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Prior to his current position, he was the Senior Executive Vice-President and Chief Risk Officer (CRO) at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC). Dr. Mark was a member of the Management Committee. His global responsibility covered all credit, market, and operating risks for all of CIBC as well as for its subsidiaries. Prior to his CRO position, Dr. Mark was the Corporate Treasurer at CIBC.

Prior to CIBC, he was the partner in charge of the Financial Risk Management Consulting practice at Coopers & Lybrand (C&L). The Risk Management Practice and C&L advised clients on risk management issues and were directed toward financial institutions and multi-national corporations. This specialty area also coordinated the delivery of the firm's accounting, tax, control, and litigation services to provide clients with integrated and comprehensive risk management solutions and opportunities.

Prior to his position at C&L, he was a managing director in the Asia, Europe, and Capital Markets Group (AECM) at Chemical Bank. His responsibilities within AECM encompassed risk management, asset/liability management, research (quantitative analysis), strategic planning and analytical systems. He served on the Senior Credit Committee of the Bank. Before he joined Chemical Bank, he was a senior officer at Marine Midland Bank/Hong Kong Shanghai Bank (HKSB) where he headed the technical analysis trading group within the Capital Markets Sector.

He earned his Ph.D., with a dissertation in options pricing, from New York University's Graduate School of Engineering and Science, graduating first in his class. Subsequently, he received an Advanced Professional Certificate (APC) in accounting from NYU's Stern Graduate School of Business, and is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program. He is an Adjunct Professor and co-author of Risk Management (McGraw-Hill), published in 2001 as well as a co –author of The Essentials of Risk Management (McGraw Hill) published in 2006. Dr. Mark served on the board of ISDA as well as the Chairperson of the National Asset/Liability Management Association (NALIMA).

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