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## DR. SUNG WON SOHN

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Dr. Sohn is Vice Chairman of the multinational retailer Forever 21. He is also Smith Professor of Economics at California State University CI and serves on boards including Forever 21, Western Alliance Bancorporation and Claremont Graduate University. He was a commissioner at the Port of Los Angeles, the nation's largest port.

Dr. Sohn was the President and Chief Executive Officer of **Hanmi Financial Corporation**, a commercial bank in Los Angeles, California. Before joining Hanmi in 2005, Dr. Sohn was an Executive Vice President and Chief Economic Officer of **Wells Fargo Banks**.

Dr. Sohn was educated at the **University of Pittsburgh** and **Harvard Business School**.

Prior to his tenure at Wells Fargo, Dr. Sohn was a senior economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisors in **The White House**. He was responsible for economic and legislative matters pertaining to **The Federal Reserve** and financial markets. Dr. Sohn has also been a tenured college professor in **Pennsylvania State University System**.

He is the author of two books, **Global Financial Crisis and Exit Strategy** and **The New Economy**

In 2006, **The Wall Street Journal** featured a story naming Dr. Sohn as the most accurate economist in the United States. In 2010, the Journal named him as one of the five best forecasters in the country. In 2012, he ranked third. This is one of the most prestigious honors in economics profession. In 2002, he was named to the **Time** Magazine's Board of Economists. In 2001, **Bloomberg News** selected Dr. Sohn as one of the five most accurate forecasters in the United States. In 2002, **Blue Chip Publications** picked him as the most accurate forecaster for the Western States

He was chosen as one of **the 100 most influential Minnesotans of the 20th century** by the state's largest daily newspaper, **The Star Tribune**. Others on the list included Charles Lindberg, Sinclair Lewis, Hubert Humphrey, Walter Mondale and Charles Schultz of the Peanuts Cartoon.

He currently serves on the boards of Forever 21, Western Alliance Bancorporation and Claremont Graduate University. He served on the boards of Port of Los Angeles, First California Bancorporation, Ministers Mutual Life Insurance Company, L.A. Music Center (Performing Arts), Children's Bureau of Los Angeles, Foreign Affairs Council of LA, Park Nicollet Health Services, The Blake School, Minnesota Community College System, North Memorial Medical Center, etc. Harvard Business School Association of Minnesota, Crystal Evangelical Free Church, Children's Theater Company and School, and the American Heart Association of Minnesota.