

Traditionally, the Center for Real Estate Finance Research has hosted a networking reception at the end of the spring semester for students and alumni to connect, and to bestow awards to members of its graduating class. This year, Tuesday May 2, 2017 marked the occasion of the reception. Over eighty alumni, students, and faculty members joined us. NYU Stern David S. Loeb Professor of Finance and Director of CREFR, Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh gave welcome remarks and commented on the expansion of the real estate program's course offerings, which serve both undergraduate and MBA students. Professor Van Nieuwerburgh also announced the new additions to the CREFR Advisory Membership which includes:

- a) Barry Blattman, Senior Managing Partner and Vice Chairman at Brookfield Asset Management, and Stern MBA 1986 alumnus
- b) Franck Ruimy, CEO of Aerium, a real estate investment manager based in London, Stern Executive MBA 2002 alumnus who has joined the Stern Board of Overseers
- c) Robert Balick, Senior Managing Director for CarVal Investors, a real estate investment manager based in London, and Stern BA 1985 & MBA 1989 alumnus
- d) Keith Breslauer, Founder, Managing Director & Senior Partner at Patron Capital, a real estate investment manager based in London, and Stern BS 1986 alumnus
- e) Chris Curry, Senior EVP of development at the Howard Hughes Corporation, based in NY, and Stern MBA 1986 alumnus
- f) Gabriel Leibowitz, Warburg Realty, who also graciously hosted a recent Stern real estate alumni and student mingle at the Warburg offices
- g) We also welcome Robert Becker from CoreLogic, MBA 2016 as a Fellow



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Professor Van Nieuwerburgh also spoke about new faculty additions to the real estate program at Stern. This year we welcomed Professor Arpit Gupta teaching Real Estate Capital Markets and Professor David Eyzenberg teaching Real Estate Primary Markets.

Tim Wang, Managing Partner at Clarion took the podium next to give a capital market update. The CREFR then bestowed the following awards to members of its graduating class:

CREFR Service Excellence Award 2017

- Joshua Bissinger (MBA)
- Lindsay Kugel (UG)
- Lee Sager (UG)
- Eric Weiss (MBA)

CREFR Academic Excellence Award

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- Andrew Lax (MBA)
- Nicole W. Duddy (MBA)
- Nelson Wong (UG)



Director of CREFR Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh and Associate Director of CREFR Joshua
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