Keynote Speakers

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Ralph Acampora, CMT, is senior managing director of Altaia Capital Partners LLP and a pioneer in the development of market analytics. He has a global reputation as a market historian and a technical analyst, providing unique insights on market timing and related investment strategy issues. Acampora was previously the New York Institute of Finance’s director of technical analysis studies. He taught at the institute for nearly 40 years. Before joining NYIF, he was director of technical research at Knight Equity Markets and also worked for 15 years at Prudential Equity Groups as director of technical analysis. As one of Wall Street’s most respected technical analysts, he has consistently been ranked by Institutional Investor for more than 10 years. He is a chartered market technician (CMT), a designation he helped to create.

Brett M. Amendola
Senior Executive Vice President
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Brett M. Amendola has successfully leveraged his more than two decades of experience at some of the world’s largest investment firms. He has attracted successful financial industry professionals to work side-by-side with some of the brightest minds graduating from colleges and universities, creating a team with extensive knowledge and experience providing world-class financial advice and continuity of service to professionals and multi-generational business owner clients. Amendola holds the Series 6, 7, 9, 10, 24, 63, 65 and state life and health licenses and is a member of GAMA International. He has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors including Quinnipiac University’s Outstanding Business Alumni Inaugural Recipient – 2008 and the Hartford Business Journal 40 Under 40 Award in 2008. He earned a bachelor’s degree in financial management from Quinnipiac University and serves as vice president of Quinnipiac’s Alumni Association Board of Governors.

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Juan Carlos Artigas is the director of investment research at the World Gold Council, where he and his team provide insights on gold’s drivers and its role as an integral part of investor portfolios. Since 2009, he has reshaped the organization’s approach to investment research through robust and comprehensive financial analysis, combining findings from physical and derivatives markets to better inform investors. Artigas previously worked at JP Morgan Securities as a U.S. and emerging markets fixed income strategist developing sovereign- and corporate-debt valuation frameworks. Artigas has a BS in actuarial sciences from ITAM (Mexico), and an MBA and MS in statistics from the University of Chicago.

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Clayton Banks is CEO and co-founder of Silicon Harlem, which combines technology and innovation with affordable connectivity to enable a sustainable economic engine in emerging communities across the United States. Under his leadership, Silicon Harlem has attracted over $50 million to upper Manhattan. Prior to Silicon Harlem, Banks was a pioneer in the cable and communications industry. He set the vision for Ember Media, a development group that builds digital solutions and interactive applications for top brands and nonprofit organizations across multiple platforms. Banks worked with former U.S. president, Bill Clinton, to publish an interactive college guide series targeting underserved communities. Banks also served as vice president of affiliate relations for Comedy Central. He was chosen one of New York City’s Tech Power 50 leaders in the technology industry.

Tim Brennan
Chief Compliance Officer
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**Executive Chairman, North America**  
Insight  
Cliff Corso joined Insight and the Executive Management Committee in January 2013 following BNY Mellon’s acquisition of Cutwater Asset Management. He joined Cutwater, a solutions-based fixed income manager, in 1994, helping to build the firm to approximately $20 billion in assets under management. Prior to joining Cutwater, Corso served as a senior fixed income portfolio manager at Alliance Capital Management. Throughout his career, he also served as a credit analyst, lender, restructuring specialist, trader and chief investment officer. Corso was a pioneer in the secured and credit derivatives markets, developing several investment programs and expanding this area to create cash and synthetic CDOs and conduits. He is a frequent guest on CNBC’s “Squawk Box.” He earned a BA in economics from Yale University and an MBA from Columbia University.

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