
Biography – Byron Wien



Byron Wien is Vice Chairman of Blackstone's Private Wealth Solutions group where he acts as a senior adviser to both the Firm and its clients in analyzing economic, social and political trends to assess the direction of financial markets and thus help guide investment and strategic decisions. Prior to joining Blackstone, Mr. Wien was Chief Investment Strategist for Pequot Capital and before that served for 21 years as Chief (later Senior) U.S. Investment Strategist at Morgan Stanley.

In 1995, Mr. Wien co-authored a book with George Soros on the legendary investor's life and philosophy, *Soros on Soros – Staying Ahead of the Curve*. In 1998 he was named by *First Call* the most widely read analyst on Wall Street and in 2000 was ranked the No. 1 strategist by *SmartMoney.com* based on his market calls during that year. Mr. Wien was named to the 2004 *Smart Money Power 30* list of Wall Street's most influential investors, thinkers, enforcers, policy makers, players and market movers. He appeared in the "Thinker" category.

In 2006, Mr. Wien was named by *New York Magazine* as one of the sixteen most influential people in Wall Street. The New York Society of Security Analysts (NYSSA) presented Mr. Wien with a lifetime achievement award in 2008.

Mr. Wien received an AB with honors from Harvard College and an MBA with distinction from Harvard Business School. He is a member of the Investment Committees of Lincoln Center and The Pritzker Foundation. He is a trustee of the New York Historical Society, and Chairman of the Investment Committee of the JPB Foundation.

Biography – Ian Bremmer



Ian Bremmer is a political scientist who helps business leaders, policy makers, and the general public make sense of the world around them. He is president and founder of Eurasia Group, the world's leading political risk research and consulting firm, and GZERO Media, a company dedicated to providing intelligent and engaging coverage of international affairs. Ian is an independent voice on critical issues around the globe, offering clearheaded insights through speeches, written commentary, and even satirical puppets (really!).

He is the host of GZERO World with Ian Bremmer, which airs weekly on US national public television. Ian is also a frequent guest on CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, the BBC, Bloomberg, and many others globally.

A prolific writer, Ian is the author of 10 books, including the New York Times bestseller “Us vs Them: The Failure of Globalism” which examines the rise of populism across the world. He also serves as the Foreign Affairs Columnist and Editor at Large for Time magazine. He currently teaches at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and previously was a professor at New York University.

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