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A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, with an A.B. in Economics, Mr. Rupkey then received his M.A. in Economics from Columbia University in New York City. In 1991, Mr. Rupkey earned the CFA designation.

Mr. Rupkey spent his early career working for Larry Kudlow at UBS Paine Webber. From 1981 to 1985, he was Chief Economist at Cantor, Fitzgerald. In 1987, Mr. Rupkey joined MUFG and is presently Managing Director and Chief Financial Economist in the Economic Research Group, focusing on financial markets, Federal Reserve policy and international economies including Japan. He has published the Financial Market Weekly for the bank for over 20 years.



In his chief economist role, Mr. Rupkey presents the economic outlook to MUFG clients as well as business and civic groups, and shares his insight with national media outlets. He was the most popular TV economist on Bloomberg from 2011 to 2015 with video economic news reports and market commentary posted on the Top News page.

Mr. Rupkey has been active in many economics and business groups. He was the 2016-17 President of The Forecasters Club in New York City which is made up of the “Top 50 Economists” on Wall Street. Mr. Rupkey was President of the Money Marketeers of New York University from 2001-2002, a club in New York made up of Wall Street dealers and New York Fed staff, and was President of the New York Association for Business Economics in 2009-2010. In September 2017, Mr. Rupkey was awarded the 2016-2017 National Association for Business Economics (NABE) Outlook Award. The annual award is presented to the NABE Outlook panelist with the most accurate economic forecast for the previous four quarters. He also won the award for 2012-13.

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