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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Global Shifts, Local Impact: How Trade and International Dynamics Shape New York Real Estate

Edward Mermelstein is the former Commissioner for International Affairs for the City of New York, where he served as the city's Chief Diplomat from January 2022 until July 2025 under Mayor Eric Adams. In this role, he positioned New York City as a global hub for subnational diplomacy, foreign direct investment, and international collaboration, leading initiatives that strengthened NYC's economic resilience, job growth, and established the city as a leader in responsible AI governance.

Before entering government, Edward built a distinguished career as a real estate and corporate attorney, advising diplomats, foreign investors, and global enterprises on cross-border transactions. He later founded a boutique law firm that became known for international real estate, finance, and investment advisory.

Today, Edward focuses on global consulting and investment strategies with an emphasis on emerging markets, reconstruction, and AI-driven economic development.

