



Jim O'Neill

Global Economy

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Jim O'Neill is an internationally respected economist and commentator with a unique perspective on global markets, currencies and trends.

Jim began his career in finance at a division of Bank of America. From 1988 to 1991, he was in charge of the fixed income research group at Swiss Bank Corporation (SBC) and served as SBC's chief of global research. Jim joined Goldman Sachs in 1995 and was appointed head of Global Economics, Commodities and Strategy Research in 2001. In 2010 he became chairman of Goldman Sachs Asset Management (GSAM).

Jim is the creator of the acronym BRICs. He has also published research into other growth markets, including the Next 11 (Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Turkey, South Korea, and Vietnam). Jim published an analysis of the global economy, 'The Growth Map' in 2011; the paperback comes out in May 2013. He is now working on a new book, and in Q4 2013 will be visiting four growth markets to record a programme for BBC Radio 4.

Jim earned a degree in economics from Sheffield University in 1978 and a PhD from the University of Surrey in 1982. He received an honorary doctorate from the Institute of Education, University of London, in 2009 for his educational philanthropy (see Our comment).

Our comment

Jim is a member of the UK-India Round Table and the UKIBC. He is a founding trustee of the London-based charity SHINE and served as chairman for eight years. He serves on the board of Teach for All and a number of other charities specializing in education. A well-known football fan, Jim previously served as a non-executive director of Manchester United before it returned to private ownership in 2005.