



Brian Brooks has played a leadership role in some of the most important inflection points in global financial services over the past two decades. Brian is best known for his roles as acting U.S. Comptroller of the Currency, FDIC board member, and voting member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council during the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic. As Acting Comptroller, Brian was chief executive of a federal agency comprising 3,500 bank examiners, policy staff, economists, attorneys, and others operating with a \$1.1 billion budget across more than 60 offices around the United States. He was twice nominated by the President to be the 32<sup>nd</sup> Comptroller of the Currency.

Brian's corporate leadership experience spans executive and board roles in both public and private companies. Brian currently serves as chairman and CEO of Meridian Capital Group, a commercial mortgage brokerage; chairman of NewBridge Capital Advisors, a real estate bridge lender; and managing member of Financial Innovation Partners, a strategic advisory firm and merchant bank for challenger banks, fintechs, and digital asset platforms. He previously served as CEO of blockchain technology innovator Bitfury Group; chief legal officer of Coinbase, the cryptocurrency exchange; EVP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of mortgage giant Fannie Mae; and vice chairman of OneWest Bank, a regional depository institution and mortgage servicer.

Brian's board experience includes service as a director of Nubank N.A. (in organization); MicroStrategy (NASDAQ: MSTR); and BitGo Holdings (NYSE: BTGO). He also served on the boards of Fannie Mae and Avant Inc. (an online consumer lender).

Brian has delivered invited speeches to the Basel Committee, the Aspen Institute, the Milken Institute, and the Trilateral Commission, among numerous others; has presented guest lectures at Harvard, Stanford, Georgetown, and other major universities; has published numerous opinion pieces in the Wall Street Journal, the Financial Times, and the American Banker; and is a frequent commentator on CNN, CNBC, Fox Business, and Bloomberg TV. He is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Chicago Law School.