

Rupert, a Bahamian and British national, is an executive director of the Grand Bahama Port Authority and Port Group, Limited. He brings more than 15 years of international investment experience in both emerging and developed markets. He is one of the original partners at Salamanca Group, a British merchant bank with a global footprint. Rupert, alongside his partners, spent 10 years building the business from a boutique investment advisory firm into a fully-fledged merchant bank, which included the merger of a risk consulting business, the acquisition of Investec bank's trust business and the development of 19 offices worldwide.

As well as serving on the board and the Executive Committee, Rupert led the Group's expansion into Brazil, where the business established two fully operational and profitable investment advisory businesses. Rupert also led the acquisition of a majority stake in one of Brazil's largest privately owned real estate developers, where he held an executive director role for almost 7 years.

He previously held a board position at an English Premier League football club, Wolverhampton Wanderers FC, and was a trustee and member of the investment committee for the Sir Charles Hayward Foundation.

As well as being actively engaged in the Venture Capital space, Rupert was a founding partner at BVC Partners, an impact investment and advisory firm and was interim CFO and partner in a San Francisco based foundry / incubator, called Startup Nectar.

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