

## **Biography**

Geert Bekaert is the Leon G. Cooperman Professor of Finance and Economics at Columbia Business School and a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Before joining Columbia, Geert was a tenured Associate Professor of Finance at the Graduate School of Business, Stanford University. He received his Ph.D. in 1992 from Northwestern University's Economics Department. His thesis won the 1994 Zellner Thesis Award in Business and Economic Statistics. Before entering graduate school, he worked in the Research Department of the Kredietbank in Belgium (1986-1987).

Geert Bekaert has published over 40 articles in *the Journal of Finance*, *the Journal of Financial Economics*, *the Review of Financial Studies* and other academic journals. He is Co-editor for the *Review of Financial Studies*.

Geert's research focus is international finance with a particular interest in foreign exchange market efficiency, exchange rate determination and international equity markets. Geert has also been involved in several projects on emerging equity markets, and works on investment and asset allocation problems. Geert's research has been supported by three NSF grants so far.

In addition, Geert has served as a consultant to some of the world's leading asset management firms. He is currently a consultant to D.E. Shaw, a hedge fund, and a consultant for Financial Engines, a private company, founded by William F. Sharpe, the 1990 Nobel Prize Winner in economics. Financial Engines provides state-of-the-art, quantitative investment advice to individual investors.

Geert has taught classes on International Financial Markets, Global Fixed Income, Global Asset Allocation, Empirical Asset Pricing (for PhDs), Capital Markets and Investments and Investment and Wealth Management.