, Tom served as President and CEO of the Fund for the Capitol Visitor Center, a non-profit created by Congress to serve as a partner in fundraising and oversight of the project to complete the last major addition to the US Capitol building.

Tom's private sector experience includes two stints as head of public affairs for NYSE corporations, including Union Pacific Resources (UPR). He has also been President of Washington-based public affairs firm Hager Sharp, Inc., where he created the environment and industry practice.

Thomas P. (Todd) Gibbons ('79)

Todd Gibbons is a Vice Chairman of BNY Mellon and the company's Chief Financial Officer, responsible for the controller, treasury, investor relations, strategic planning, corporate development and tax functions, as well as its leasing businesses. BNY Mellon is the corporate brand of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (NYSE:BK).

Prior to this position, Todd was Chief Risk Officer, overseeing credit, operational and market risk management of the company and The Bank of New York for nearly a decade. Under his leadership, The Bank of New York dramatically enhanced its risk profile in the years leading up to the merger with Mellon Financial.

He also served as CFO of The Bank of New York for almost a year prior to the merger.

Todd first joined The Bank of New York in 1986 and held top management positions in the capital markets business, including head of global treasury, with responsibility for asset and liability management, funding, money market trading, swaps and derivative products.

Prior to joining The Bank of New York, Todd was assistant treasurer at Handy and Harman, a leading refiner, processor and fabricator of precious metals.

He is a member of BNY Mellon's Executive Committee, the organization's most senior management body, and chairman of the company's Benefits Investment Committee. Todd serves on the board of managers of ConvergEx Holdings, LLC and board of directors of PHH Corporation (NYSE:PHH). He is also on the advisory board of Wake Forest University's Business School and the board of the Summit Area YMCA.

Todd holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Wake Forest University and an MBA from Pace University.

Joseph Ibrahim (MBA '91)

Mr. Ibrahim is a Managing Partner with MBF Healthcare Partners ("MBF") and is responsible for originating, executing, and managing investments in middle-market healthcare services companies.

Prior to rejoining MBF in 2016, Joseph served in a variety of investing roles including leading the healthcare investment strategy for The Riverside Company, a global private equity firm with \$3.2 billion in assets under management, and driving deal originations for MBF from 2006 – 2009.

Joseph was the President of The Healthcare Private Equity Association, ("HCPEA") from 2012 – 2014 and now serves on the HCPEA board of directors.

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Robert H. McCooey, Jr. (Parent '14)

Robert H. McCooey, Jr. is a Senior Vice President of Nasdaq's Listing Services unit. He is responsible for New Listings as well as Relationship Management with Nasdaq's 3,500 listed companies in the Americas and throughout Asia Pacific.

Prior to joining Nasdaq in 2006, Mr. McCooey founded and served as the Chief Executive Officer of The Griswold Company, a brokerage firm, from 1988 until 2006. He was a member of the New York Stock Exchange Board of Executives from 2003-2006. Mr. McCooey served on the NYSE's Group Market Performance Committee, was chairman of the NYSE's Technology and Planning Oversight Committee and served on the Boards of the NYSE Foundation, the Securities Industry Automation Corporation (SIAC) and the Committee for Review, part of NYSE Regulation. He is a member of the National Organization of Investment Professionals (NOIP).

Mr. McCooey is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA.