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Building Unity and Providing Leadership in a New Normal
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Karamjit S. Kalsi  
Founder and Partner  l  BentallGreenOak  
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Sonny Kalsi is the President of BentallGreenOak (BGO) and is based in New York City. BGO is a global real estate investment and management platform with approximately $50BN under management. BGO has 24 offices worldwide (North America, Europe, and Asia) and over 1,300 employees. The firm manages investment strategies and properties in various asset and risk classes.

Sonny previously was a Founder of GreenOak Real Estate in 2010 and together with the team grew the business organically to $12BN of assets under management in 10 countries with over 100 employees. Before GreenOak, Sonny was Global Co-Head of Morgan Stanley’s Real Estate Investing (MSREI) business and President of the Morgan Stanley Real Estate Funds until 2009. At its peak, the platform had approximately $100 billion of assets under management in 33 countries. During his 18-year career at Morgan Stanley, Sonny spent almost 10 years in Asia and has lived and worked in six different locations around the world.

Sonny is a graduate of Georgetown University and continues to be very involved with the school. He has been cited by Private Equity Real Estate magazine as one of the “30 Most Influential” people in private equity real estate globally. Sonny is on the board of several charitable organizations including Teaching Matters, Room to Read, SparkYouth NYC, Asia Society, and the Hirshhorn Museum. He is also a Trustee of the Spence School, a board member of Oberoi Realty and an Adjunct Professor at Columbia University in the Master of Real Estate Program.
Session I

The Role of Leadership in Times of Crisis
Leading through the Crisis vs. Managing the Response

Moderator

Umran Beba
Partner  l  August Leadership
Former Global Chief Diversity Officer  l  PepsiCo
Chair  l  Asia Society's Global Talent and Diversity Council

Umran Beba is an experienced senior business executive with a background in general management, talent and diversity. She has close to 35 years of experience in the consumer goods industry, 25 of which were spent with PepsiCo in Istanbul, Hong Kong, Dubai, and New York. She was previously President of PepsiCo Asia Pacific and South East Europe, and has held management roles in the company’s South East Europe and Eastern Mediterranean / Middle East offices. At PepsiCo, she also served as Chief HR Officer and Chief Diversity Officer, managing several transformative projects including executive recruitment, talent pipeline building, culture shaping, mentoring, coaching, diversity and inclusion agenda setting and execution, and human capital management initiatives.

She is currently co-chair of the International Youth Foundation; board member of Neighbors Link; trustee of Purchase College Foundation Board; and member of Columbia University School of Professional Studies Board of Overseers. She has been a member of the World Economic Forum’s Future Council for the last eight years and was an independent non-executive board director of Calbee Inc. for five years, a public company headquartered in Tokyo.

She is a native of Turkey and received her M.B.A. and B.S. in industrial engineering from Bogaziçi University in Istanbul. She lives in Greenwich, Connecticut with her family.
Omar Ishrak is Executive Chairman of Medtronic and Chairman of the Board of Directors. He assumed the newly created role of Executive Chairman in April 2020, following his retirement as Chief Executive Officer of Medtronic, a position he had held since June 2011.

Medtronic is the world’s leading medical technology company, with $29 billion in annual revenue, 90,000 employees and operations reaching more than 150 countries worldwide. The Medtronic Mission is to use technology to alleviate pain, restore health, and extend life for millions of people around the world.

In January 2020, Omar was named independent Chairman of the Board of Directors of Intel, where he has served as a member of the board since March 2017.

Prior to joining Medtronic, Omar was President and CEO of GE Healthcare Systems. Earlier in his career, Omar held leadership positions at Diasonics/Vingmed, and various product development and engineering positions at Philips Ultrasound.

He grew up in Bangladesh, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of London, King’s College. He is also a Fellow of King’s College. He was inducted to the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) College of Fellows in 2016, and was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2020.

Omar is a member of the Asia Society Board of Trustees, and a member of the Minnesota Public Radio Board of Trustees.
Session II

Reimagining Post Covid-19 Workplace Leadership Skills for the “New Normal”

Moderator

Philip A. Berry
President  l  Philip Berry and Associates LLC;
Member  l  Asia Society’s Global Talent and Diversity Council

Philip Berry brings a uniquely in-depth perspective to cross-cultural talent development, diversity and inclusion, executive coaching, and personal branding.

He has held senior positions at Colgate Palmolive, the Clinton Foundation, Procter & Gamble, and Digital Equipment Corporation. Philip has implemented organizational plans in over 60 countries around the world, living abroad in Paris and working in Europe, Latin America, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and Russia.

A prolific speaker and author of several articles and a book called Being Better Than You Believe: 8 Steps to Ultimate Success, Philip's many contributions to organizational effectiveness have earned him awards from Crain's New York; the Feminist Press; Global HR News; the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce; and the National Hispanic Corporate Achievers, among others. He is a passionate volunteer, serving as acting chairman of the City of New York Construction Fund; founder and advisor to the Asia Society’s Corporate Diversity Council; advisory board member of the New York City Center; and board member of the Louis Armstrong House Museum. He has also served as vice chairman of City University’s board of trustees.

Philip received his M.B.A. from Xavier University, Masters of Science in Social Work from Columbia University, bachelor's degree from Queens College, and associate degree from Manhattan Community College.
Speakers

Michele Meyer-Shipp
Chief Diversity Officer  l  KPMG

Michele Meyer-Shipp is Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer at KPMG LLP. In this role, Meyer-Shipp leads the firm's diversity and inclusion efforts related to workforce, workplace, and marketplace. She previously served as Global Chief Diversity Officer at Prudential Financial.

Prior to that, she spent over a decade practicing employment law in both the public and private sectors. Meyer-Shipp serves on many industry and association tasks forces and committees, including Twitter’s Diversity Advisory Council, Working Mother Media’s Multicultural Advisory Board, National Organization on Disability, and Rutgers University's Student Affairs Executive Advisory Council. She is also a Contributor to Yahoo! Finance News.

She has received numerous accolades for her accomplishments and is a frequent guest speaker and lecturer on leadership, professional development, diversity and inclusion, culture, and talent management. She is a proud wife to Michael Shipp, and mom to Miles (22), Marcus (19) and Mason (18).
Sorabh Saxena is Executive Vice President, Global Operations & Services, AT&T Business. His organization is responsible for end-to-end operations supporting AT&T’s nearly 3 million business customers worldwide. In this role, Sorabh uses his vast executive leadership experience across technology and business to deliver solutions that provide a competitive edge to his organization’s customers.

Sorabh is credited with imprinting technology in all aspects of operations and delivering a best-in-class transformation program across AT&T that allows continual incorporation of new capabilities and delivering at scale. The transformation has helped reduce cycle time, increase productivity, improve customer experience while continually bringing new products to the market. His holistic approach to transformation considers these core tenets: intently listening to the voice of the customer and employees, infusing data and analytics in all decision-making, and developing plays that always have people, process, technology and culture aligned to ensure success.

Sorabh has led numerous other successful transformations and large-scale programs across many AT&T business units, delivering significant results across multiple dimensions. Most recently, he served as CIO of Network and Shared Services, where he was a key leader in AT&T’s pivot to software-defined network (SDN) products, services, and platforms. Sorabh’s team also led the realization of AT&T’s IT 2020 playbook, delivering some of industry’s largest and most advanced API, data & analytics, and digital platforms.

His many contributions to business and technology have been widely recognized, having received the ComputerWorld Premier 100 Technology Leaders Award, and both American and International Business Awards for Executive of the Year. In 2018, through the collective efforts of AT&T Business associates, AT&T received J.D. Power’s 2018 U.S. Business Wireline Satisfaction awards for both large enterprise and very small business.
Mitsuru Claire Chino
Managing Executive Officer  I  ITOCHU Corporation (“Itochu”)
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Claire Chino is Managing Executive Officer of ITOCHU Corporation (“Itochu”), a Fortune Global 500 company headquartered in Japan, and President & CEO of ITOCHU International Inc., a subsidiary of Itochu in New York. Before assuming her position in New York, she was General Counsel of Itochu.

In 2013, she became the first female executive officer of any major trading company in Japan. Claire has received several recognitions, including Young Global Leader from the World Economic Forum; World Fellow from Yale University; Asia 21 Young Leader from the Asia Society; and USJLP Fellow from the U.S.-Japan Foundation. She has also been recognized in the in-house community as a “Top 25 In-House Counsel in Asia” by Asia Legal Business; “Asia Pacific’s Innovative Lawyer” and “FT Global General Counsel 30” by the Financial Times; and “Transformative Leader” by Inside Counsel. Most recently, the California Lawyers Association recognized her as the 8th Annual Warren M. Christopher International Lawyer of the Year (2018).

She received her J.D. from Cornell Law School, where she serves on the advisory board, and her B.A., cum laude, from Smith College. Claire is a classically trained singer affiliated with the Juilliard School and gives solo performances from time to time.
Christopher Belisle
Executive Director of Corporate Relations  I  Asia Society

Christopher (Chris) M. Belisle is Executive Director of Corporate Relations at Asia Society in New York, NY. In this role, he oversees corporate engagement with companies across industries based in the U.S. and abroad, and works together with (12) regional offices based in Hong Kong, Houston, Los Angeles, Manila, Melbourne, Mumbai, San Francisco, Seoul, Sydney, Tokyo, Washington, DC and Zurich. He is the primary liaison between Asia Society and companies that engage in a broad range of activities led by Asia Society. He oversees The Global Corporate Network, Asia Society’s corporate membership program, and leads the efforts and activities of the Business Council, Global Talent and Diversity Council and Rising Executives Network.

Chris is a seasoned development and fundraising professional with nearly 20 years of experience in corporate engagement and partnership development. Previously, Chris served as Director of Corporate Relations for The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. In this role, he led organization-wide corporate engagement across multiple geopolitical and thematic programs in their efforts to engage companies based in the U.S. and abroad. He also led large-scale event programming, including the annual Woodrow Wilson Awards Dinner. And before that, he directed corporate membership activities focused on the U.S. West Coast for a large trade association representing today's most innovative data-driven marketing companies.

Chris received his B.A. in International Affairs and Public Communications from American University located in Washington, DC. He lives in Manhattan with his husband, and enjoys exploring new restaurants and traveling as much as he can with family and friends.
Corey Anthony has been Senior Vice President - Human Resources & Chief Diversity Officer of AT&T since May 2017. He is responsible for leveraging AT&T's leadership in diversity and inclusion to drive innovation and growth. He also oversees the company’s workforce analytics, employee engagement initiatives, and EEO/affirmative action policies, and is responsible for aligning employees with corporate priorities and vision. Corey is a results-oriented executive with a track record of success. Most recently, he led AT&T to its first No.1 ranking on DiversityInc's Top 50 Companies for Diversity list and its second-consecutive placement on the prestigious Bloomberg Gender-Equity Index.

Prior to his current role, Corey led the Emerging Services and Operations Transformation organization to success in the company's global transformation to IP voice, security and cloud services. With 25 years of experience at AT&T, Corey has held leadership roles across the company in its Wireless, Marketing, Finance, Network Operations, Human Resources, and Global Customer Service organizations. These wide-ranging experiences have placed him at the forefront of the company’s evolution from a regional telephone company to a global leader in entertainment, business, mobile, and high-speed internet services.

Corey gives back to his community by serving on the boards of directors for Junior Achievement and Dallas CASA. A passionate advocate for diversity and inclusion, Corey co-founded a chapter of AT&T’s African American employee group, The NETwork, and serves on the boards of two other employee groups: InspirASIAN and OASiS. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration with a double major in finance and accounting from Texas A&M. He and his wife, Priscilla, live in Dallas with their children, Monte and Ryley.
Session III

Fighting Against Racism
Lessons Learned, Lessons Applied

Moderator

Tom Nagorski
Executive Vice President  I  Asia Society

Tom Nagorski became Executive Vice President of the Asia Society following a three-decade career in journalism — having served most recently as Managing Editor for International Coverage at ABC News. Before that, he was Foreign Editor for ABC’s World News Tonight, and a reporter and producer based in Russia, Germany, and Thailand. Nagorski was the recipient of eight Emmy awards and the Dupont Award for excellence in international coverage, as well as a fellowship from the Henry Luce Foundation.

He has written for several publications and is the author of Miracles on the Water: The Heroic Survivors of a World War II U-Boat Attack. Nagorski serves on Princeton University’s Advisory Council for the Department of East Asian Studies, the Advisory Board of the Committee To Protect Journalists, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He graduated from Princeton University in 1984. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife and two children.
Session III

Speakers

Shireen Dodson
Assistant Secretary-General | United Nations Ombudsman

Shireen L. Dodson was appointed United Nations Ombudsman in 2018, at the level of Assistant Secretary-General. Ms. Dodson oversees eight regional Ombudsman offices around the world. In addition, the Office offers mediation services, has a focus on prevention/addressing conflict early and provides systemic feedback to the UN General Assembly. Formally the Ombudsman for the United States Department of State (DOS), Ms. Dodson not only assisted Department managers and employees to resolve conflict arising in the workplace, she also advised the Secretary of State and senior Department executives and managers on workplace conflict trends, conflict prevention opportunities and options to achieve cost-effective and timely conflict resolution. She served as Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Civil Rights and Chief Diversity Officer at DOS.

Ms. Dodson has over 30 years of experience working with non-profits, corporate America, and the government. Ms. Dodson, an ICF Certified Executive Coach, is also a trained mediator, facilitator and conflict coach with years of experience helping individuals work through conflict. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland, and her Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall Law School, Newark, New Jersey. Ms. Dodson is also a Cornell University’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations Certified Diversity Professional (CCDP).

Prior to relocating to New York, Ms. Dodson was an active member of the Coalition of Federal Ombudsman and the Intelligence Community Ombuds Forum. Ms. Dodson served on the boards of Zion Baptist Church and MetroHealth (a District of Columbia nonprofit community-based healthcare provider). Lastly, Ms. Dodson is the author of three books: The Original Mother-Daughter Book Club; The Mother Daughter Book Club Tenth Anniversary Edition; and 100 Books for Girls to Grow On, all published by Harper-Collins. 100 Books For Girls To Grow On was nominated for a 1998 NAACP IMAGE AWARD - Outstanding Literary Work in the children’s literature category. Ms. Dodson has three adult children.
Zheng Yu Huang
President  l  Committee of 100
Asia 21 Young Leader (Class of 2010)

Zheng Huang was born in Shanghai, China and came to the U.S. at the age of ten. Zheng was a Managing Director at Intel Corporation. He then served under President Obama as a White House Fellow and Special Assistant to the Administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Aid (USAID). Thereafter, he started a financial service data firm that grew to 300 employees and seven offices.

He most recently served as a chairman of an education focused investment firm.

Zheng is the author of three books published in China that have collectively sold more than 250,000 copies. He has lived in the U.S., Germany, Japan, India, and China, and has traveled to over 80 countries.

Zheng received his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, and his M.S. in computer science, B.S. in industrial engineering, and B.A. in economics, all from Stanford University. His personal interests include Salsa, Polo, Krav Maga, Improv, and Chinese contemporary arts. More recently, he performed his first stand-up comedy.
Dr. Suraj Saggar is an expert in the diagnosis and treatment of the full spectrum of infectious diseases, from common ailments such as influenza, chicken pox, shingles, pneumonia, and bacterial skin infection, to complex viruses such as Zika, Ebola, Dengue, MERS and COVID-19. His academic focus is on the treatment of HIV, tuberculosis, infection prevention, and antimicrobial stewardship.

Dr. Saggar has worked at Holy Name Medical Center since 2007, with an office in Englewood, New Jersey. He is also an adjunct clinical associate professor at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in New York City. Dr. Saggar participates in numerous clinical trials and has conducted clinical research at the National Institutes of Health as a Merck Research Fellow. He is an investigator for Gilead and Regeneron for several of their ongoing trials of COIVD-19 therapeutics. He is also on the speaker’s bureau of Allergan Pharmaceuticals and regularly lectures for Grand Rounds and to medical students and residents.

Dr. Saggar’s weekly podcast, “Recommended Daily Dose,” featuring co-host Dr. Clenton Coleman, is available on Apple Podcasts and Spotify, and can be accessed at HolyName.org/recommendeddailydose as well. If you tune in to Fox 5 NYC News at 5 p.m., you might catch Dr. Saggar delivering medical headlines and discussing up-to-the minute health information, exciting research findings, and the latest advances in health screenings and medical technology. More recently, he has spoken frequently on the various aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic on CNN and Fox Business News.

Dr. Saggar received his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his internal medicine residency and fellowship in infectious diseases at Saint Michael’s Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond. He is board certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases.
Session IV
Managing Anxiety and Stress in a COVID-19 World
(And not letting it overcome you!)

Moderator

Dan Harris
Journalist and co-anchor  |  ABC's Good Morning America

Dan Harris is an Emmy Award-winning journalist and the co-anchor of ABC’s weekend editions of Good Morning America. He is the author of two New York Times bestsellers, 10% Happier & Meditation for Fidgety Skeptics: A 10% Happier How-to Book. He went on to launch the Ten Percent Happier podcast and an app called Ten Percent Happier. He lives in New York City with his wife, Bianca, their son, Alexander, and three ASPCA cats.

Speakers

Andy Lee
Founder  |  Mindful Ethos
Former Chief Mindfulness Officer  |  Aetna

Andy Lee helps leaders, teams, and organizations leverage the power of mindfulness to create a culture of engagement, innovation, and sustainable success. He has been teaching mindfulness in organizations since 2011. Before founding Mindful Ethos, Andy was Chief Mindfulness Officer at Aetna, where he and his team developed a range of programs to create a deeply rooted culture of mindfulness for Aetna’s employees. He also developed mindfulness programs for Aetna’s customers. Previously, Andy had a career in human resources, serving in senior talent management roles at Merrill Lynch, Viacom, and Capital One. At those organizations, he developed traditional programs to enhance employee development and leadership effectiveness.

Andy was trained as a mindfulness teacher at the University of Massachusetts Medical School’s Center for Mindfulness. He received his M.A. in organizational psychology from Columbia University and his certificate in executive coaching from Baruch College, City University of New York.
Speakers (continued)

Sana Manjeshwar  
Global Principal Ombuds Manager  I  Chevron Corp.

Sana Manjeshwar is the Global Principal Ombuds Manager with Chevron’s Global Office of Ombuds, and is based in Houston. Her Ombudsman career began at Alliance Bernstein’s where she served as their Ombudsman in New York. Prior to her Ombudsman career, she was a labor and employment attorney, and a human resources manager. She earned a BA in Psychology with a concentration in Industrial Relations from McGill University and a JD from Fordham University School of Law. She has studied, worked and/or lived in London, Paris, Lagos, Mumbai, Montreal, Chicago, Washington, D.C., New York and Houston. Additionally, she has gained exposure to all types of industries and work cultures, including manufacturing plants, law firms, hospitals, several government organizations, unions, the EEOC, courts, retail, and financial services.
Session V

The Future of Work and How to Adapt

Moderator

Stephanie Mehta
Editor-in-Chief  |  Fast Company

Stephanie Mehta is Editor-in-Chief of Fast Company, overseeing its print, digital, and live journalism. She previously served as a deputy editor at Vanity Fair, where she edited feature stories and coedited the annual New Establishment ranking. She also curated the invitation-only New Establishment Summit and Founders Fair conference for women entrepreneurs, which she launched in 2017; the women's conference was profitable in its first year.

In 2016, she was Editor of Bloomberg LIVE, Bloomberg Media's global conference division. In that role, she also served as part of the company's editorial steering committee, consisting of Bloomberg's top 12 editors. She spent 14 years as a writer and editor at Fortune, rising to the No. 2 position on the title's masthead. At Fortune, she directed the magazine's technology, management, Washington, and international coverage, and helped set its overall editorial direction. She spent six years as an editor and writer at The Wall Street Journal.

Mehta began her career as a business reporter at The Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk, Virginia. She received M.S. in journalism and B.A. in English from Northwestern University. A Chicago-area native, she now lives with her husband and two daughters in Scarsdale, New York.
Dr. Michael Chui is a partner at the McKinsey Global Institute (MGI), McKinsey’s business and economics research arm. He leads research on the impact of disruptive technologies and innovation on business, the economy, and society. Michael has led McKinsey research in such areas as data & analytics, social & collaboration technologies, the Internet of Things, and artificial intelligence, robotics & automation.

Michael is a frequent speaker at major global conferences, and his research has been cited in leading publications around the world. His PhD dissertation, entitled “I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For: Web Searching as Query Refinement,” examined Web user search behaviors and the usability of Web search engines. As a McKinsey consultant, Michael served clients in the high-tech, media, and telecom industries on strategy, innovation and product development, IT, sales and marketing, M&A, and organization. He is also on the boards of the James Irvine Foundation and the Asia Society of Northern California, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Prior to joining McKinsey, Michael served as the first chief information officer of the city of Bloomington, Indiana, where he re-architected the enterprise architecture using open source technologies and led a project that resulted in Bloomington becoming the first community in the world to offer both live and archived video streaming of public meetings on the Web.

Before that, Michael was founder and executive director of HoosierNet, Inc., a nonprofit cooperative Internet service provider that offered dial-up and broadband access to the Internet to consumers, nonprofits, governments, and businesses. Michael is based in McKinsey’s San Francisco Office.
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Marc H. Morial, who has been described as one of the few national leaders to possess “street smarts”; and “boardroom savvy”, is the current President and CEO of the National Urban League, the nation’s largest historic civil rights and urban advocacy organization.

He served as the highly successful and popular Mayor of New Orleans as well as the President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. He previously was a Louisiana State Senator, and was a lawyer in New Orleans with an active, high profile practice. He is a leading voice on the national stage in the battle for jobs, education, housing and voting rights equity.

A graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, and the University of Pennsylvania, he has been recognized as one of the 100 most influential Black Americans by Ebony Magazine, one of the top 50 Non Profit Leaders by the Non Profit Times, one of the 100 Most Influential Black Lawyers in America and he has also been inducted into the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame in Atlanta, GA.
Closing Remarks

Anthony Jackson
Vice President, Education & Director
Center for Global Education | Asia Society

Dr. Anthony Jackson leads Asia Society’s work in global education, which strives to enable all students to graduate high school prepared for college, for work in the global economy, and for 21st century global citizenship.

Jackson oversees the Center for Global Education at Asia Society, a global platform for collaboratively advancing education for global competence for all. The Center’s multifaceted approach includes the International Studies Schools Network, a network of over 30 schools around the United States that systematically integrate a global focus within the curriculum; Global Learning Beyond School, which supports globalizing youth programs including afterschool and community programs; the Global Cities Education Network, a learning community of high performing Asian and North American urban school districts dedicated to solving common high priority problems of practice and policy; and China Learning Initiatives, which provide national leadership to support learning of Chinese language and culture.

Trained in both developmental psychology and education, Jackson is one of the nation’s leading experts on secondary school education reform and adolescent development. Jackson directed the Carnegie Corporation’s Task Force on the Education of Young Adolescents which produced the groundbreaking report Turning Points: Educating Adolescents in the 21st Century, and co-authored the seminal follow-up blueprint Turning Points 2000, considered one of the most influential books on middle school reform. His most recent work is Educating for Global Competence: Preparing Our Youth to Engage the World.

Jackson holds a BA from the University of California at Berkeley, and MA and PhD in Education and Psychology from the University of Michigan.
Christopher Belisle
Executive Director of Corporate Relations  l  Asia Society

Christopher (Chris) M. Belisle is Executive Director of Corporate Relations at Asia Society in New York, NY. In this role, he oversees corporate engagement with companies across industries based in the U.S. and abroad, and works together with (12) regional offices based in Hong Kong, Houston, Los Angeles, Manila, Melbourne, Mumbai, San Francisco, Seoul, Sydney, Tokyo, Washington, DC and Zurich. He is the primary liaison between Asia Society and companies that engage in a broad range of activities led by Asia Society. He oversees The Global Corporate Network, Asia Society’s corporate membership program, and leads the efforts and activities of the Business Council, Global Talent and Diversity Council and Rising Executives Network.

Chris is a seasoned development and fundraising professional with nearly 20 years of experience in corporate engagement and partnership development. Previously, Chris served as Director of Corporate Relations for The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. In this role, he led organization-wide corporate engagement across multiple geopolitical and thematic programs in their efforts to engage companies based in the U.S. and abroad. He also led large-scale event programming, including the annual Woodrow Wilson Awards Dinner. And before that, he directed corporate membership activities focused on the U.S. West Coast for a large trade association representing today’s most innovative data-driven marketing companies.

Chris received his B.A. in International Affairs and Public Communications from American University located in Washington, DC. He lives in Manhattan with his husband, and enjoys exploring new restaurants and traveling as much as he can with family and friends.
Global Talent & Diversity Council (GTDC)
GTDC is a members-driven working group that meets quarterly to 1) raises visibility of the importance of nurturing Asian talent and diversity in the business community world-wide, 2) acts as a go-to business resource to expose cutting-edge, innovative and applicable best practices and trends that achieve real, measurable outcomes in attracting, retaining and supporting Asian talent across the global business landscape, and 3) advises Asia Society and external stakeholders how they can best leverage their respective roles within the public arena as an advocate for inclusive Asian talent and diversity in the business community.

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