

## David J. Kohl



David J. Kohl is the President of the Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations and a partner at Mangrove, an investment business he co-manages with his brother in Hong Kong.

The Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations (DCFR) is an independent, nonprofit, non-partisan membership organization focused on exploring leading-edge developments in international relations and business. Through its members and programs, DCFR promotes greater knowledge of global issues and fosters a deeper understanding of the people, policies and events impacting present and future decisions.

During the course of his recently completed insurance career, international engagement with CEOs operating businesses abroad as well as companies in the U.S. owned by foreign parent companies was the norm. Most of these businesses were owned by European private equity firms or traded on foreign exchanges. On the domestic side, his focus was primarily on high growth companies, M&A, and initial public offerings.

David's next chapter with Mangrove is focused on taking concentrated positions in lower middle market public companies where meaningful catalysts for successful turnarounds exist. In addition, a handful of investments in early stage / high growth private companies have been made. He has served on the boards of several private companies including a high growth startup which rapidly exceeded \$100M in revenues as well as a multi-generational business focused primarily on organic growth.

For nearly a decade, David spearheaded the "Future Trends Initiative" for The Institute for Excellence in Corporate Governance at UTD to provide executives with visibility of what was coming "around the corner" in their particular industry. He currently serves on the institute's advisory board and is active in the leadership of his local church in Dallas.