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You are invited to join us for an interactive Digital Video Conference (DVC) with

Mark Vitner

Managing Director and Senior Economist, Wells Fargo

American Prospects for Future Economic Growth & Prosperity

Tuesday, August 20 from 2:00 – 3:30pm

U.S. Embassy Ottawa

490 Sussex Drive

This program will explore the current strengths of the U.S. economy and aim to counter perceptions of economic decline popularized largely by Canadian media.



As managing director and senior economist at Wells Fargo, **Mark Vitner** is responsible for tracking U.S. and regional economic trends. Based in Charlotte, he also writes for the company's *Monthly Economic Outlook* report, the *Weekly Economic & Financial Commentary*, and provides regular updates on the housing markets, commercial real estate, regional economies, and inflation. Mark joined Wachovia (then First Union) in 1993. Before that, he spent nine years as an economist for Barnett Banks. Mark's commentary has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg*, and many other publications.

He serves as a distinguished lecturer and practitioner at the University of Georgia. He is also a member of the American Economic Association, the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, and the Charlotte Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth. Mark is a member of the Blue Chip Economic forecasting panel and the Western Blue Chip forecast panel. He currently serves on the Joint Advisory Board of Economists for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Please RSVP by noon on Friday, August 16
via email: brownknb@state.gov or phone: 613-688-5484

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Please arrive at the SUSSEX ENTRANCE 10-15 minutes prior to the program to clear security.



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