



Skip Whitney maintains a strong foothold in two worlds and enjoys a dual reputation: he is known as a visionary curator of innovation in the real estate industry in San Francisco and in China, as well as a pioneer in establishing the life science and biotech community in San Francisco.

His real estate career began in 1974 when he founded Whitney Cressman Limited, a real estate advisory service focusing on both commercial leasing and domestic and international commercial investment sales. In 2006, Whitney Cressman merged with Kidder Mathews and has since grown to become one of the largest independent commercial real estate firms on the West Coast with experts in 10 offices, performing \$6 billion in transactions over the last 3 years, executing 1,000 appraisals annually, and managing a portfolio of over 22 million square feet of space. He leads the company in the area of innovation of science and technology and the applications in real estate where he is Executive Vice President and Partner with the firm.

His two paths intersect here, where he is Co-Chair of Kidder Mathews Life Science Real Estate Practice Group representing clients such as Pfizer, Nektar Therapeutics, Amgen, Bristol Meyers, and Novartis. Skip handled the real estate negotiations on behalf of the former San Francisco Mayor, Gavin Newsom, for the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM). He is also one of the driving forces for San Francisco Mission Bay Science and Technology Park, a 12 million square foot mixed use development project, consisting of commercial, residential, life science, cleantech, IT and UCSF research center. Whitney also assisted Burrill & Co. in their China Venture Fund.

As a key influencer and advisor in Silicon Valley and China relations, he has worked closely with the venture capital community in bringing US companies in the areas of life sciences, biotech and cleantech into China. He is the founding member of the Bay Area Council, Yangtze Council China Initiative, on the board of directors of the Bay Area Council and serves as Chairperson for the China San Francisco Biotech Subcommittee. In China, Whitney was appointed Strategic Advisor to the President of Fudan University and is a Founding Member of the Fudan School of Innovation in Shanghai.

Passionate about wine, film and giving back to the community, Whitney is an Ambassador-at-large for the California Film Institute, and co-founded the Singapore international Film Festival in 1987. He is also on the Board of Directors of Operation USA, a top-10 NGO relief agency in the US.

