

You are cordially invited to our monthly lunch with

Former Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 – 12.15 PM
at the Racquet and Tennis Club, 370 Park Avenue

Wilbur Ross was sworn in by Vice President Mike Pence as the 39th Secretary of Commerce on February 28, 2017.
Secretary Ross was the principal voice of business in the first Trump Administration.

He is the founder, former Chairman and Chief Strategy Officer of WL Ross & Co. LLC, a major financial company in New York, and has over 55 years of investment banking and private equity experience. In his career, he has restructured over \$400 billion of assets in sectors like: the airline, apparel, auto parts, banking, beverage, chemical, credit card, electric utility, food service, furniture, real estate, restaurants steel, textile and trucking industries. Mr. Ross has been chairman or lead director of more than 100 companies operating in more than 20 different countries.

Named by Bloomberg Markets as one of the 50 most influential people in global finance, Secretary Ross is the only person elected to both the Private Equity Hall of Fame and the Turnaround Management Hall of Fame. He previously served as privatization adviser to New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the board of the U.S.-Russia Investment Fund. President Kim Dae-jung awarded Secretary Ross a medal for helping South Korea during its financial crisis and, in November 2014, the Emperor of Japan awarded him the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star.

As a philanthropist, Secretary Ross has served as Chairman of the Japan Society, Trustee of the Brookings Institution and Chairman of its Economic Studies Council, International Counsel Member of the Musée des Arts Décoratifs in Paris, Trustee of the Blenheim Foundation and many more. He was an Advisory Board Member of Yale University School of Management.

In a conversation with GEI President Mario Calvo-Platero, Wilbur Ross will discuss the trade challenges we are confronted with, the state of American business, his latest book, “Risks and Returns: Creating Success in Business and Life”, as well as the pivotal moments of his extraordinary career.

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