

BUSINESS LEADERS FORUM

Alex Friedman

Date: June 16, 2010



We are very excited to have Alex Friedman, Founder and Managing Partner of Asymmetry LLC, as our speaker this month.

Friedman launched Asymmetry LLC, a private investment company in March 2010. He is also a Senior Advisor to Lazard, the international investment bank.

Previously, Friedman was chief financial officer for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and a member of the foundation's management committee. His duties included overseeing all financial matters, strategic planning, measurement and evaluation, contracts and a number of special projects. Friedman acted as the foundation's fiduciary overseeing the deployment of its \$35 billion endowment and the gift from Warren Buffett, collectively in excess of approximately \$70 billion. Friedman developed the foundation's innovative use of its balance sheet to support program-related investments and managed its \$400 million program related investment fund.

Friedman also served as CFO of the Bill and Melinda Gates Asset Trust, which is the entity that invests the foundation's assets. Prior to the Gates foundation, Friedman worked as an investment banker with Lazard, where he led the financial sponsor group. Before Lazard, Friedman led corporate development at Medarex, a public biotechnology company sold to Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Friedman served as a White House fellow and an assistant to the secretary of defense for special projects in the Clinton administration. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the board of the Seattle Art Museum (Chair, Investment Committee), the Access Fund and the investment committee of the Gates-Cambridge Trust. Friedman received a J.D. from Columbia Law School, an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School, and a bachelor's degree from Princeton University.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, June 16th. Please RSVP to Kaila Trout at 206-343-2323 or via email at kt trout@mcmnw.com.

Sincerely,
John W. Meisenbach

Time: 7:15 am

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