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JHU's Daniels, USM's Kirwan among Md.'s new international business advisory board

The new president of [Johns Hopkins University](#) and the chancellor of the [University System of Maryland](#) are among 16 prominent businessmen and women Gov. Martin O'Malley has selected to help shape the state's international business efforts.

Just two months into his tenure as president of Johns Hopkins, Ronald Daniels joins Brit Kirwan of the university system, Baltimore port leader Scott Menzies and Maurice Tosé of [TeleCommunication Systems](#) in Annapolis on the new International Advisory Council.

The group is expected to work with the [Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development](#) (DBED) on ways to enhance Maryland's international presence. Chairing the Council will be Harold Adams, president of HLA LLC and co-founder of the [World Trade Center Institute](#). Katie Gray, vice president of Global Sensor Solutions for [Northrop Grumman](#) Electronic Systems, will serve as vice chair.

The other council members are:

- Dr. Mohamed Al-Ibrahim, president, SNBL CPC
- Carlos Ayala, vice president, international relations, Perdue
- David Cooke, vice president, International Operations, [M&T Bank](#)
- Drew Greenblatt, president, [Marlin Steel Wire Products](#)
- Vinita Gupta, president, [Lupin Pharmaceuticals](#)
- Ken Hackett, president, [Catholic Relief Services](#)
- Douglas Liu, vice president Global Operations, Qiagen
- Leslie Mancuso, CEO, Jhpiego
- Todd Ruppert, CEO, [T. Rowe Price](#) Global Investment Services
- Tom Russo, president and general manager, Severstal Sparrows Point
- Dr. Zhai Yifan, president, [Chinese Biopharmaceutical Association of America](#)

The council was formed as part of a series of moves the state plans to make to attract foreign-owned companies to Maryland and assist Maryland companies doing overseas business. Strategy for international growth was announced last month, including the creation of a Maryland International Business Center.

The strategy will also include a business incubator specifically for growing international companies. DBED will manage the center, which will provide resources for companies looking to expand into Maryland and for local companies looking to export overseas.

The incubator will be based at the [University of Maryland](#), College Park, and will focus on leveraging university research to draw foreign companies. It will open July 1.

O'Malley is stressing global trade as the state looks to build on record-high exports in 2008. State exports grew 27 percent last year, compared to the 12 percent national average.

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