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DINNER**

HONORING LEADERS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Business Leadership Award

Lawrence E. Golub,
CEO, Golub Capital

Karen L. Finerman,
CEO & Co-Founder, Metropolitan Capital Advisors

John C. Whitehead Social Enterprise Award

Jessica S. Tisch,
Police Commissioner, City of New York

Entrepreneurship Award

Kasseem (Swizz Beatz) Dean,
Grammy Award Winning Producer, Co-Founder
of VERZUZ, Recording Artist & Entrepreneur

WELCOME

April 30, 2025

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the Harvard Business School Club of New York's 56th Annual Leadership Dinner. We are pleased to honor leaders who embody Harvard Business School's mission to Educate Leaders who Make a Difference in the World. This year's honorees exemplify the important contributions that HBS alumni make across a wide range of sectors.

We would like to thank Steve Klinsky and Maureen Sherry Klinsky, for their leadership as tonight's dinner chairs. They are role models for how they run their business as well as in supporting education, health care, and environmental initiatives.

And, a big thank you to Bruce Marcus (MBA '80) and Amy Vecchione (MBA '84) for years of chairing the committee that always makes this dinner a success.

We are proud of how HBSCNY contributes to the local community by supporting non-profit organizations and small businesses with pro-bono consulting; connecting local education institutions with local businesses to help graduates to become skilled and productive workers via our Skills Gap Initiative; running the largest Angel Investing group in New York; curating continuing education programs to alumni and the local business community; and providing scholarships to local non-profit leaders to attend HBS Executive programs, for students to attend the MBA program, and for HBS student summer fellowships in the NYC Metro Area. None of this would be possible without your support.

Thank you for celebrating with us tonight. Enjoy the evening!

Laila J. Worrell, MBA '98
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2025 LEADERSHIP DINNER PROGRAM

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Steve Klinsky, MBA '79/JD '81

Founder and CEO, New Mountain Capital; *Leadership Dinner Chair*

Maureen Sherry Klinsky

Author and Screenwriter; *Leadership Dinner Chair*

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Harvard Business School

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

presented by Melissa Lee, Host, CNBC's Fast Money

Lawrence E. Golub, MBA '84/JD '84

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DINNER

REMARKS

Laila J. Worrell, MBA '98

Material+ Holding Company, LLC;

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JOHN C. WHITEHEAD SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AWARD

presented by Susan L. Birnbaum, President & CEO, New York City Police Foundation

Jessica S. Tisch, MBA '07/JD '08

Police Commissioner, City of New York

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD

Kasseem (Swizz Beatz) Dean, OPM 50

Grammy Award Winning Producer, Recording Artist, and Entrepreneur

CLOSING REMARKS

Steve Klinsky and Maureen Sherry Klinsky

DINNER CHAIR

Steven Klinsky, MBA '79/JD '81**Founder and CEO, New Mountain Capital**

Mr. Klinsky is one of the pioneers of the modern private equity field, and the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of New Mountain Capital, a growth-oriented private equity and credit firm with over \$55 billion of assets under management (1999-Present). Since the firm's inception, New Mountain's private equity companies have generated over \$87 billion of enterprise value for all constituents, without one bankruptcy or missed

interest payment ever, while adding or creating over 70,000 net jobs.

Earlier in his career, Klinsky was co-founder of Goldman Sachs' original Private Equity group (1981-1984), and a partner of Forstmann Little & Co. in its years of top performance (1984-1999).

Charitably, Mr. Klinsky is the founder ModernStates.org (the nation's largest free college-for-credit philanthropy with over 600,000 users to date); Sisulu-Walker (New York's first ever charter school) and other charter schools; the Johns Hopkins' Gupta-Klinsky Institute for public health in India; the Klinsky Professorship of Leadership and Progress at Harvard Law School; medical clinics and medical research; after-school centers; the HBS debate series; and other efforts.

Mr. Klinsky grew up in a family business in Michigan, attended public schools, and earned his B.A. with high honors at the University of Michigan, completing the four-year program in approximately two years' time. He then earned his MBA from Harvard Business School (class of 1979) and his J.D. with honors from Harvard Law School (class of 1981), where he founded the original JD/MBA Association. Mr. Klinsky received the HBS Club of New York **John C. Whitehead Social Enterprise Award** in 2015.

DINNER CHAIR

Maureen Sherry Klinsky,
BS, Cornell University, MFA, Columbia University
Author and Screenwriter



Author and screenwriter, Maureen Sherry Klinsky, holds a BS from Cornell University and an MFA from Columbia University. She has written for many publications including *Fortune* and the *New York Times*. Her nationally bestselling novel *Opening Belle* was optioned by Reese Witherspoon and Thunder Road Productions. Her middle grade mystery, *Walls Within Walls*, has been optioned by JJ Abrams. Maureen is an active board member for non-profits dedicated to public school transfor-

mation, financial literacy, college affordability and clean water initiatives. She and her husband have four, mostly grown children. Maureen received the HBS Club of New York **John C. Whitehead Social Enterprise Award** in 2015.

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Lawrence E. Golub, BA '80, MBA '84/JD '84

CEO, Golub Capital



Lawrence Golub is the CEO of Golub Capital, a market-leading, award-winning direct lender and experienced private credit manager. As of October 1, 2024, Golub Capital had over \$70 billion of capital under management, a gross measure of invested capital including leverage.

Mr. Golub is a member of the Harvard Medical School Board of Fellows, a member of the Columbia Medical School Board of Advisors, President of the Harvard University JD-MBA Alumni Association and a member of the Advisory Council of Harvard Kennedy School's Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business & Government. Mr. Golub serves as a member of the Board of Overseers of the Hoover Institution, the Stanford Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Council, and as Co-founder and Chair of the Golub Capital Social Impact Labs and the Golub Capital Nonprofit Board Fellows Program.

In 2024, Mr. Golub was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award by *The M&A Advisor* and inducted into their Hall of Fame. Mr. Golub was a private member of the Financial Control Board of the State of New York for over twelve years. He was a White House Fellow and served for fifteen years as Treasurer of the White House Fellows Foundation. He served for fifteen years as a trustee of Montefiore Einstein, the university hospital of the Albert Einstein Medical School.

Mr. Golub earned his AB degree magna cum laude in economics from Harvard College. He received an MBA from Harvard Business School, where he was selected as a Baker Scholar, and a JD from Harvard Law School, where he served as an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*.

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Karen L. Finerman,
BS, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
CEO & Co-Founder, Metropolitan Capital Advisors;
Panelist, CNBC's *Fast Money*



Ms. Finerman co-founded New York-based hedge fund Metropolitan Capital Advisors in 1992 and serves as its CEO. She has been a panelist on CNBC's *Fast Money* from its debut year in 2007 until the present. She is the author of the *New York Times* best-selling book, *Finerman's Rules: Secrets I'd Only Tell My Daughters About Business and Life*. She is also the host of the podcast *How She Does It*. She is an investor in

the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and is a strong advocate for women's sports.

Ms. Finerman is a proud board member of The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research and the Wharton Board of Advisors, her alma mater. She sat for 15 years on the board of Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. She lives in New York City with her husband Lawrence Golub. They have two sets of twins: Lucy, Jack, William, and Kate.

Jessica S. Tisch, BA '03, MBA '07/JD '08

Police Commissioner, City of New York



Jessica S. Tisch was appointed the 48th police commissioner of the City of New York by Mayor Eric Adams in November 2024. Commissioner Tisch is a 17-year veteran of city government who has dedicated her professional life to serving the people of New York. Before her appointment as police commissioner, Tisch previously served as commissioner of both the New York City Department of Sanitation and the New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT).

Prior to joining DoITT, Tisch spent the majority of her career at the New York City Police Department, where she served as deputy commissioner of the Information Technology Bureau, and oversaw the NYPD's 911 operations. She spearheaded efforts to use technology to transform the NYPD's fundamental business processes, including how officers are dispatched and respond to 911 calls, take crime reports, investigate, and search for wanted or missing persons. She also managed the development and implementation of the flagship Domain Awareness System. Under her leadership, every officer was equipped with a smartphone—giving them access to real-time information in the field, as well as improving their accessibility to the public. Tisch also managed the implementation of the NYPD's body-worn camera program and drove additional efforts to improve transparency and public access to the NYPD, including the modernization of CompStat. She began her public service career in 2008, when she joined the NYPD as a counterterrorism analyst.

Commissioner Tisch is a graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Law School, and Harvard Business School, and is a lifelong New Yorker.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD

Kasseem (Swizz Beatz) Dean, OPM 50**Grammy Award Winning Producer, Co-Founder of Verzuz, Recording Artist and Entrepreneur**

Whether it be in music, fine art, sports, business, or culture, Swizz Beatz consistently challenges and changes the status quo. The Bronx native started disrupting back in 1998. Straight out of the gate, he produced one of the most popular hip-hop songs in history: DMX's double-platinum "Ruff Ryders' Anthem." He has fueled total sales of over 350 million albums worldwide with a bulletproof discography highlighted by classics such as JAY-Z's "Jigga My N****"

and the GRAMMY® Award-winning "On To The Next One," Beyoncé's "Ring the Alarm," Lil Wayne's "Uproar," and dozens of others. *Billboard* touted him in the Top 20 of "The 50 Greatest Producers of the 21st Century," and Kanye West christened him, "The best rap producer of all time." Plus, he serves as Executive Producer of the music for the hit EPIX Series *Godfather of Harlem*. In the middle of the Global Pandemic, he and Timbaland launched VERZUZ. The series garnered a Webby Award for Special Achievement—"Break the Internet" as it crushed the Instagram record for livestreaming. Timbaland and Swizz received the "Shine A Light Award" at the 2020 BET Awards, while *Bloomberg Businessweek* included them among, "The 50 Most Influential People: The People Who Changed Global Business" in 2020. Within a year, VERZUZ also won a NAACP Image Award for "Outstanding Show (Series or Special)." Dozens of television shows, a *Billboard* cover, and more have chronicled and studied "The VERZUZ Effect."

In the area of fine arts, The Dean Collection, founded by Swizz and his wife Alicia Keys, stands out as the largest private collection of Gordon Parks art in the world as well as over 1,100 pieces by other artists. Swizz and The Dean Collection curate the live art and music festival No Commission—an innovative art fair where artists receive space free of charge and reap the entirety of their sales. Swizz graduated from Harvard Business School's OPM Program and made history as New York University's first "Producer in Residence." He has collaborated with household name brands, including Bacardi, Aston Martin, Reebok, and American Express.

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Founded in 1920, the HBS Club of NY is the alumni organization for the approximately 13,000 HBS alumni residing in the Greater NY area. It is the largest HBS Club in the world, and is a unique and powerful platform for alumni of Harvard Business School to use their leadership skills to make a meaningful difference with fellow alumni in service to the community and in areas of mutual interest.

The Club's annual Leadership Dinner is the primary fund-raiser for the Club and its activities each year, which include:

- **The Community Partners Program** which each year provides approximately \$4 million of pro-bono consulting services for almost 50 NYC area non-profits, delivered by teams of local HBS alums
- **The Skills Gap Initiative** which connects New York educational institutions with businesses to build needed skills for the local workforce
- **Scholarships and fellowships** for local non-profit leaders to attend HBS executive education programs, for MBA students, and for HBS summer fellows in the NYC Metro area
- **An on-going annual series of over 75 events and seminars**, attended by more than 3,500 individuals, featuring HBS professors and business leaders providing lifelong learning to alumni and the local business community
- **HBS Alumni Angels**, the largest Angel investing group in New York with over 325 members, which routinely makes investments totaling in excess of \$3 million
- **The Small Business Partnership Initiative**, which provides pro bono business counseling services to NYC area small businesses, and serves hundreds of businesses in NYC

2024 LEADERSHIP DINNER HONOREES

A LOOK BACK AT THE MAY 16, 2024 LEADERSHIP DINNER.



Over 400 alumni and friends gathered at The Pierre as we celebrated “Leaders Who Challenge the Status Quo”.

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