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As SunTrust Advisory Services, Inc.'s Chief Investment Officer and Executive Vice President, Mr. Dawal leads the Investment Advisory Group which is responsible for monitoring the global economic and financial markets, formulating investment strategies and sourcing investment managers and solutions for the benefit of SunTrust clients. He is based in Atlanta, GA.

Mr. Dawal joined SunTrust in his current role in 2011. With over 20 years of experience in investment management, he previously was Executive Vice President and Senior Director of Investments for Wells Fargo Wealth Management. Prior to the Wells Fargo-Wachovia merger, Mr. Dawal was Chief Investment Officer for Wachovia's Wealth Management Business, a position he was named to in 2005.

Mr. Dawal originally joined SunTrust in 1992 as Senior Portfolio Manager and Vice President, and managed a team of portfolio managers providing investment services to high net worth personal trust, investment agency, retirement and endowment investment portfolios. Prior to that Mr. Dawal served in multiple investment related capacities with Barnett Banks Trust Company.

Mr. Dawal also served as a financial analyst for US Airlines/Piedmont Aviation where he prepared financial forecasting and lease/buy analysis. He began his career working with the US Government in a variety of positions within the US Department of Commerce and the US Department of Defense.

Mr. Dawal earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration and international studies from the American University, Kogod School of Business & School of International Service. He earned a Master of Business Administration from Wake Forest University's Babcock School of Management, and holds a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.