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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, Mr. 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.