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Market Development Vice Chair **Rob Arning** was recently named Chair of KPMG U.S. Foundation, Inc.'s Board of Directors. This follows a move last year when Rob had assumed responsibility for the firm's Citizenship efforts. He assumes the Foundation post from global Audit Chief Operating Officer **Jose R. Rodriguez**, who served a term of nine years.

The Foundation's programs align with KPMG's commitment to lifelong learning and the communities in which it serves. Examples include:

- The Matching Gift Program, which during FY17 distributed more than \$10 million in contributions from partners, retired partners, and employees along with Foundation matching funds to colleges and universities to support student scholarships, curriculum and faculty development.
- KPMG Disaster Relief Fund, which raised \$2 million for the 2017 hurricanes in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico.
- The PhD Project, a national initiative to increase workplace diversity by increasing the diversity of business school faculty.



*Volunteers assemble supplies for KPMG Foundation-supported relief efforts following Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.*

The Foundation also provides administrative support for the KPMG New York Office Fund, the KPMG Family for Literacy local office fundraising events, and the PGA/Future Leaders Program.

Arning thanked Rodriguez and the three outgoing board members, while welcoming two new board members (see sidebar).

“The KPMG Foundation presents us with a tremendous opportunity to make a real difference, and I am honored to continue the great work of Jose Rodriguez and the other terrific board members. Our firm has assembled an outstanding group of individuals to maximize the reach and impact of our Foundation, said Arning.”

**Bernie Milano**, long-standing president of the KPMG U.S. Foundation and the PhD project, added his heartfelt appreciation.

“By any measure, this has been an extraordinary year, during which we have once again improved the lives of many people inside the firm and externally,” said Milano.

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In a **Bloomberg Radio** segment hosted by Bentley University President Gloria Larson, Bernie discusses why diversity matters for business, what the KPMG Foundation is doing to promote diversity and inclusion, and the impact of the PhD Project.

[Listen to the Bloomberg Radio segment](#)

## KPMG Foundation

### **Incoming Foundation Chair**

Rob Arning – vice chair, Market Development

### **Incoming Board Members**

Ben Garfunkel, Tax partner

James Powell, Audit partner and Nashville office managing partner

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### **Outgoing Foundation Chair**

Jose Rodriguez - Global Audit chief operating officer

### **Outgoing Board Members**

Paul J. Knopp – Audit partner, member of the KPMG U.S. Board of Directors

Rebecca P. Sproul – Audit partner

French Taylor —Tax partner