

Top CFOs is pleased to announce The Top 25 CFOs of New York for 2023. These executives from the United States' financial capital drive monetary success in some of the world's most innovative companies. Hailing from across the globe, these honorees deliver global perspective to numerous industries and a wealth of real-world leadership experience.

Among this year's awardees are Mark Kronick of the innovative hospitality group Jean-Georges Management, who stands out for his specialized background and experience in the industry, and BARK's Zahir Ibrahim, with a resume of iconic and unique brands in his professional history.

This competitive nomination process begins with a simple nomination form that gives the panel a more informed view of eligible executives considered by their peers to be the best in the industry. From a large application pool, these 25 executives stand out for their impressive accomplishments and dedication to their organizations. We commend these CFOs for their commitment to excellence. Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of The Top 25 CFOs of New York for 2023.

1. Phil Davis **Chief Financial Officer, ConsenSys**

Phil Davis is the Chief Financial Officer of ConsenSys. ConsenSys is a leading blockchain and Web3 software company that has been at the forefront of innovation since 2014. Davis' extensive 20+ year experience includes CFO positions, CEO/startup founder positions, board positions, investment banking, strategy consulting, and even data science/artificial intelligence algorithm design.

Before joining ConsenSys, Davis was previously CFO at Afiniti and head of a corporate strategies and capital structure advisory group at Goldman Sachs. Earlier in his career, he worked with MIT Lincoln Laboratory as a research scientist. Davis graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a MS in media lab and computer science and from Brown University with an undergraduate degree in physics and mathematics.

2. Mark Kronick **Chief Financial Officer, Jean-Georges Management**

Mark Kronick began his professional career 32 years ago. Today, he is the Chief Financial Officer of Jean-Georges Management. Jean-Georges provides concept, menu, architectural design, staff selection, and training for the hospitality industry. The company's many lines of business enable customers to enjoy recipes from regions across the globe.

Kronick got his start in 1992 as a managing director at GE Capital Financial Services. From there, he went on to Bank of America before eventually rising to CFO at Meyer Jabara Hotels,

his most recent position prior to joining Jean-Georges Management. Kronick graduated from NYU Stern School of Business with a MBA in finance and from Brandeis University with an undergraduate degree in English and American literature.

3. Wa Phung

Chief Financial Officer, Odgers Berndtson US

Wa Phung is the Chief Financial Officer of Odgers Berndtson US. At the forefront of executive search and recruitment, Odgers Berndtson US works with organizations to build strong leadership teams through key hire placements, executive coaching and development, industry mapping, succession planning, and more.

Phung has 22 years of experience. She began her career in 2001. Phung is a motivated and detailed financial professional with hands-on technical skills and an active management style. Before joining Odgers Berndtson US, Phung was a director of finance at J.S. Held LLC, and before that, an associate director of financial reporting at OMD USA. Earlier in her career, she worked with PCS Wireless, Inc. as an office manager. Phung graduated from Baruch College with an MBA in accountancy and from Barnard College with an undergraduate degree in economics.

4. Michael Levine

Chief Financial Officer, Fireblocks

Levine joined Fireblocks as CFO in June 2023 and brings over 30 years of experience in growing technology and financial services companies. Fireblocks is an enterprise-grade platform delivering a secure infrastructure for moving, storing, and issuing digital assets. Fireblocks enables exchanges, custodians, banks, trading desks, and hedge funds to securely scale digital asset operations through patent-pending SGX & MPC technology.

Prior to Fireblocks, Levine spent over 11 years as CFO at Payoneer, a publicly traded global fintech firm. Michael's work history includes investment banking, commercial banking, telecom, healthcare technology, and global payments. Levine received his undergraduate degree from the University of Buffalo and his MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

5. Patrick Seiler

President & Chief Financial Officer, Spire Orthopedic Partners

Patrick Seiler recently joined Greenwich, Connecticut-based Spire Orthopedic Partners as its new CFO. Spire Orthopedic Partners is a growing national partnership of orthopedic practices that provides the support, capital, and operational resources physicians need to grow thriving practices for the future.

Prior to joining Spire, Seiler was the chief financial officer for RestorixHealth (formerly The Center for Wound Healing), an advanced wound healing provider. Prior to that, Seiler was the CFO/COO for Focus Ventures LLC, a private equity firm. Earlier in his career, he spent over a decade with TransCare, a multi-state, multi-division ambulance company. His career also includes financial leadership positions with a number of other companies. Seiler graduated from State University of New York Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome with an MS in accounting and from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a bachelors in business administration.

6. Donna Granato
Chief Financial Officer, Vivvix

Donna Granato is the Chief Financial Officer of Vivvix. Vivvix delivers winning clarity to brand marketers, advertising agencies, and media owners by providing a greater understanding of their competitive landscape Vivvix was formed in 2023 by unifying the advertising intelligence units of Kantar and Numerator and is now a part of MediaRadar.

Granato possesses over 20 years professional experience. Before joining Vivvix, Granato was a CFO at GTT, and before that, a VP of corporate finance and investor relations at Tribune Media. Earlier in her career she worked with PricewaterhouseCoopers as a senior of audit and transaction advisory services. Granato graduated from New York University with an MBA in finance and from Rider University with an undergraduate degree in accounting.

7. Harris Hwang
Chief Financial Officer, 365 Retail Markets

Harris Hwang is the Chief Financial Officer of 365 Retail Markets. 365 Retail Markets is a global leader in unattended retail technology. Founded in 2008, 365 provides a full suite of self-service technologies for food service operators, including end-to-end integrated SaaS software, payment processing, and point-of-sale hardware.

Hwang is a finance leader with more than 20 years of experience. He has worked closely with senior leadership and private equity teams across the media and technology industries to execute growth and turnaround plans to maximize firm value. Hwang received his B.S. from Duke University and his MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He serves on the Board of Directors at the Concordia Music Conservatory in Bronxville, NY.

8. Eric Daniels
Chief Financial Officer, Addepar

Eric Daniels is Addepar's Chief Financial Officer. Addepar is a software and data platform for professional wealth, investment, and asset management firms, specializing in data aggregation, analytics, and portfolio reporting.

Daniels brings more than 20 years of financial and operations executive leadership experience to Addepar. Prior to joining Addepar as CFO, Daniels was the CFO at Real Capital Analytics (acquired by MSCI), and prior to that, the COO and CFO of automotiveMastermind (acquired by IHSMarkit) and CFO of National Response Corporation. Daniels graduated from Hofstra University with an undergraduate degree in accounting.

9. Julia Farrell
Global Chief Financial Officer, Allison+Partners

Julia Farrell began her professional career 26 years ago. Today, she is the Global Chief Financial Officer of Allison+Partners, a global integrated marketing and communications consultancy.

Farrell first got her start in 1998 as a manager of audit at KPMG, before eventually rising to director of M&A and corporate development at Dentsu Aegis Network, her most recent position prior to joining Allison+Partners. Farrell graduated from Imperial College London with an undergraduate degree in mathematics.

10. John Roberts
Chief Financial Officer, Allvue Systems

John Roberts is the Chief Financial Officer of Allvue Systems. Allvue Systems is a leading provider of investment management solutions for fund managers, investors, and administrators in the alternative investments industry.

Roberts has over 30 years of professional experience. Roberts was most recently the CFO at Marketing Evolution, where he also served as interim CEO. Prior to Marketing Evolution, he held the position of CFO at a diverse group of publicly traded and privately held high-growth technology companies including DHI Group, Right Media, and Razorfish. Roberts has built out global finance teams and led several equity and debt financings to support strategic initiatives and growth. He is a former PwC partner and holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Boston College.

11. Mark Okean
Chief Financial Officer, ALM

Mark Okean is the Chief Financial Officer of ALM. ALM is a global leader in specialized business news and information serving the legal, commercial real estate, benefits, consulting, insurance and financial services industries. ALM brands have been serving their markets since 1843.

Okean has over 32 years of experience, beginning his career in 1991. Before joining ALM, Okean was a VP of Financial Planning and Analysis/Advertising Finance at TVGM Holdings, LLC, and before that, a Sr. Director of finance and business operations at Conde Nast/Teen Vogue. Earlier in his career, he worked with Times Mirror Magazines as a planning analyst to new business manager. Okean graduated from Questrom School of Business at Boston University with an undergraduate degree in business administration.

12. Chantal Wessels

Chief Financial Officer, Apex Fintech Solutions

Chantal Wessels joined Apex Fintech Solutions, Inc. as Chief Financial Officer in 2023. Apex Fintech Solutions is an investment platform for financial professionals.

Wessels is a Qualified Chartered Accountant and holds an Honors degree in Accounting and Finance and has more than 15 years' experience across corporate finance, financial reporting, analysis and ESG. She previously served as Division CFO for Nasdaq's Capital Access Platforms Division and held other roles within the organization. Before joining Nasdaq, Wessels spent a number of years in professional practice supporting both public & private companies. Wessels graduated from Nelson Mandela University with an undergraduate degree in accounting.

13. John Rucker

Chief Financial Officer, Arcadia

John Rucker is the Chief Financial Officer of Arcadia, joining the company in 2021. Arcadia is a climate technology company enabling a zero-carbon economy.

Rucker has over 20 years leadership experience. Rucker first got his start in 1994 as a financial analyst at Bank One in Texas, NA. From there, he went on to ContiFinancial Corporation, before eventually rising to CFO at Slice, his most recent position prior to joining Arcadia. Rucker graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with an undergraduate degree in business administration.

14. Will Chen

CFO US, Ascot Group

Will Chen is the Chief Financial Officer of Ascot Group. Ascot Group is one of the world's pre-eminent specialty risk assumption organizations with insurance and reinsurance solutions.

Chen possesses over 25 years in the insurance sector. Prior to his role at Ascot Group, Chen held a number of senior financial roles including at AIG, AJG, and Zurich. Most recently, Chen served as U.S. CFO at Argo Group, overseeing the finance department within their domestic

U.S. specialty business. Chen holds an MBA in finance and accounting from New York University.

15. Zahir Ibrahim
Chief Financial Officer, BARK

Zahir Ibrahim is the Chief Financial Officer of BARK. BARK is devoted to making dogs happy with the best products, services, and content.

Most recently, Ibrahim served as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer of Do Good Foods LLC, a startup focused on upcycling surplus grocery food into nutritious animal feed to create sustainable animal protein. Prior to that, he served as Chief Financial Officer of KIND LLC, Chief Financial Officer at Annie's Inc. and several roles at Molson Coors Brewing Company, culminating with Vice President, Controller, and Chief Accounting Officer. Earlier in his career, Ibrahim served in senior financial positions at CML Innovative Technologies, Elementis Specialties, and Pirelli Tires, and trained as a Chartered Accountant with KPMG LLP. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Financial Management, Economics, and Accounting from the University of Sheffield and an MBA from the University of Warwick.

16. Allison Heilborn
Chief Financial Officer, Bessemer Trust

Heilborn is Chief Financial Officer at Bessemer Trust and Bessemer Securities LLC, the Phipps family private investment enterprise. Bessemer Trust is a multifamily office that has served individuals and families of substantial wealth for more than 115 years.

Prior to joining Bessemer, Heilborn was Chief Financial Officer at BNY Mellon Wealth Management. Before that, she held management positions at JPMorgan Chase in the Corporate & Investment Bank. Heilborn earned an MBA from Columbia University and a BA in anthropology from Northwestern University.

17. Avi Aronovitz
Chief Financial Officer, BigID

Avi Aronovitz is the Chief Financial Officer of BigID, a leader in data security, privacy, compliance, and governance.

Aronovitz has nearly 35 years of leadership experience. Before joining BigID in 2023, he served as CFO of Socure, a fintech company utilizing AI to solve digital identity verification. Before that, he was the CFO at numerous EdTech and SaaS companies, serving as a board member and advisor in several capacities. He graduated from Imperial College London with an MBA in

finance and entrepreneurship and from Yeshiva University with an undergraduate degree in accounting.

18. Todd Yu

Chief Financial Officer, Talkiatry

Todd is the Chief Financial Officer at Talkiatry, a national mental health practice that provides in-network psychiatry and therapy.

Prior to Talkiatry, Yu served as CFO at Upward Health. Earlier in his career, he served as VP of Finance and Accounting at Gersh Management, an organization dedicated to serving individuals on the autism spectrum, and VP of Finance at ArroHealth. Prior to ArroHealth, Yu spent nearly 10 years as a Director of Investment Banking at Scura Partners Securities. Yu has an MBA from Penn State University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Catholic Fu Jen University in Taiwan.

19. Juan Puente

Chief Financial Officer, Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind LLC

Juan Carlos Puente is the Chief Financial Officer of Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind LLC. Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC (Atlantic Shores) is a 50:50 joint venture partnership between Shell New Energies US LLC and EDF-RE Offshore Development, LLC (a subsidiary of EDF Renewables North America). Atlantic Shores is composed of professionals dedicated to delivering its 5+ gigawatt offshore wind portfolio, strategically positioned to meet the growing demands of multiple East Coast markets, including New Jersey.

Prior to this role, Puente worked at Shell for 20 years, beginning as a Finance & IT manager and ultimately serving as a Projects & Technology Finance manager. Puente graduated from the Universitat Pompeu Fabra with an MBA and from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador with an undergraduate degree in economics.

20. Patrick Lyons

Chief Financial Officer, 24 Seven Talent

Patrick Lyons is the Chief Financial Officer of 24 Seven Talent. 24 Seven is a specialized recruitment agency that builds teams of top full-time and freelance talent for leading brands and agencies in the marketing, digital, creative, and technology sectors. 24 Seven further supports its clients through its family of specialized subsidiaries. The Sage Group provides mid to senior-level marketing and creative consultants and permanent talent to leading global brands.

Patrick Lyons began his professional career 37 years ago. He first got his start in 1987 as a Chartered Accountant at Arthur Andersen & Co. From there, he went on to TNT, before eventually rising to CFO and chief accounting officer at Hudson, his most recent position prior to

joining 24 Seven Talent. Lyons graduated from the University College Dublin with an undergraduate degree in accounting and finance.

21. Michael Williams
Chief Financial Officer, AeroSafe Global

Michael Williams is the Chief Financial Officer of AeroSafe Global. AeroSafe Global is the leader in biopharmaceutical cold chain solutions, providing 'Cold Chain as a Service' (CCaaS) to ensure the safe, sustainable delivery of temperature-sensitive therapeutics.

Williams has 34 years of experience, beginning his career in 1989. Before joining AeroSafe Global, Williams was a CFO at IEC Electronics Corp. and before that a VP of finance global vision care at Bausch + Lomb. Earlier in his career, he worked with KPMG Peat Marwick as a senior auditor. Williams graduated from the University of Rochester - Simon Business School with an MBA in marketing and from St. Bonaventure University with an undergraduate degree in accounting and computer science.

22. Josette Leslie
Chief Financial Officer, Affinity

Josette Leslie is the Chief Financial Officer of Affinity. Affinity is a relationship intelligence platform that empowers dealmakers in relationship-driven industries to find, manage, and close more deals.

Leslie brings nearly two decades of senior financial leadership to Affinity, having most recently served as the Vice President of Finance at Squarespace. Prior to Squarespace, Leslie spent 11 years with E*TRADE Financial in various leadership positions within brokerage finance, earning the recognition of their internal Leadership Award and 5 years at Instinet. Leslie graduated from NYU Stern School of Business with an undergraduate degree in finance and accounting.

23. Rahul Sheth
Chief Financial Officer, Carbyne

Rahul Sheth is the Chief Financial Office at Carbyne, a global leader in mission-critical contact center technologies, and has been in this role since 2022.

Sheth has more than 18 years of experience working in high growth technology companies and in Big 4 accounting firms. Prior to his current role, Sheth worked at Emerge.io as Head of Finance. Prior to Emerge, Sheth was with Socure and DigitalOcean, two high growth tech companies based in NYC. Prior to working in tech start-ups, Sheth was with KPMG and Ernst & Young as an advisor.

24. Ken Brause

Chief Financial Officer, DailyPay, Inc.

Ken Brause is the Chief Financial Officer of DailyPay, Inc since 2023. DailyPay, Inc. a platform that allows early access to wages via existing payroll systems.

Brause has more than 35 years of financial services and fintech experience. Prior to joining DailyPay, Brause was Senior Advisor and Chief Financial Officer of Burford Capital, a leading global finance and asset management firm. He also previously served as CFO of OnDeck Capital, and held a number of executive roles at CIT Group, Inc., including Treasurer, CFO of North American Banking, President of Small Business Lending and head of Investor Relations. Earlier in his career, he held leadership roles at American General, the Bank of New York and Bankers Trust. Brause holds a B.S. in Economics from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and an MBA from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

25. Damon Joyner

Chief Financial Officer, American Portfolios

Damon Joyner is Chief Financial Officer of American Portfolios, serving since 2017. American Portfolios, now Osaic, offers a complete range of financial services, including personal financial and retirement planning, securities trading, mutual funds, access to investment research, long-term care planning, insurance products and tax-free investing.

Joyner brings his more than 29 years of financial services industry experience, serving as CFO and CEO for multiple companies. Earlier in his career, he was Director of Regulatory Reporting for Russell Investment Group. Joyner graduated from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) with an undergraduate degree in business administration.