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John Oros

The Yale Program on Financial Stability (YPFS) interviewed John Oros regarding his time as managing director at the private investment firm J.C. Flowers & Co. In the fall of 2008, he worked with Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch, and American International Group, advising and negotiating on their behalf with the leading banks, investment companies, and federal regulators to help these firms avoid liquidation. Oros served as chairman of the Federal Savings and Loan Council from 1987–1989 during the savings and loan crisis, when 747 S&Ls failed. Before that, he specialized in investment banking at Goldman Sachs, rising to general partner.

Oros is currently an operating partner at J.C. Flowers & Co. and advises on numerous corporate boards. He has endowed a chair in the business school and established a business speaker series at his alma mater, the University of Wisconsin.

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