

Margaret Kimura-Biography

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Margaret Kimura is a seasoned dealmaker, strategist, negotiator, consultant, and master networker whose career spans finance, compliance, entertainment, wellness, entrepreneurship, and global business development. Today, she serves as Managing Partner and Head of the U.S. Division for RKĀN LTD, a global compliance and legal advisory firm specializing in capital formation, regulatory oversight, tokenization, digital assets, and complex cross-border transactions.

Working alongside RKĀN's international team of compliance professionals, legal experts, investigators, and HKT fiduciary specialists, Margaret helps clients navigate sophisticated financial structures, capital-raising initiatives, tokenization strategies, and global business opportunities. Her ability to identify solutions, build strategic relationships, and connect the right people at the right time has earned her a reputation as a trusted advisor across multiple industries.

Throughout her career, Margaret has been involved in structuring and facilitating opportunities involving private capital, early-stage ventures, global entertainment projects, international trade, alternative investments, digital assets, tokenization, treasury instruments, and global business development. Her extensive international network and strategic mindset allow her to bridge industries and create meaningful opportunities that generate long-term value.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, California, Margaret was immersed in the entertainment industry from the very beginning—a true "Hollywood baby." Her father was a successful music producer, and her mother was a television commercial producer, exposing her to the creative arts, music, film, and media world throughout her upbringing. As an infant, it was not uncommon for Margaret to fall asleep or wake up in recording studios, surrounded by musicians, producers, and artists while her father worked on music projects. The sounds of creativity, collaboration, and artistic expression became the soundtrack of her childhood. Surrounded by visionaries, entrepreneurs, and free thinkers, Margaret's role models were anything but traditional, shaping her perspective on creativity, innovation, and possibility from an early age.

At the age of eight, her father, an avid photographer himself, handed her a camera and offered a simple piece of advice that would stay with her for life: *"Take pictures of beautiful things that make you happy."* In that moment, Margaret discovered her first true passion. While most children her age were still playing with toys, she was spending time alongside her father in the darkroom developing film, learning the art of photography, composition, and visual storytelling.

Those early experiences taught Margaret far more than photography. They cultivated her ability to see beauty where others did not, recognize patterns, envision possibilities, and approach life with both creativity and curiosity. The camera became more than a tool—it became a lens through which she learned to observe people, understand human nature, and appreciate the power of perspective. Even today, Margaret credits those formative years behind the camera as the foundation for her ability to see opportunities others may overlook, connect seemingly unrelated ideas, and develop innovative solutions in both business and life.

Looking back, Margaret often reflects that photography taught her one of the most valuable lessons she would carry throughout her career: where others see an image, a challenge, or a problem, she instinctively sees the bigger picture.

Her love for beauty, fashion, and visual storytelling eventually led her to work in Los Angeles, New York City, and Milan, Italy. She built a successful career as a Master Makeup Artist before expanding into professional photography and advanced photo retouching, specializing in beauty, fashion, portraiture, and executive branding. Throughout her creative career, Margaret worked with numerous high-profile entertainers, executives, and public figures, including Arnold Schwarzenegger a longtime friend and mentor of business, Elton John, Garth Brooks, Madonna, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, George Harrison, Patti LaBelle, Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Ray Charles, Tupac Shakur, Tom Hanks, Jim Carrey, Audrey Hepburn, Johnny Depp, Andie MacDowell, Kevin Costner, Anthony Hopkins, and many others. Her photography portfolio also included executive portraits, actor headshots, and branding imagery for technology leaders, entrepreneurs, and speakers throughout Southern California.

Following her success in the entertainment and creative industries, Margaret began exploring new passions that aligned more deeply with her desire to help others. A firm believer in New Science, preventative epigenetic cellular health, and the concept of food as medicine, she immersed herself in the world of functional medicine and holistic wellness. She trained alongside some of the world's leading functional medicine practitioners, researchers, and scientists, including many recognized among the Top 50 Functional Medicine Practitioners in the United States.

As a trained Functional Medicine Health Strategist, Margaret developed a deep understanding of root-cause analysis and the interconnected nature of human health. She became passionate about helping individuals identify the underlying factors affecting their well-being and guiding them toward sustainable solutions through lifestyle modifications, nutrition, stress management, targeted supplementation, and evidence-based wellness strategies. Her compassionate and personalized approach helped countless individuals improve their vitality, optimize performance, and achieve lasting wellness transformations.

While Margaret found tremendous fulfillment in the health and wellness space, she viewed this work less as a business venture and more as an expression of service and compassion. A modality that truly worked on healing her own health issues caused by genetic dispositions and environmental exposures, she often describes helping people improve their health as one of her greatest acts of love and contribution. Although she enjoyed success in the field, she realized her natural strengths in strategy, relationship building, and problem solving could be applied on a much larger scale.

That realization led Margaret into the world of finance, business development, and capital strategy. Through a series of opportunities and mentorships with highly accomplished financial professionals, she began studying sophisticated high level financial structures, capital formation, investment strategies, and global business development. What began as curiosity quickly evolved into a new calling.

Over the next eight years, Margaret advanced rapidly within the financial sector by applying a unique methodology shaped by every chapter of her career. Drawing from the principles of functional medicine, she developed an innovative approach centered on identifying root causes, creating strategic roadmaps, and designing customized solutions for complex business challenges. Rather than focusing solely on symptoms or surface-level issues, she learned to analyze the underlying factors affecting a transaction, company, or investment opportunity and then build a framework designed to achieve sustainable success.

Margaret often explains that she approaches business and finance much like she approached health strategy: identify the root cause, create a comprehensive roadmap, implement the proper solution, and monitor the healing process through every stage of execution. By combining creativity, analytical thinking, strategic planning, compliance oversight, and relationship-building, she has developed a

distinctive framework that helps clients navigate complex situations with clarity and confidence.

One of the most significant turning points in Margaret's career has been a recent manifestation. It was a chance encounter when she met David Howard, CEO of RKĀN LTD. Recognized internationally for his extensive background in investigations, compliance, governance, and global business strategy, and other gifted skills - David saw something unique in Margaret's multidisciplinary approach and took her under his wing as a kindred spirit, mentor and strategic business partner.

Under David's leadership, mentorship, and guidance, Margaret's growth within the worlds of finance, compliance, and international business accelerated significantly. Together, they forged a powerful and synergistic alliance within RKĀN, combining two distinct yet highly complementary backgrounds. David's extensive expertise in compliance, investigations, governance, intelligence gathering, and international structuring naturally aligned with Margaret's strengths in strategy, relationship building, entrepreneurial development, wellness-based root-cause analysis, creative problem-solving, and global networking.

What emerged was a partnership built on mutual respect, shared vision, and a commitment to excellence. Their diverse perspectives challenge and strengthen one another, creating a dynamic balance that allows them to approach complex opportunities from multiple angles. Together, they continuously challenge and push each other to keep growing, innovate, and elevate their capabilities, becoming a stronger force within RKĀN and expanding the firm's ability to deliver strategic solutions on a global scale

Today, they work closely together to expand RKĀN's international footprint, helping clients navigate increasingly complex financial, regulatory, and business landscapes. Their partnership represents a unique balance of innovation and discipline, vision and execution, creativity and structure. Together, they have developed a collaborative approach that enables RKĀN to deliver comprehensive solutions to clients across multiple sectors and global jurisdictions on the highest levels.

Margaret often credits much of her professional evolution to the opportunity she was given at RKĀN and to David's belief in her potential. Reflecting on this chapter of her life, she shares:

"Meeting David Howard and becoming part of RKĀN has been one of the greatest blessings of my professional journey. David is a truly one-of-a-kind human being whose brilliance, integrity, leadership, and vision inspire everyone around him. He took a chance on me, believed in my potential, and helped me grow in ways I never imagined possible. Together we are building a global alliance through RKĀN, combining our unique backgrounds and experiences into something far greater than either of us could create alone. Working alongside David and helping bring this vision to life is a dream come true. I genuinely feel like one of the luckiest women alive to have this opportunity and to be part of something so meaningful and impactful."

Today, Margaret integrates lessons learned from entertainment, wellness, entrepreneurship, creative branding, and finance into a comprehensive approach to business strategy and capital formation. She believes success is built through vision, structure, and disciplined execution. Her philosophy is simple: see the vision, create the roadmap, execute step by step, and proactively mitigate obstacles before they become barriers.

Known for her integrity, creativity, determination, and commitment to excellence, Margaret continues to help entrepreneurs, investors, UHNWI, family offices, and business leaders navigate complex opportunities with confidence, clarity, and strategic vision. Her multidisciplinary perspective, combined with an extensive global network and a talent for connecting people and opportunities, has made her a trusted entity capable of transforming ambitious ideas into achievable outcomes and long-term success.

