

AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UKRAINE



Alexander Grant McWhorter

Chairman of the Board of Directors, JSC "Citibank", Citi Country Officer and Corporate Bank Head for Ukraine

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## **BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:**

Alex McWhorter is American, originally from New Jersey and is a current member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine Board. On 17 of August 2018 Alex McWhorter was approved by the National bank of Ukraine as Chairman of the Board of Directors, JSC "Citibank". Alex McWhorter is the Citi Country Officer (CCO) and Corporate Bank Head for Ukraine. He is responsible for Citi's franchise in Ukraine including leading the business and protecting the franchise. Alex joined Citi in New York in 2003 in Market Risk Management, before moving to Corporate and Investment Banking in 2007 covering the Power sector. He served as a Director in the Risk CAO office for over three years where his responsibilities included leading coordination of Citi's CCAR efforts. Most recently before Ukraine, he served as UK Chief Risk Officer and was responsible for the risk management of Citi's UK legal entities as well as supporting the EMEA CRO on regional support and crisis management. Alex holds a Master of Business Arts in Management from New York University, Stern School of Business and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Psychology from Williams College, Massachusetts, USA. Alex is a member of ACC Board since 2018.



Why do you think membership in the American Chamber of Commerce is important for business operating in Ukraine?

The Chamber plays a vital role in working with the public and private sectors to improve the investment, governance, and rule of law environment in Ukraine and help support the modernization of the economy. The Chamber is the ideal forum for members to help each other in terms of dissemination of information and best practices and interact with government authorities to promote and secure vital policy, legal and regulatory changes that can support members to grow their businesses in the country. In this period of dynamic political change and with the ongoing pandemic situation, its role is more vital than ever.

## What motivates you to be a Chamber Board Member?

In my time in Ukraine, I have been impressed by the strength of the Chamber to bring its members together to share experiences, best practices, issues and solutions, and identify opportunities to enable growth for its members and the Ukrainian economy. My company, just as yours, is committed to take actions to improve the business environment in Ukraine and the Chamber plays an important role in consolidating and promoting these efforts. I wish to continue to be part of the Chamber leadership that drives this important focus and commit the required energy and dedication, and build on the Chamber's fantastic success to date.

Why do you feel you are qualified to serve on the Chamber Board? What skills would you bring to the Board?

I have served on the Board for the last three years, and as Vice-Chairman for the last two years. In that time, I believe I have made a material contribution to the Board's activities, including through my Board responsibilities for the Banking and Finance Committee, Agricultural, and the Renewables Committees as well as representing the Chamber in various forums. In my previous roles, I have worked extensively with trade groups, regulators and other government officials in the US, UK, and EU on a range of topics, primarily related to financial services. I believe this perspective and experience should enable me to bring different perspectives and experience to the discussions in order to better drive solutions to member's issues. I bring longstanding financial services experience, in a range of markets, and by leveraging Citi's



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global network, bring financial knowledge and expertise from around the world to solutions here in Ukraine. I came to Ukraine with my family because I see the country's economic potential, and I am committed to working to help it achieve this. I believe I bring an open, objective, energetic and forward-thinking approach to the role which I believe will make me a very effective Board member.

## How have you been active in the Chamber over the course of the last two years?

I have been an active participant and Board member since my arrival in June 2018 and Vice-Chairman of the Board for the past two years. I have been the responsible board member for the Banking and Financial Services Committee and other committees as well as an active participant in the Chamber sponsored Forum of Leading International Financial Institutions. Citi has historically been a strong supporter and sponsor for Chamber activities, and I look forward to continuing this tradition of strong engagement and participation in Chamber and Board activities.

What activity or Committee would you participate in and be responsible for?

I plan to continue to be the Board sponsor for the Banking & Financial Services committee, as well as continue my contributions to the Chamber sponsored Forum of Leading International Institutions ("FLIFI").