



## Why shouldn't Hunter Biden join the board of a gas company in Ukraine?

The son of the US vice-president has been chosen to take charge of energy firm Burisma's legal unit - a decision based purely on merit, of course

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**Name:** Hunter Biden.

**Age:** 44.

**Appearance:** Chip off the old block.

**His names rings a bell. Is he related to someone famous?** He's the son of Joe Biden, the US vice president.

**What is he, sort of a wayward, ne'er-do-well playboy type?** Not really. He's a graduate of Yale Law School and a former senior vice-president at MBNA America Bank.

**Good for him.** During the Clinton administration he worked in the US Department of Commerce. He's presently a partner in an investment firm. And counsel for a national law firm. And an

adjunct professor at Georgetown University.

**I get it: he likes to keep busy.** He has even found the time to join the board of a gas company called Burisma Holdings Ltd.

**Never heard of it.** Perhaps that's because it's a Ukrainian gas company; Ukraine's largest private gas producer, in fact. He's taking charge of the company's legal unit.

**Isn't that a bit fishy?** Why do you say that?

**Because he's the vice-president's son!** That's a coincidence. "This is totally based on merit," said Burisma's chairman, Alan Apter.

**He doesn't sound very Ukrainian.** He's American, as is the other new board member, Devon Archer.

**Who?** Devon Archer, who works with Hunter Biden at Rosemont Seneca partners, which is half owned by Rosemont Capital, a private equity firm founded by Archer and Christopher Heinz.

**Who?** Christopher Heinz ... John Kerry's stepson.

**I think Putin's propaganda people can take a long weekend; their work is being done for them.** What do you mean?

**Hasn't Joe Biden pledged to help Ukraine become more energy independent in the wake of its troubles with Russia?** Well, yes.

**And isn't Burisma, as a domestic producer, well positioned to profit from rising gas prices caused by the conflict?** Possibly, but Hunter Biden is a salaried board member, not an investor. According to anonymous sources in the Wall Street Journal, neither Rosemont Seneca nor Rosemont Capital has made any financial investment in Burisma.

**So it's not fishy at all?** No one's saying that.

**Do say:** "Somebody needs to get involved in Ukraine's corporate governance, and it might as well be a clutch of rich, well-connected American dudes with weird first names."

**Don't say:** "Thanks, Dad."

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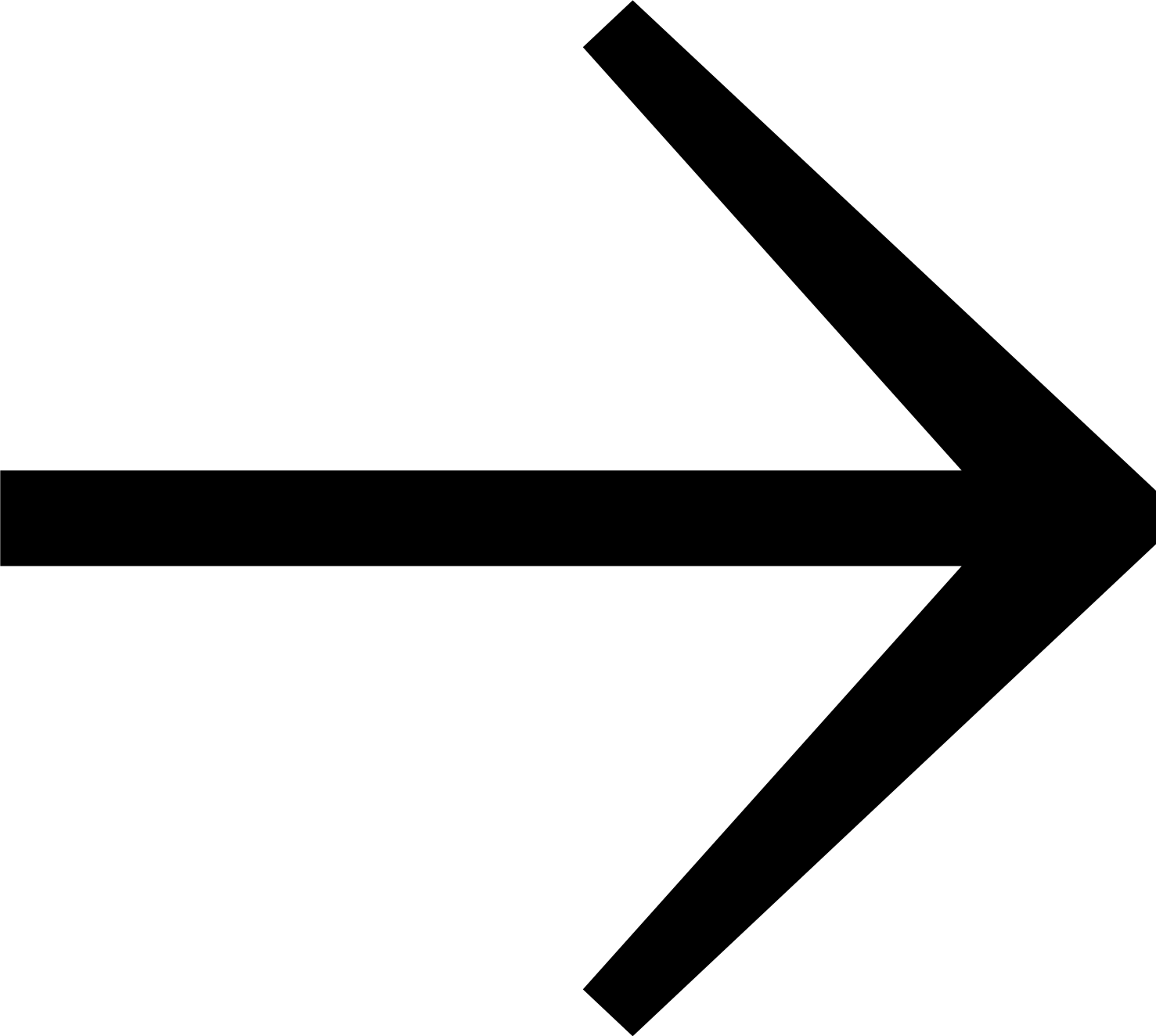
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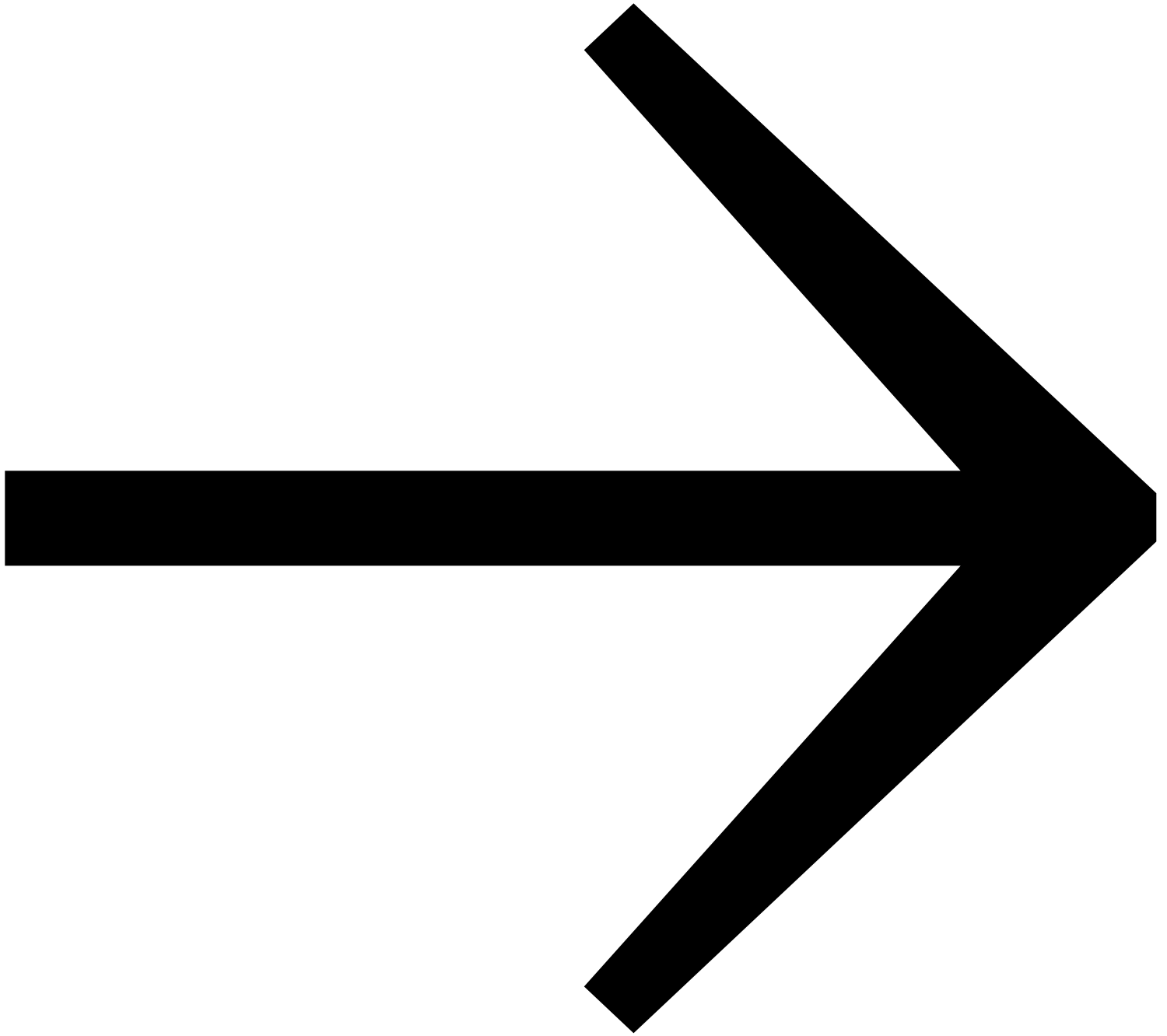
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