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He has been actively involved in New York real estate since 1982 as a developer, sponsor, owner, financier, broker, contractor and property manager. In his career he has bought, sold or financed over \$1 billion of commercial real estate including many of the downtown New York office building to apartment conversions that were completed in the 1990's. These projects included 19 Rector Street and the Downtown Athletic Club. In the 1990's, Kaufman was the Senior Managing Director at The Carlton Group, an international real estate investment banking firm that routinely finances large scale real estate backed projects. He was also a Senior Managing Director at the New York Colliers International affiliate and completed in excess of \$300 million of New York sales and financings from 2001-2003.

Mr. Kaufman has a B.A. from Vassar College and an MBA from the Wharton School.