



## **The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Wharton Private Equity & Venture Capital Conference: Exploring New Frontiers of the Industry**

*PHILADELPHIA, PA, January 10, 2007* – Under the theme "Exploring New Frontiers," Wharton students announce the 13th Annual Wharton Private Equity and Venture Capital Conference.

The Conference will be held on Friday January 19, 2007 at the Park Hyatt at the Bellevue, located at the intersection of Broad and Walnut Streets in Philadelphia. The day long Conference will feature three distinguished keynote speakers: Stephen A. Schwarzman, the Chairman, CEO and Co-Founder of the Blackstone Group, Timothy C. Draper, Founder and Managing Director of Draper Fisher Jurvetson and David A. Brandon, Chairman and CEO of Domino's Pizza. Additionally, nine panels will provide attendees with an opportunity to “explore new frontiers” of the private equity industry by discussing topics such as the search for differentiation, increasing capital influx and fund size and diversification into new alternative asset classes, markets and technologies.

The theme for the 2007 Wharton Private Equity & Venture Capital Conference, “Exploring New Frontiers” was inspired by the Wharton School’s spirit of innovation. In 1881, the Wharton School was established at the University of Pennsylvania as the world's first collegiate school of business. This year, Wharton celebrates its 125th anniversary by continuing its heritage of innovation in an exciting environment that generates the ideas and knowledge that transform global business. Likewise, the aim of the Private Equity and Venture Capital Conference team is to generate an exciting environment to explore the new frontiers of an industry where the well traveled routes are getting overcrowded. Innovation and exploration are more than ever a necessity for superior returns. The conference aims to tackle these issues aided with the participation of more than 50 distinguished panelists from the world’s leading buyout and venture capital firms, industry investors and private-equity-backed corporate executives.

The Wharton Private Equity & Venture Capital Conference is an independent student-run conference at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania open to all students, alumni and members of the private equity & venture capital communities. After 12 consecutive editions, the conference has successfully consolidated as a unique forum for over 800 industry leaders, alumni, faculty, and students to discuss recent trends and emerging issues in the private equity and venture capital industries. The conference is designed to foster education and dynamic interaction among people active in the private equity and venture capital arena. Furthermore, the conference aims to highlight Wharton's multi-disciplinary MBA program and enhance the school's position as a leading source of private equity industry professionals.

Details and registration information are available at: <http://www.wharton-pec.org>.

Transcripts of panel discussions and keynote addresses will be available after the conference

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