

Honorary Business Excellence Award



Robert Platek

Mr. Platek is the Global Head of Credit, and Portfolio Manager of the BDT & MSD Credit Opportunity Funds, Private Credit Opportunity Funds, Real Estate Credit Opportunity Funds, and Special Investments Funds and a Partner of BDT & MSD. He joined MSD in January 2002 as Co-Manager of the Special Opportunities Portfolio. Prior to that, Mr. Platek was a Hedge Fund Portfolio Manager for: the Proprietary Group of Paine Webber, the High Yield Trading Group at Citicorp Securities, Chase Securities, and The Printon Kane Group. Mr. Platek began his career as a financial analyst of Chase Manhattan Bank's Debt Restructuring Group and Financial Audit Group after successfully completing the Chase Manhattan Bank's Executive Credit Training Program.

Mr. Platek received a B.S. degree from Rutgers Business School in 1986.

Mr. Platek has been married to his wife Laurie for 35 years and they have three children, Amanda, Caroline, and Robert Jr. They reside in Rye, NY.

Mr. Platek and his wife Laurie are active supporters of The Rutgers Business School as well as the RWJBarnabas Health Athletic Performance Center. Their philanthropic endeavors provide meaningful support to many nonprofit organizations, especially those who serve the mission of gender-based violence and underserved communities in the greater New York area and internationally. These include: Partnership to End Human Trafficking (PEHT), Elevate New York, Thistle Farms, Differenza Donna, Rye Arts Center Head Start Program, Don Bosco Community Center, Brightstar Community, and Argrow's House.

Mr. Platek has ownership investments in Professional Soccer Clubs, including: Casa Pia (Primeira Liga), Real Salt Lake (Major League Soccer) and Spezia Calcio (Italian Serie B).