

Ramon Escobar, Managing Director, Actum



Ramon brings 20 years of experience in government and international business, specializing in foreign policy, infrastructure finance, critical minerals, and emerging technology companies. He supports clients in finance, critical minerals, digital/AI infrastructure, emerging technology, and other strategic sectors navigating risks and capitalizing on opportunities resulting from geopolitical shifts. Ramon is also a Senior Advisor at Milken Institute where he is participating in and developing policy dialogues and other efforts of the Geo-economics Initiative, particularly related to Latin America.

Before joining Actum, Ramon served as the Director for Western Hemisphere Strategy at the National Security Council, The White House, where he played a key role in developing and advancing an affirmative U.S. economic strategy in Latin America and the Caribbean. He led initiatives that mobilized public resources and private capital to advance U.S. priorities in infrastructure, mining, tech, and other strategic sectors. Ramon also worked to build critical bipartisan Congressional support for an affirmative economic strategy to compete with China in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Ramon has held senior roles at the State Department and served as a scholar and lecturer at the Council on Foreign Relations and Georgetown University. His diplomatic career spans the Middle East, Europe, and Latin America, where he helped U.S. companies navigate challenging and complex political environments, regulatory changes, and investment climates. Complementing his geopolitical expertise, Ramon is the rare policy expert who has firsthand experience running a business – having co-founded, raised capital for, and operated a trade and ecommerce startup focused on emerging market wine producers.

Ramon holds a dual master's in international affairs from Columbia University and Sciences Po-Paris, and a bachelor's in marketing from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Ramon is fluent in Spanish and French and has basic proficiency in Arabic. Ramon resides in Washington, D.C. with his wife and two sons.

Mr. Escobar has not previously testified before the Commission.