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Mr Beck started his career in international finance as a Special Assistant to the Canadian Minister for International Trade, Michael Wilson, dealing with issues related to Canada's export credit agency, Export Development Canada. He subsequently spent over six years with Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) where he was Senior Manager, Trade Finance, originating and structuring a wide variety of short and medium term transactions largely focused on Latin America.

Mr Beck left CIBC to help implement the start-up of a new multilateral development bank, Black Sea Trade & Development Bank (BSTDB), where he focused on Turkey, Russia and former Soviet Union countries. Following four years at BSTDB, he had various assignments as a senior consultant, including with USAID working in southern Africa and a start-up financial institution in Armenia.

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