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George L. Van Amson serves as a Managing Director in the Institutional Equity Division - Sales and Trading, Management. Head of North American Analyst and Associate Advising and Development Programs. Prior to assuming these responsibilities, he was Head of North American Recruiting in the Institutional Equities Division (IED) of Morgan Stanley and Manager of Sales Trading Service Desk for Global Wealth Management clients. Earlier, as a Senior Sales Trader, he was responsible for managing Institutional Cash Sales Trading coverage of hedge funds, asset managers, pension funds, and mutual funds. Prior responsibilities included senior position trader and sector trading head of cyclical equities, co-head trader of international equities managing the firm's Latin American capital risk as well as supervising U.S. and London trading efforts in South Africa. A 40-year veteran of Wall Street with experience in domestic and international markets, Mr. Van Amson was selected in 1993 as a World Economic Forum Global Leader and was named in 1992, 1996, and 2006 to *Black Enterprise Magazine's* "Top African Americans on Wall Street." He has served as Chairman of the International Committee of the Securities Traders Association of New York. Prior to joining Morgan Stanley in 1992, Mr. Van Amson worked at Goldman Sachs as a Vice President, Equities – Trading and Arbitrage Division. He is certified for FINRA Registrations Series 3,7,9,10,24,55, and 63.

Throughout his career, Mr. Van Amson has been active in the community. He has served on the board of Harvard Business School Alumni Association, President of the HBS African American Alumni Association, Columbia College Board of Visitors, Chairman of the United Negro College Fund Wall Street Campaign, Investment Committee of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, and board member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Currently, he serves as a Trustee Emeritus of Columbia University, Advisor to the Finance Committee of the Riverside Church, Director of Community Impact, Vice Chairman of the Board of the Amsterdam Nursing Home, Chair Emeritus of Columbia Alumni Association, and Board of Directors Metropolitan Opera.

Mr. Van Amson graduated Brooklyn Technical High School, received his B.A. in Economics from Columbia College, and M.B.A. with second year honors from Harvard University where he served as President of the African-American Student Union. At Columbia, he was twice elected President of his Class, Senior Class Marshall, and lettered in varsity football. At Brooklyn Tech, he was elected student organization president and was the recipient of the All-Tech Medal (1970). Other honors include Columbia University Curtis Medal in Gold (1974), Harvard Business School General Motors Fellowship Award (1981), HBS Deans Leadership Award (1982), Columbia College John Jay Award (2000), Alumni of Color Heritage Award (2003), Community Impact "Making a Difference" Award (2004), Racial Harmony Award from Foundation for Ethnic Understanding (2007), Columbia Alumni Achievement Award (2009), Brooklyn Community Services (BCS) Human Spirit Award (2012), Varsity C 92nd Alumni Athletic Award (2013), The Distinguished Alumni Award- Brooklyn Tech (2013), and Harvard Business School Alumni Professional Achievement Award (2017). Mr. Van Amson is a Sandan (black belt) in judo and an international masters tournament competitor. A native New Yorker, he resides on the West Side of Manhattan with his family.