



## Lessons in Leadership with Ken Wilson, Vice Chairman of BlackRock

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London

Prepare yourself to oversee the professionals and operations of the world's largest asset manager. Learn lessons on managing human capital from Ken Wilson, Vice Chairman of BlackRock. As he reflects on his career, he will share insights and anecdotes that illustrate what makes a great business leader. As an advisor in the U.S. Department of Treasury during the height of the financial crisis and as Vice Chairman of Investment Banking at Goldman Sachs, Mr. Wilson worked closely with leaders in industry and government during tumultuous markets.

You'll gather takeaways on the role of mentoring and fundamentals of developing senior leaders. Bring your questions and what-if scenarios to this chat with Sheryl Needham, Managing Director at BlackRock and 100WHF London Board Member. The lively discussion and open Q&A will be followed by networking and canapés.

### Participants

**Ken Wilson**, BlackRock  
**Sheryl Needham**, *Moderator*, BlackRock

### Event Details

**Date:** November 19, 2015

**Time:** 6 PM Registration.

We will begin *promptly* at 6:30 PM; please arrive early. Since it is disruptive to everyone when latecomers enter the session, those arriving after an education session has begun will only be admitted at the discretion of 100WHF and the host. Please note the start time on this invite and plan to arrive early.

Networking and canapés will follow.

**Host:** BlackRock

**Location:** 12 Throgmorton Avenue, **London**, EC2N 2DL, United Kingdom

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Space is limited. No walk-ins will be permitted.

## Biographies

### **Ken Wilson**, Vice Chairman, BlackRock

Mr. Wilson is a member of BlackRock's Global Executive and Operating Committees. He also serves as Chairman of the firm's Human Capital Committee and Alpha Strategies group.

Prior to joining BlackRock, Mr. Wilson served as an advisor in the U.S. Department of Treasury during the height of the financial crisis. Before going to Washington, he was Vice Chairman, Investment Banking of Goldman, Sachs & Co. and a member of the firm's Executive office. He also served as Chairman of the firm's Financial Institutions Group. Before joining Goldman, Mr. Wilson was a Vice Chairman, member of the Executive Committee and head of Investment Banking at Lazard Freres & Co. LLC. During his long career on Wall Street, Mr. Wilson has been involved in some of the most significant transactions in the financial services industry.

Mr. Wilson has served on Boards of numerous public and private corporations in the United States and overseas. He is a Trustee of Middlebury College and the Montana Land Reliance and Chairman of Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City.

Mr. Wilson earned an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and a B.A. from Dartmouth College. An honor graduate of OCS and Ranger School, he served in Vietnam with a unit of the Studies and Observations Group (SOG).

### **Sheryl Needham**, Managing Director, BlackRock

Ms. Needham is part of BlackRock Alternative Specialists and is responsible for the distribution of BlackRock's hedge funds across EMEA. Ms. Needham also leads BlackRock's relationships with several key strategic relationships across the alternatives segment globally. She joined the firm in London in 2001 when it was still part of Merrill Lynch Investment Managers.

Prior to her current position Ms. Needham was based in BlackRock's New York office, initially leading coverage of several large private banking relationships across the US and then moving into the Institutional Business to cover Family Offices and UHNW clients in the US and Canada. She returned to London in mid-2012.

Ms. Needham sits on the Steering Committee of BlackRock's Women's Initiative Network in EMEA acting as Advisor on all external activities, and outside of BlackRock is a member of the London Board of 100 Women in Hedge Funds. She is passionate about the arts and is a Young Patron's Ambassador for the National Theatre, as well as sitting on the Young Patrons Committee of the NT with a focus on Individual Giving.

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