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**WOMEN'S PRIVATE EQUITY SUMMIT TO PRESENT INAUGURAL  
PRIVATE EQUITY TRAILBLAZER AWARD AT 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

*Summit Held March 15 – 16, 2012 at Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay, California*

Lexington, MA, March 8, 2012 – The 5th Annual [Women's Private Equity Summit](#) will be held March 15 – 16, 2012 at the Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay, California. As this major industry conference for senior-level women in private equity and venture capital marks its fifth year, the Summit's influence continues to grow. Conference organizers expect more than 400 attendees at the 2012 event—the largest gathering yet. This year's Summit also inaugurates the *Private Equity Trailblazer Award*, honoring pioneering women in the traditionally male-dominated field of private equity and venture capital. The 2012 Trailblazer Award winners are Patricia M. Cloherty and Ginger More, each of whom will participate in a Keynote Interview at the Summit.

The Women's Private Equity Summit attracts a powerful group of leaders – GPs, LPs and advisors to the industry – to facilitate networking, fundraising and dealmaking opportunities and increase access to hard-to-get information. Firms represented among the distinguished speakers and attendees at the 2012 Summit include BlackRock, The Riverside Company, Silver Lake, NEA, Cambridge Associates, CalSTRS, Texas ERS, and many more.

Summit founder and managing director Beth Falk, president of conference producer [Falk Marques Group](#), said the conference will confront the continuing upheavals in the private equity marketplace as well as the many opportunities presented by the changing global landscape. “As always, we're presenting a compelling, content-rich program that encourages candid discussion of the big-picture issues of concern to all attendees as well as more focused topics, such as the regulatory environment, distressed investing and secondaries.”

In addition to high-profile keynoters, the Women's Private Equity Summit will present more than 50 dynamic speakers drawn from the private equity world's top limited partners, general partners, and advisors.

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During moderated panel discussions, topic-focused roundtable conversations, and interactive keynote dialogues this “Who’s Who” of the private markets will share their insights and experience with Summit attendees.

The Women’s Private Equity Summit has once again attracted a select group of prominent conference sponsors, many of which are returning for their fifth year as Summit supporters.

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