

Panelist Biographies



Moderator
Mark Houston

*Senior Managing Director,
GlassRatner*

Mark Houston has over 30 years experience in finance, commercial banking, investment banking, restructuring/turnaround management and private equity with large, middle-market, public and privately held organizations. He is a Senior Managing Director at GlassRatner. Previously, he worked at BDO as Managing Director in the Turnaround & Restructuring Practice where he was head of lender advisory services. He also led the financial institutions & specialty finance industry group across all of BDO USA. Prior to that, he served as Chief Financial Officer for two private equity backed portfolio companies. Earlier in his career, Houston worked at FTI Consulting and spent 10 years in investment banking and 4 years in commercial banking.



Sal Guatieri
*Senior Economist &
Director, BMO Capital
Markets*

Sal Guatieri is a Senior Economist and Director at BMO Capital Markets, with over two decades experience as a macro economist. With BMO since 1994, his main responsibilities include analyzing and forecasting the U.S. economy, Canadian and U.S. housing markets and commercial real estate markets. He is responsible for the Department's economic forecasts prepared for regulatory and stress testing purposes. He oversees analysis of financial services markets and industry reports. He is a regular commentator in the media.

Prior to joining BMO, Sal worked at the Bank of Canada, contributing to its quarterly economic projection and analyzing foreign exchange markets.

Sal received his Masters' degree in Economics from Queen's University in 1990.



Olu Omodunbi, PhD
*Chief Economist,
Huntington National Bank*

As a senior vice president and the chief economist, Olu is responsible for setting the private bank's economic view. He provides economic analyses and forecasts for clients within and outside the Chief Investment Office and represents Huntington in regional and national media.

With vast global experience and a deep commitment to community service, Olu analyzes wide-ranging data and helps people understand current economic trends and conditions. He is "touched" and "energized" seeing his clients benefit from his research and guidance. Read more [here](#).



Ernesto Cordero Arroyo

Senator, Mexico

Ernesto Cordero is a highly respected economic strategist, policymaker, and corporate leader with extensive experience at the highest levels of government, international organizations, and private enterprise. As a former Secretary of Finance and Public Credit (SHCP) and Secretary of Social Development (SEDESOL) in Mexico, he has shaped national policy in fiscal strategy, social programs, energy, and infrastructure development.

He has also served as Undersecretary of Budget Planning (SHCP), Deputy Secretary of Energy (SENER), and Chief Risk Officer at BANOBRAS, Mexico's National Infrastructure Bank. On the international stage, Ernesto has been Co-Chairman of the G20 Committee reviewing the International Monetary System, Chairman of the Board of the Inter-American Development Bank, and Board Member of the UN Green Climate Fund, contributing to global economic governance and climate finance.

In the private sector, he sits on the Board of Directors of Grupo Olarena, one of Mexico's largest hospitality corporations, where he also chairs the Audit Committee. His previous board roles include PEMEX and the Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE), two of Mexico's most strategic state-owned enterprises.

In the legislative branch, Ernesto served as Senator and Chairman of the Mexican Senate, and later as a member of the Mexico City Constitutional Assembly, providing leadership in governance and constitutional design.

An accomplished academic, Ernesto holds a Bachelor's degree in Actuarial Science from ITAM and a Master's in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania. He is also the Founding Partner of Pondera, a consulting firm specializing in economic and financial strategy.