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Kim Lew Leads Columbia Investment Management Company

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Kim Lew (Carnegie Corp.)

Kim Lew, an investment professional with decades of experience in asset management, was recently named president and chief executive officer of the Columbia Investment Management Company, with responsibility for overseeing the University’s endowment.

Lew comes to Columbia after thirteen years at the Carnegie Corporation of New York, where she served as vice president and chief investment officer and managed an endowment that supports a wide range of education programs.
A native of New York City and a product of its public schools, Lew graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Business School. She began her career as a credit analyst at Chemical Bank, later joining the Prudential Group and then the Ford Foundation, where she spent more than a decade handling technology and private-equity investments. She joined the Carnegie Corporation to direct its private-equity stakes in 2007, becoming its chief investment officer in 2016.

As the head of Columbia Investment Management Company, Lew is responsible for the management of an $11 billion endowment whose income provides a perpetual source of support for University programs.