



## JEAN-LOUIS WARNHOLZ

Founding Principal & Managing  
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Jean-Louis Warnholz is Founding Principal and Managing Director of the BlackIvy Group. Prior to joining BlackIvy, Jean-Louis Warnholz was a Senior Advisor in Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's office, focusing on public-private partnerships in emerging markets. Mr. Warnholz brings a track record of identifying emerging economic opportunities in frontier regions and executing groundbreaking ventures to capture these opportunities. He co-founded fastafrica Ltd. and worked in senior advisory positions for governments (UK, US), multilateral institutions (World Bank, UN) and private entities (Soros Economic Development Fund, S&P). Mr. Warnholz executed projects in complex settings from Kosovo to Haiti to Mongolia to Ghana. In Haiti, he coordinated major investments in new factories, housing, power, port and airport infrastructure in the country's poorest region.

Mr. Warnholz recognized Africa's promise early and has written extensively on frontier markets for the Financial Times, New York Times and Harvard Business Review, including '[Now is the Time to Invest in Africa](#)' (Breakthrough List of Ideas, February 2009), co-written with Paul Collier. He helped guide implementation of the Obama Administration's Partnership for Growth Initiative to assist developing nations in becoming fast-growing emerging markets. He holds economic degrees from the University of Bath and the University of Oxford, where he received the George Webb Medley Prize in Economics.

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Washington D.C. Metro Area | International Trade and Development

Current Blacklvy Group LLC

Previous U.S. Department of State, Soros Economic Development Fund, fastafrica Ltd

Education University of Oxford, Magdalen College

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## Background

### Experience

#### Founding Principal & Managing Director

Blacklvy Group LLC

2013 – Present (3 years)

Investment company building businesses in Sub-Saharan Africa

#### Senior Advisor, Office of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

U.S. Department of State

2010 – 2013 (3 years)

#### Senior Economic Advisor/Consultant

Soros Economic Development Fund

2009 – 2010 (1 year) | Greater New York City Area

#### Co-Founder & Managing Director

fastafrica Ltd

2008 – 2010 (2 years) | Oxford, United Kingdom

#### Senior Economic Advisor/Consultant

The World Bank

2009 – 2009 (less than a year) | Washington D.C. Metro Area



#### Research Economist

Oxford University, Center for the Study of African Economies

2008 – 2009 (1 year) | Oxford, United Kingdom

#### Economic Advisor

Department for International Development

2005 – 2008 (3 years) | London, United Kingdom



### Education

#### University of Oxford, Magdalen College

MSc Economics for Development, International Economics

2007 – 2008

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