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Asuka Nakahara serves as Associate Director of the Zell/Lurie Real Estate Center at Wharton and teaches an MBA course titled “Real Estate Development”. Over the past 19 years, he has received multiple “Excellence in Teaching” awards, presented to the top 8 professors in the Wharton MBA Program based on student ratings, and is a past recipient of both the Helen Kardon Moss Anvil Award, the top Wharton teaching honor, and the Class of 1984 Award, accorded to the professor with the highest teaching ratings.

He has served as lecturer, panelist, facilitator or moderator for Harvard Law School, Professional Golfers’ Association of America (PGA), Wharton’s National Football League (NFL) program, Young Presidents’ Organization (YPO), Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW), Pension Real Estate Association (PREA), Urban Land Institute (ULI), CoreNet Global, Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR), International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), the Los Angeles County Bar Association, FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority), and others.

Asuka has consulted with investment management, international real estate and construction, private equity, golf course, restaurant, media, and entertainment companies, as well as family offices and a university. Areas of focus included strategy, leadership development, financial management, organizational assessment, real estate, deal assessment, and executive coaching. Asuka co-founded Triton Atlantic Partners, a real estate advisory firm and investment vehicle, in 2009.

Asuka joined Trammell Crow Company (TCC) in 1980 and was named a Partner in 1983. He opened the Philadelphia office in 1985 and was promoted to Northeast Regional Partner in 1987, joining the firm’s Management Board. He subsequently had responsibility for TCC’s business in the northeastern U.S., including development/acquisition, finance, and operations. In 1996, Asuka was promoted to Chief Financial Officer of TCC, overseeing finance, capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, marketing, Trammell Crow University, human resources, and other initiatives. TCC went public on the NYSE in November 1997. Asuka retired from the company at the end of 1999.

Asuka received his B.S. - Civil Engineering with honors from Rice University and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He serves on the boards of Comcast Corporation (NASDAQ: CMCSA) and CBRE Clarion Global Real Estate Income Fund (NYSE: IGR) and on the advisory board of the Vanguard Group’s Innovation Studio. He previously served on the boards of the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Foundation, Philadelphia’s community foundation, the United States Golf Association, the PGA, Merion Golf Club, and Ardmore Presbyterian Church. In his board service, he has chaired Investment, Governance, Nominating, and Finance Committees. Asuka and his wife Karen have 3 adult children and reside in Merion Station, Pennsylvania.