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**FOURTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT SUMMIT CONVENES
IN NEW YORK CITY AT CRITICAL TIME FOR WORLD FINANCIAL MARKETS**

November 1 & 2, 2012 at The Pierre

Lexington, Mass., September 20, 2012 -- The [Women's Alternative Investment Summit](#) is returning to New York for its fourth year on November 1 & 2, 2012 at The Pierre hotel in midtown Manhattan. Last year, more than 250 senior women executives across the alternative investment spectrum – GPs, LPs and the professionals who serve them– gathered to exchange ideas, nurture valuable networks, and participate in substantive, in-depth conversations about the changing global financial environment.

The 2012 Women's Alternative Investment Summit program will focus on the broad scope of alternative investments, including Private Equity, Venture Capital, Hedge Fund, Real Estate, Real Asset and Distressed Investing. Afsaneh Beschloss, President and CEO, The Rock Creek Group; Former Treasurer and CIO, The World Bank; Denise L. Nappier, Treasurer, State of Connecticut; and Gina M. Raimondo, General Treasurer, State of Rhode Island

The Women's Alternative Investment Summit has attracted a select group of sponsors from the financial, legal, corporate, and non-profit sectors, including several high-profile first-time sponsors. The Summit's Platinum Sponsors are law firm **Lowenstein Sandler**, home to one of the country's leading Investment Management practices, and **Rothstein Kass**, a professional services firm that is consistently ranked as a top CPA firm to the alternative investment industry. Lowenstein Sandler is in its first sponsorship year while Rothstein Kass returns for a second year as a lead sponsor of the New York Summit.

New sponsor **Coller Capital**, a leading global investor in secondaries, joins **Landmark Partners**, a private equity and real estate firm specializing in secondary investments, as Silver Sponsors. Landmark is in its third year as a sponsor of the New York Summit. Also returning to the Women's Alternative Investment Summit are Educational Partners **Kauffman Fellows Program at the Center for Venture Education** and the **Robert Toigo Foundation**.

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New to the New York Summit are three exhibitors: **Waterford Wedgwood Royal Doulton**, the leading provider of luxury home and lifestyle products; **Ascendant Compliance Management**, a compliance consulting firm to investment managers, broker dealers, hedge and private equity funds worldwide; and **iLevel Solutions**, the leading Portfolio Management Platform for the private equity industry.

The Women's Alternative Investment Summit opens on the evening of Thursday, November 1, 2012 with a networking cocktail reception at the restaurant Daniel, followed by a full-day program on Friday, November 2 at The Pierre. The conference closes with *An Evening of Cocktails and Fashion*, a special networking event at Akris, the women's clothing boutique and the Summit's Official Style Partner. A percentage of evening's proceeds will benefit The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

For more information about the Women's Alternative Investment Summit visit www.WomensAlternativeInvestmentSummit.com or call 781-652-0900.

Please note: The Women's Alternative Investment Summit in New York is closed to the media.