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Almar Latour

CEO, Dow Jones & Co.

Friday, January 7, 2022

The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort

Almar Latour is chief executive officer of Dow Jones and publisher of *The Wall Street Journal*.

Prior to his appointment as CEO, Mr. Latour served as publisher of Barron's Group and executive vice president of Dow Jones. He oversaw the growth of Barron's Group business and luxury brands *Barron's*, *MarketWatch*, *Financial News*, *Mansion Global*, the Dow Jones Wealth and Asset Management Group, and was responsible for all editorial and business operations.

Before Barron's Group, Mr. Latour was executive editor of *The Wall Street Journal* and Dow Jones, where he successfully unified the editorial staff into a single global newsroom and transitioned *The Journal* to a digitally-driven news operation. He also was editor-in-chief of *The Wall Street Journal* and *Dow Jones Newswires* in Asia where he lived for more than three years. There, he grew the publishing company's digital footprint to include Japan, Korea and Indonesia, while expanding *The Journal's* Chinese edition.

Editorially, Mr. Latour oversaw two major redesigns of *The Wall Street Journal's* website, launched numerous successful international and U.S. blogs, revamped *The Chinese Wall Street Journal* and kicked off *The Wall Street Journal* in Japan.

Prior to his time in Asia, he was managing editor of *The Wall Street Journal Online*, where he oversaw a major redesign of the site in September 2008. Before that, he was a bureau chief overseeing technology coverage in New York. He also worked as a staff reporter for *The Journal* in New York, London, Stockholm and Brussels. Mr. Latour began his career as a news assistant at *The Journal's* Washington, D.C. bureau.

He is a native of the Netherlands and lives in New York City with his family.

Guest Ticket Requests for January 7, 2022

Almar Latour

To place a request for one guest ticket, please submit to:

forumclub@theforumclub.org

If guest tickets are available,
requests are processed in order of receipt
and must be received by

William E. Bindley
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M.D.
L. Patt Schneider
John C. Smarge
William D. Swartz,
D.V.M.

Friday, December 31, 2021

They will be mailed by that date and you will be billed \$75,
or notified if there is no space.

Tickets are non-exchangeable and non-refundable.



Amb. Hugo Llorens

Fmr. Ambassador to Afghanistan

Friday, January 14, 2022

The Hilton Naples

Hugo Llorens is a retired U.S. Ambassador.

In 2016-2017, Ambassador Llorens served as Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. In Kabul he led the largest U.S. Embassy in the world with a staff of 8,500 U.S., Afghan and third country national employees representing 22 U.S. government agencies. During his tenure in Afghanistan, Llorens spearheaded the U.S. diplomatic effort in a priority conflict-ridden nation during the Obama and Trump administrations.

From 2013-2016, Llorens was the principal officer in Sydney, Australia, the United States' oldest diplomatic mission in the Asia Pacific region (established in 1836). In Sydney he served as the lead U.S. diplomat responsible for promoting trade and investment and managing U.S. ties with the vast and resource-rich states of New South Wales and Queensland, which together account for over 50% of Australia's GDP.

Ambassador Hugo Llorens was the Assistant Chief of Mission (an Ambassador-level position) at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan from May 2012 to June 2013. In that position he served as the Chief Operating Officer and played a prominent role in the successful negotiation of the Bilateral Security Agreement, which defines the long-term U.S.-Afghan relationship as the U.S. presence transitioned from a direct combat role to more of an advisory role.

Previous to his first assignment in Afghanistan, Llorens was Ambassador-in-Residence and a faculty advisor for diplomatic statecraft at the National War College in Fort McNair Washington, DC.

Llorens served as U.S. Ambassador to Honduras from September 2008 to July 2011. In Tegucigalpa he was a key administration player in managing the Honduran coup crisis of 2009. His on the ground efforts resulted in the successful negotiation of the Tegucigalpa-San Jose Accord, the holding of free and fair elections, and the restoration of the democratic and constitutional order. In Honduras he led an Embassy team of 450 American and Honduran staff representing 12 U.S. government agencies with a combined operating budget of \$20 million, plus 175 Peace Corps volunteers.

Prior to his nomination and confirmation as Ambassador, he served for two years as the Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) at the American Embassy in Madrid, where he took up his duties on September 1, 2006. Ambassador Llorens was also Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he served for three years from August 2003 until July 2006.

From 2002-2003, Llorens was Director of Andean Affairs at the NSC, where he was the principal advisor to the President and National

Security Advisor on issues pertaining to Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Peru, and Ecuador. Prior to the NSC, he served for three years (1999-2002) as Principal Officer at the Consulate General in Vancouver, Canada. In Vancouver, he created a novel multi-agency “Law Enforcement Hub” that included the opening of FBI, ATF, U.S. Customs, Secret Service, and Regional Security offices to work with Canadian counterparts on counterterrorism and international crime investigations.

From 1997-1999, Mr. Llorens was Deputy Director of the Office of Economic Policy in the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs where he helped launch the FTAA negotiations in 1998. As a veteran diplomat who began his career in 1981, he has served in economic, commercial, consular and counter drug positions in Tegucigalpa, La Paz, Asunción, San Salvador, and Manila.

In 2019 German President Frank-Walter Steinmeyer awarded Ambassador Llorens the Civilian Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for his pivotal role in supporting German diplomatic staff in Afghanistan following the bombing and destruction of the German Embassy in Kabul in May 2017.

Llorens received his Master of Science in National Security Studies, National War College in 1997; Master of Arts in Economics, University of Kent at Canterbury, England in 1980; and Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in 1977.

Currently, Llorens serves as the CEO of his own international consulting firm. He provides advice to U.S. and international firms on political, trade and investment matters pertaining to markets in Canada, Latin America, Europe, South Asia and the Western Pacific.

He is married to Lisett Aparicio Llorens, and they have two sons, Andrew and Dirk, and a grandson, Cody. They make their home in Marco Island, Florida.

**No guest tickets will be available on this date
due to space limitations.**

FORUM CLUB SPEAKER SELECTION

The Program Committee's goal is to bring the best speakers to the Forum Club. The criteria for the speaker selection requires that each speaker have a reputation as an outstanding well-respected leader and role model in his/her area of expertise.

To offer program variety, speakers are selected from the government, corporate, financial, international, media, health care, technology, and other fields.

This year's Program Committee, chaired by President-Elect Ed Liddy, has begun its efforts to secure speakers for next season.

While the Forum Club provides for transportation and hotel expenses, it does not offer its speakers honoraria. The Club encourages all members to assist in securing potential speakers with whom they have contact. If you have a suggestion of a potential speaker, please contact the Forum Club office or Program Committee Chair, Ed Liddy.

2021-2022 SPEAKER PROGRAM

NIKKI HALEY

November 19, 2021

Fmr. U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., Fmr. Governor, S.C.

ALEX BRILL

December 10, 2021

Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

ALMAR LATOUR

January 7, 2022

CEO, Dow Jones & Co.

AMB. HUGO LLORENS, ret.

January 14, 2022

Fmr. Ambassador to Afghanistan

DAVID W. MacLENNAN

February 4, 2022

Chairman & CEO, Cargill

LT. GENERAL (ret.) H.R. McMASTER

February 18, 2022

Fmr. National Security Advisor

DOUGLAS E. VAUGHAN, M.D.

February 25, 2022

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

JAMES GORMAN

March 18, 2022

CEO, Morgan Stanley

PENNY PENNINGTON

April 1, 2022

Managing Partner, Edward Jones

SHELLEY BROADER

April 8, 2022

Fmr. President & CEO, Chico's FAS, Inc.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Forum Club's mission is to:

- *Provide a congenial meeting atmosphere for members to enjoy prominent speakers in fields such as academia, business, economics, finance, government, health, international relations, media and the arts, science and technology*
- *Promote the highest civic, moral and ethical standards*
- *Share the "Forum Club Experience" with outstanding high school students in Collier County.*
- *Provide scholarships to Collier County high school students*

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2020-2021

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2019-2020

Verne G. Istock
2018-2019

Richard S. Bodman
2017-2018

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2016-2017

Shelly Church
2015-2016

Thomas B. Wheeler
2014-2015

William F. Allyn

Edward J. Putzell Jr.*
2001-2002

Linda C. Flewelling
2000-2001

Thomas E. Ingram
1999-2000

Carol E. Girardin
1998-1999

R. James Harvey*
1997-1998

Raymond Mueller*
1996-1997

Donald J. York
1995

John M. Passidomo

2013-2014	1994
Thomas A. Bringardner 2012-2013	William C. Sinclair*
David A. Rismiller 2011-2012	1993
Ulla Norris 2010-2011	Joe B. Cox 1992
Wade F. Keller 2009-2010	John T. Duffner* 1991
Alan M. Horton 2008-2009	Alan R. Korest 1990
Malcolm B. Chancey Jr. 2007-2008	Tom Shea* 1989
W. Wallace Abbott 2006-2007	Corbin A. Wyant 1988
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