

LEAKED INVESTMENT CLUB INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

In 2008, Investment Club interviewed a spectacular New York financier with a spectacular Brooklyn accent. The interviewer, Ronald Rockefeller, flew to Palm Beach for spring break. While sun-tanning poolside at Mar-a-Lago, he spotted an interviewee that would change his life. With a wide-tooth grin, the mystery-man agreed to an exclusive interview. This financier is the most inspirational guest Investment Club has hosted to date. Below is the long awaited interview (redacted for privacy), 16 years later...

Rockefeller: Let's start with intros... What's your name and three adjectives you'd use to describe yourself?

Financier: I'm Jeff. Uh, ambitious, considerate, and... determined, almost to a fault.

R: Wow, that's quite a description! Take me through your career, what was your first job?

J: When I was about your age, I peer-tutored math and physics. After NYU, I started working at Dalton. (grins) That's an experience I won't forget any time soon. In fact, my first real boss, Donald [REDACTED], published a great book, *Space Relations*. By '76, I left Dalton for Bear Stearns.

R: That sounds like a great book! What's *Space Relations* about and are there any other books on investing that you would recommend?

J: It's about a young space diplomat's quest for freedom. That's a book I'd recommend for anyone interested in finance because it depicts life in the industry well. *Bonfire of Vanities* and *Wolf of Wall Street* are also great. A personal favorite of mine is *Lolita*. I have a first-edition if you want to check it out.

R: I'd be honored! It's my favorite novel too. I want to start as an analyst just like you. What was your time in Bear Stearns like?

J: I worked a little too hard. Hard work always pays off, no matter who you know. But you also have to let loose on the weekends, y'know? Enjoy *la dolce vita* while you're young.

R: The trajectory of your career is incredible, I heard you started your own financial consulting firm. That's incredible – how did you transition into that?

J: Support from those around you matters, peers, family or others. My first client, Les, helped kick-start the operation. He's popular with the ladies, but at his core, he's a good guy.

R: Despite the competitiveness of the finance industry, how would you defend finance, especially for saying it's too ruthless and cut throat?

J: But, the industry prioritizes helping the fiscally challenged. The [REDACTED] Foundation throws galas for all sorts of charities and non-profits.

R: Honestly, it saddens me that non-financially inclined students have so many misconceptions about finance. While in reality, the industry develops charities and organizations that serve the greater good.

J: Yes! In the past year, we've donated to the MET, Elton John AIDS Foundation, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, MIT and Harvard University.

R: Wow, I can only imagine how much you've helped our nation grow. America needs more philanthropists like yourself!

J: Well, the students reading this interview have the potential to better our nation, like myself.

R: I don't have to say this but all your clients, friends and community must appreciate you so much. With such a schedule, how does a productive man like yourself maintain a work-life balance?

J: I reserve evening hours for friends, female and male. As vast as the industry may seem, only a few clients and co-workers matter. Then again, my personal and professional circles have merged over the decades.

(He called over a waitress for another drink, turning to see her run back.)

R: (scrambles to find something on the question sheet) I'm not sure if I mentioned this before, but I'm a **HUGE** fan. You're the American dream personified, Coney Island to Billionaires' Row! I'm sure when this interview gets published, readers who look up to you as much, or even more, than myself, would love to get some industry secrets. Do you have any insider knowledge for aspiring financiers?

J: It's not just an industry or a job. It's a lifestyle. It's who you surround yourself with, which should be the best and brightest from a variety of industries and families. No matter your background, your reputation is the only thing that matters... Such a fickle thing, reputation. Keep it sparkling, bud.

The two rise. Jeff left a note for the waitress. The bill was on the house.

R: You're a man of such wisdom Jeff. You're a real inspiration to [REDACTED], especially with how much you've advanced child education.

J: I'm honored to inspire a new generation of brilliant minds.

R: Jeff, do you have any plans after this?

J: I have a private island, would you want to-?

R: Definitely!

J: Well, I'm leaving today, I'll send someone to pick you up tomorrow.

A middle-aged lady with black square sunglasses and a sweeping sunhat, covering her whole face, approached the table. On her left arm, she dragged a young waitress.

JEFF'S FRIEND: This is [REDACTED], she's interested in the masseuse position.

J: (gazes at the girl)

J.F.: (turns to Rothschild) Where are my manners! I'm Ghislaine, and who is this?

J: This is Ronald, he's interviewing me for, what is it called again?

R: Deerfield's Investment Club.

G: Ah, how sweet. Jeff, I'm leaving right now with [REDACTED], we'll meet in [REDACTED] (they leave)

J: I should head out as well.

R: Again, it's such an honor to meet you.

J: You're welcome.

The two shake hands and depart.

The next morning a sleek limousine picked Ronald up. He was dropped off at the airstrip and the [REDACTED] awaited him. Stepping inside, [REDACTED]

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The passengers descend into the [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

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Ronald shared the interview at the meeting and handed the transcript to the SLO for safekeeping. [REDACTED]

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If this interview and recollection of events seems fictitious, check Jeff's flight logs.