



Jack Cohen

Education

- Mr. Cohen holds both a M.S. in Construction Management and a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Stanford University. In addition, Mr. Cohen holds a B.A. from Claremont Men's College
- Mr. Cohen recently sat on the Board of Trustees of Pitzer College; has taught classes at the Claremont Colleges and Northwestern, and is an active leader and member of several industry trade associations where he also is often a speaker, moderator, trainer, and keynote.

Experience

- Mr. Cohen is currently a Managing Partner at 3650 Reit, which is national CRE lending, investment and services firm focused on long term relationships with strong sponsors and intermediaries.
www.3650reit.com
- Mr. Cohen is currently the CEO of Darkknight Ventures, LLC, which is an advisory and investment firm focused on accelerating the success of entrepreneurial operating entities. We help firms grow more value, faster, while having the most fun. <https://darkknightventures.net>
- Mr. Cohen was most recently CEO at Shirlaws Group, headquartered in London, where he focused on the funding growth and exit services for SME's across the globe. Mr. Cohen remains a global partner in the firm.
- Through Mr. Cohen's growing Darkknight Ventures venture capital activities, investments include: a real estate acquisitions and development firm, a college test prep company, an emerging manager in a Mezzanine space, fintech platforms and a manufacturer of furnishings for recreation vehicles. Mr. Cohen sits on the advisory boards of Ascot, Hillcrest, Academic Approach, Grand Ventures, CRE Simple, Brokers & Engineer and Forum Real Estate Group.
- Mr. Cohen began his career with Cohen Financial in 1981 as a loan originator before taking the lead of the firm as CEO, a title he held for twenty-five years. Mr. Cohen has essentially been the Chief Strategy Officer, leader, manager and producer.

- During Mr. Cohen's 34 years at Cohen Financial, offices, as well as lines of businesses were created, grown, closed and even sold. Mr. Cohen recapitalized the firm six times between 1998 and 2013.

Professional Affiliations

Mr. Cohen is a frequent speaker, moderator and panelist at all of the associations noted below

- Mr. Cohen thru the years has been an active member and association President of Chartered Realty Investor and Commercial Real Estate Finance Council ("CREFC"). He sits on the boards of CREFC, Commercial Real Estate Finance/Multifamily Board of Governors ("COMBOG") and has sat on the big board at Mortgage Bankers Association ("MBA")
- He is active in Urban Land Institute and is the past chair of the IOPC Silver Council
- Mr. Cohen has been a member of Young Presidents Organization ("YPO") / World President's Organization ("WPO") since 1992 and is a past Chapter YPO Chair (Chicago)

Honors and Awards

- CREFC Founder's Award Winner in recognition of lifetime contributions to the commercial real estate securitization industry.
- Mortgage Banker's Association COMBOG Award Given in Recognition of Borrower Satisfaction Efforts

Selected Publications

- Mr. Cohen led the joint CMSA/MBA committee that produced the "Borrower Guide to CMBS" which was released in 2004
- Mr. Cohen led a task force to redesign the MBA's Campus Education program
- Mr. Cohen was featured in a book written by Steve Bergsman, "Maverick Real Estate Financing: The Art of Raising Capital and Owning Properties Like Ross, Sanders and Carey."

Blog

<https://darkknightventures.net/blog/>

Personal Achievements

- Mr. Cohen is a pilot and maintains an Airline Transport Pilot License and a Single Pilot Type Rating for a very Light Jet.
- Mr. Cohen is a second-degree black belt in Tomiki styled Aikido, a NAUI certified Scuba Diver, an active Crossfitter, as well as a sport rock climber.