

ASUKA NAKAHARA

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

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, a university, and a regulatory agency. Areas of focus included strategy, leadership development, financial management, organizational assessment, real estate, and executive coaching. In 2009, Asuka co-founded Triton Atlantic Partners, a real estate advisory firm and investment vehicle.

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), CBRE Clarion Global Real Estate Income Fund (NYSE:IGR), and the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He served on the United States Golf Association (USGA) Executive Committee and is a past board member of the PGA, The Philadelphia Foundation, and Merion Golf Club. Asuka is a former Trustee and Elder of Ardmore Presbyterian Church. In his board service, he has chaired Investment, Governance and Finance Committees, and was a recipient of the HBS Making-a-Difference Award. Asuka and his wife Karen have 3 adult children and reside in Merion Station, Pennsylvania.