One of the Council’s foremost priorities is to reach beyond the traditional policy elite to groups that may not be fully involved in the foreign policy process but nonetheless have a major stake in, and much to contribute to, the discussion. One such constituency is the business community. A third of all Council members work in the private sector, and fully half of New York–area members do. The role of these members and of the corporate world in Council activities not only helps distinguish the Council from other think tanks, it also serves as a model for reaching out to other constituencies in the future. Corporate members are an integral part of the Council with a strong commitment to the Council’s mission.

Through the Corporate Program, the Council provides an important forum for both individual and corporate members to interact in New York and in Washington. The Corporate Program has attracted the support and involvement of 250 companies. The level and quality of business leaders...
participating in programs and Studies projects has never been higher; they represent an extraordinary reservoir of hands-on experience in many of the countries and with many of the issues that the Council is studying.

Each year the Corporate Program organizes more than one hundred programs for individual members and executives of member companies. The Corporate Program sponsors the C. Peter McCollough Roundtable Series on International Economics and the McKinsey Executive Roundtable Series on International Economics, both of which are directed by Benn Steil, senior fellow and acting director of the Council’s Maurice R. Greenberg Center for Geoeconomic Studies. The Corporate Program also cosponsors the popular World Economic Update Series and organizes a timely program of interactive conference calls on topics relevant to business with Council fellows and other experts throughout the year.

One of the highlights of this year was the Corporate Conference, which convened more than 200 corporate members on March 10–11 to hear a blue-ribbon roster of speakers that included Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, World Trade Organization Director-General Supachai Panitchpakdi, and former U.S. Trade Representatives Carla A. Hills and Charlene Barshefsky. Like the National and Term Member Conferences, the Corporate Conference will now be an annual event.

**Benefits of Corporate Membership**

**at the President’s Circle Level ($50,000+)**

- Invitations to two or three small private dinners each year with world leaders.
- An annual presentation on a topic related to the company’s business by a member of the Council’s research staff.
- A special invitation for a company executive to participate in at least one Council-sponsored high-level trip led by a member of the Council’s leadership.
- A special invitation to the annual dinner for the Council’s Board of Directors and International Advisory Board.
- The opportunity to designate two young executives as “Corporate Leaders” to participate in activities organized by the Council’s Term Member Program.
- Designation of a Council staff member to serve as the principal liaison to help the member company derive maximum value from its membership.
- An invitation to an exclusive annual briefing by the Council’s president.*
- Invitations for company executives to attend more than sixty events each year in New York and Washington.*
- Participation in more than twenty-five interactive conference calls with Council research fellows and other experts.*
- Opportunities for a select group of executives to participate in small, in-depth study groups and roundtables.*
- Identification of research fellows in the think tank as speakers for the company’s board, policy committee, client, or internal meetings.*
- Multiple subscriptions to *Foreign Affairs.*
- Access to the Council’s exclusive corporate website.*
- Access to the Council’s state-of-the-art reference services and library (by appointment).*
- Special member rates for rental of the renowned Harold Pratt House meeting facilities.*
- Prominent acknowledgment in Council literature.*

*The President’s Circle* is the highest of three corporate membership levels. **Premium** membership ($25,000+) includes those benefits marked with an asterisk. **Basic** membership, with more limited benefits, is reserved for smaller companies. For more information, contact Jacqui Selbst Schein, Director, Corporate Affairs, at 212-434-9451.
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