

Renowned Wall Street Forecaster to Speak at Tulane University

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Howard Marks, chairman of Oaktree Capital Management and a highly regarded observer of economic trends and investment opportunities, will deliver this year's R. W. Freeman Distinguished Lecture. The lecture will take place at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29, in Goldring/Woldenberg Hall, and is free and open to the public.

Marks, who is known for his eloquent, insightful writings on the economy, gained widespread recognition in 2000 when he accurately predicted the burst of the technology stock bubble. Since then, his wit and wisdom on the economy and investing have earned him a cult following among investors. In March 2008, *The Wall Street Journal's* Peter Lattman wrote, "Everyone knows about the anticipation leading up to Warren Buffett's annual shareholder letters. But for a certain Wall Street set, there are equally high expectations for the writings of Howard Marks."

Marks co-founded Oaktree Capital Management in Los Angeles in 1995 and built the firm into an elite alternative and non-traditional investment company with over \$60 billion in assets under management. Today, the firm has over 550 employees and offices in 14 cities worldwide.

The R. W. Freeman Distinguished Lecture series is the premier annual speaking event at Tulane University's A.B. Freeman School of Business. The lecture series is named in honor of Richard W. Freeman (BBA '34), former vice chairman of the Louisiana Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Ltd. and a major benefactor of Tulane University.