

## The Panel



**Alejandro Wolff, Ambassador (Ret) & Independent Director** Alex Wolff advises public and private firms on international political and commercial matters. He serves as a Board Director and Compensation Committee Chair of Albemarle Corporation (a top specialty chemicals public company), and as Board Director of two airline companies, JetSMART Holdings (a low-cost air carrier in South America) and Frontier Group Holdings (public holding company for Frontier Airlines, a U.S. low-cost airline). He was previously Lead Independent Director and Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee of Versum Materials (a semiconductor materials leader), a Director of Pacific Gas and Electric (a California public utility company), and Director and Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee of Rockwood Holdings (a specialty chemicals company). He served until June 2016 as the Managing Director of Gryphon Partners, a global advisory firm that provides companies and governments strategic and operational counsel on business and investment challenges across sectors and markets. Before retiring in 2013 from a 34-year career in the U.S. State Department, he served as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Chile (2010-2013) and U.S. Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations (2005-2010), in addition to posts in North Africa. Ambassador Wolff has wide experience in European, Middle Eastern, Asian, Latin American, and African affairs. He has spoken at universities and business groups on leadership, international relations, and on the intersection between business and government.

**Dimitris Valatsas, Co-Founder & Chief Economist, Aurora Macro Strategies** Dimitris serves as the firm's Chief Economist and leads our Economics & Markets practice. He has over a decade of experience advising asset managers, hedge funds, family offices, and other financial institutions on macroeconomic and market developments, focusing on the U.S. and Europe. In addition to his role at Aurora, Dimitris is an advisor for LGA, a family enterprise advisory firm. His articles and op-eds have appeared in numerous publications, including the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, and the South China Morning Post. Dimitris holds an AB in Economics from Harvard University and a Master's in Modern Languages from the University of Oxford; he is a CFA Charterholder. In his free time, Dimitris enjoys cycling, scuba diving, and modernist art. A native of Athens, Greece, Dimitris lives in New York, NY with his wife and son.





**Daniel Lansberg-Rodreguez, Co-Founder & Geopolitics, Risk, and Strategy**

**Lead, Aurora Macro Strategies**

Daniel heads the firm's Geopolitics, Risk, and Strategy practice. In a two-decade career spanning journalism, government, and finance, he has advised some of the world's most prominent businesses, investors, and governments. On faculty at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management since 2015, his research and teaching focus on political and geopolitical risk, country branding, populism, corruption, and private sector resilience in emerging markets. Daniel's byline or visage can frequently be found haunting various op-ed pages, expert commentaries, conferences, and broadcast media. In his free time, he enjoys advising and investing in tech startups, most board games, and connecting interesting people. Daniel resides in Newton, Massachusetts, with his wife and twin daughters. He is a graduate of Harvard's Kennedy School and University of Chicago Law.

## The Moderator



**Holly Van Deursen, Non-Executive Director**

Holly Van Deursen serves on the Boards of Albemarle Corporation, Anson Industries, Kimball Electronics Inc, and Synthomer plc. Previously, Ms. Van Deursen served on the Boards of Bemis Company Inc., Capstone Green Energy Corporation, Enerpac Tool Group Corporation, and Petroleum Geo-Services ASA. Prior to her Board service, she worked in global businesses for over 25 years in the chemical and oil industries with Dow Corning Corporation, Amoco Corporation, and BP plc, and lived in Asia, the UK, and the US. Ms. Van Deursen serves on the Chicago Chapter Board of NACD and is Chair of the Program Committee.