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JAMES WOLFENSOHN

**President of the
World Bank (1995 - 2005)**

'The Next 5 Years'



James Wolfensohn served two terms as president of the World Bank between 1995 - 2005, following a long and illustrious career in investment banking in London and New York.

With world poverty reduction as his primary focus, he travelled to more than 120 countries in order better to understand the challenges facing the World Bank in regard to poverty and environmental issues. He led successful initiatives on debt reduction, environmental sustainability, anti-corruption programs and AIDS prevention/treatment.

In 2005, at the end of his second term, James assumed the post of Special Envoy for Gaza Disengagement for the Quartet on the Middle East, helping to co-ordinate Israel's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and spearheading reconstruction efforts as Palestinians assumed sovereignty over the area.

James' experience in investment banking and at the World Bank makes him a heavy-weight speaker on the global economy, the impact of emerging markets on developed economies, debt reduction, international finance and environmental sustainability.

James serves on the board of Citibank and a number of charitable and arts institutions. James was a member of the Australian fencing squad at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. He took up cello lessons with Jacqueline du Pré at the age of 41 and played the Carnegie Hall at 50.

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