

Saba Nazar

Senior investment banking leader with 30+ years at the top of global financial services. Former Chair of Global Financial Sponsors at Bank of America, with an unrivalled network across the world's leading private equity firms, sovereign wealth funds and institutional investors. Trusted board-level advisor renowned for strategic vision, franchise-building and cross-border relationship management across the US, Europe and Asia.

- Advised on hundreds of IPOs, M&A transactions and associated financings over three decades at Goldman Sachs, Lehman Brothers, Nomura and Bank of America
- Promoted to Chair of Global Financial Sponsors at BofA in 2024 — one of the most senior roles covering the private equity sector globally
- Grew BofA's Financial Sponsors franchise to a top-3 ranked business, accounting for c.30% of the division's total investment banking revenue
- Consistently ranked in the Financial News 100 Most Influential Women in Finance; Financial News Top 50 Most Influential in Private Equity

CAREER

2013 – 2026

Bank of America

Chair, Global Financial Sponsors (promoted 2024); Global Head, Financial Sponsors

- Led BofA's Global Financial Sponsors franchise across M&A, Leveraged Finance and Equity Capital Markets, covering the world's largest private equity firms and their portfolio companies across the US, EMEA and APAC.
- Restructured and re-energised the global team — appointing regional leaders, deepening client relationships and driving a strategic repositioning that elevated BofA to a top-3 ranking in the Financial Sponsors league tables.
- Expanded sponsor coverage to include sovereign wealth funds and pension funds including CDPO, CPPIB, GIC, OMERS, OTPP and Temasek — opening significant new capital pools for EMEA buyouts.
- Key member of BofA's Global Private Capital Council, providing strategic advisory and coordination across one of the bank's most complex client bases.
- Financial Sponsors business grew to represent c.30% of the division's investment banking revenue under her leadership.

2009 – 2013

Nomura International

Global Group Head, Financial Sponsors

- Built and led Nomura's global Financial Sponsors coverage business, managing strategy and client relationships across US, EMEA and APAC.
- Advised on the firm's most significant private equity-related transactions during the post-financial crisis recovery period.
- Founding member of the Nomura Charitable Trust.

2005 – 2008

Lehman Brothers

EMEA Group Head, Financial Sponsors

- Led EMEA Financial Sponsors coverage and strategy for the firm's private equity franchise during a period of significant deal activity.
- Built deep relationships at managing partner level across KKR, Bain Capital, The Blackstone Group, Brookfield Capital, Advent International, Clayton Dubilier & Rice, Hellman & Friedman, HG Capital, Permira, PAI and Warburg Pincus.

1993 – 2005

Goldman Sachs

Investment Banking, UK & US

- 12-year career spanning Corporate Finance and M&A in London and New York across multiple sectors.
- Part of the Technology, Media & Telecoms banking team before moving to cover private equity and financial sponsors from 2000.

1991 – 1992

The World Bank

Economics Research Analyst, Washington DC

Economics research role in Washington DC following graduation from Harvard University.

EDUCATION

1993 **Queens' College, University of Cambridge** M.Phil in Economics

1991 **Harvard University** BA Economics

BOARD & ADVISORY ROLES

2022 – 2025 **Patrizia AG**

Board of Trustees. One of Europe's largest Real Asset fund managers, c.€45bn AUM. Supported management through a major transition including appointment of new CEO and CFO.

2016 – 2022 **Design Museum, London**

Board of Trustees (Trustee Emeritus). Member of Development Committee and Nominations Committee.

2014 – 2026 **Bank of America EMEA Philanthropy Board**

Board Member and lead sponsor for Women in the Boardroom initiative.

PHILANTHROPY & COMMUNITY

Impetus: Key sponsor and long-standing supporter of Impetus, the private equity-backed charity focused on helping disadvantaged young people move into employment. Active in project collaboration, speaking engagements and annual fundraising.

The Arts: Avid supporter of the arts with ongoing advocacy for the Design Museum, the National Theatre, V&A and the Tate.

Diversity & Inclusion: Active champion throughout her career. Lead of BofA's Women's Leadership Council; consistent mentor and sponsor of women in finance; regular speaker at investment banking panels at UK and US universities.
