

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with George Van Amson

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Van Amson, George, 1952-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with George Van Amson,
Dates:	August 18, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:02:45).
Abstract:	Investment banker George Van Amson (1952-) worked at Goldman and Sachs for thirteen years before becoming a senior trader and managing director of sales and trading in the institutional equity division at Morgan Stanley. Van Amson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 18, 2019, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_075
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Investment banker George Van Amson was born on January 30, 1952 in New York City, New York to Willie-Mae and Adolph Van Amson. He graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School in 1970, and received his bachelor's degree in economics from Columbia University in 1974. Van Amson went on to receive his M.B.A degree with honors from Harvard Business School in 1982.

Upon graduating from Columbia University, Van Amson worked for Revlon and Citibank, before being hired as an analyst in the controller's office at Goldman and Sachs in 1979. He left to pursue his master's degree at Harvard Business School, and returned to Goldman and Sachs in 1982, where he worked as a trader, and eventually rose to vice president of equities in the firm's trading and arbitrage division in 1986. In 1991, he was promoted to senior international trader, primarily trading Canadian and precious-metal stock, and making Goldman and Sachs the leader in underwriting Latin American financial issues. Morgan Stanley hired Van Amson in 1992, where he served in various senior trading roles before becoming manager of the sales trading service desk for global wealth management clients. Van Amson was later promoted to head of North American Analyst and Associate Advising Development programs, before also becoming managing director of sales and trading in the institutional equity division.

Van Amson served as chairman of Wall Street's campaign for the United Negro College Fund, and president of the Harvard Business School African American Alumni Association. A trustee emeritus at Columbia University, advisor for the finance committee of New York's Riverside Church, and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, he also served on the boards of the Metropolitan Opera, Columbia University's Community Impact, and the Columbia Alumni Association.

Van Amson has received numerous awards during his career, including being named in *Black Enterprise's* Top African Americans on Wall Street in 1992, 1996, and 2006. He was also the recipient of the 1993 World Economic

Forum Global Leader award, the 2007 Racial Harmony award presented by the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, the Distinguished Alumni award from Brooklyn Technical High School in 2013, and the Harvard Business School Alumni Professional Achievement Award in 2017.

Van Amson and his wife, Wendy, were married in 1986 and reside in New York City. They have three children; Alexandria, Victoria, and Skyler.

George Van Amson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 18, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with George Van Amson was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on August 18, 2019, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Investment banker George Van Amson (1952-) worked at Goldman and Sachs for thirteen years before becoming a senior trader and managing director of sales and trading in the institutional equity division at Morgan Stanley.

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Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Van Amson, George, 1952-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Van Amson, George, 1952---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Investment Banker

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with George Van Amson, Section A2019_075_001_001, TRT: 1:33:40 ?

Video Oral History Interview with George Van Amson, Section A2019_075_001_002, TRT: 2:30:35 ?

Video Oral History Interview with George Van Amson, Section A2019_075_001_003, TRT: 3:30:25 ?

Video Oral History Interview with George Van Amson, Section A2019_075_001_004, TRT: 4:32:18 ?

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