Thomas R. Arnold Biography
Head of Americas - Real Estate



Thomas (Tom) Arnold joined ADIA as Head of Americas - Real Estate in 2009 and is based in Abu Dhabi. As Head of Americas - Real Estate, Tom is responsible for the creation and implementation of the business strategy for the Americas portfolio, existing and future investments in the US, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, and selected other Americas markets, and management of the US investment team. He is also a member of ADIA's Executive Committee and Real Estate Steering Committee.

Most recently, Tom was a partner at Cerberus Capital Management based in New York City. Tom's responsibility during his six years at Cerberus Capital included the origination and execution of real estate, lending, and private equity transactions. Tom originated investments throughout the capital structure, including common and preferred equity, mezzanine and bridge lending, and senior debt. His investment experience includes both commercial and residential product types, asset level investing and operating platforms, and extensive turnaround and workout roles.

Prior to Cerberus Capital, Tom spent five years at ING as a Managing Director and senior real estate acquisitions officer, overseeing portfolio management and coordinating financing facilities. At both Cerberus and ING, Tom managed key investor relationships and gained significant experience with investment fund design and fund administration.

Prior to ING, Tom was a Director at Credit Suisse and a Principal of the Praedium Funds when those funds were affiliated with Credit Suisse. Tom assumed origination and strategic asset management responsibility, as well as workout and restructuring responsibility. Tom began his real estate principal focus at Salomon Brothers (now Citigroup) with selective firm principal activity as well as related advisory work with financial institutions saddled with troubled loan and REO assets.

Prior to Salomon Brothers, Tom practiced law for five years, principally with Holland & Knight, focusing on real estate, lending, securities, and bankruptcy matters.

Tom holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics (with honors, 1980) and a Juris Doctorate (1983) from the University of Florida, a Masters of Law (Taxation) from New York University (1986), and a Masters of Business Administration from the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth College (1991). Tom is a licensed attorney, registered securities principal and holder of the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.

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