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Plans Unveiled for 10th Annual Michigan Private Equity Conference

October event to feature panel led by Blackstone Asia Senior Managing Director Yi Lou and presentations on emerging trends in private equity and institutional investing

Ann Arbor, Mich. – June 24, 2015 – Organizers of the [Michigan Private Equity Conference](#) today unveiled initial plans for the 10th annual event, which will be held Oct. 8-9, 2015 at the University of Michigan. The “boutique” conference covers current and emerging topics in the nation’s credit markets that pose challenges and new opportunities for those in private equity and institutional investing. More than 250 private equity, investment banking and business professionals from around the United States and from the University of Michigan alumni community will be in attendance.

Pre-conference events held on Thursday, Oct. 8 include a golf outing at the University of Michigan golf course and the opportunity to go on the U-M football field and tour the locker rooms. That evening, a dinner reception will be held at the Campus Inn for all conference registrants. A Fireside Chat for students on How to get into Private Equity Consulting will be hosted earlier in the day by Centerbridge with the Center for Venture Capital & Private Equity Finance. Panelists include Andrew Kunkel, consultant at Bain and Company, and David Shapiro, project leader for the Boston Consulting Group.

On Friday, Oct. 9, the conference will run from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Michigan Union on the University of Michigan campus. The event will kick off with a panel discussion on Private Equity in China, which will feature Yi Lou, senior managing director at Blackstone, and H. David HE, Partner/Managing Director at Pacific Alliance Group Asia Capital.

The program will also feature panel discussions led by some of the investment industry’s leading experts who will offer insight into a variety of topics, including consulting for the private equity industry, public policy and financing sell-side advising state of market. At this early date, confirmed panelists include:

- Yi Lou, Senior Managing Director, Blackstone
- H. David HE, Partner/Managing Director, Pacific Alliance Group Asia Capital
- Richard Lui, News Anchor, MSNBC and NBC News
- Andrew Mullin, Partner, McKinsey
- Pam Hendrickson, COO, The Riverside Group
- Amber Landis, Senior Director, Public Policy, Association for Corporate Growth
- Matt Heinz, Vice President, AON Private Equity and Transaction Solutions Group

The Michigan Private Equity Conference is produced by the [Zell Lurie Institute's Center for Venture Capital & Private Equity Finance](#) at the Ross School of Business. Online registration for the conference is open. For more details on speakers and topics or to register, visit <http://www.michiganpe.com/registration.asp>.

About the Samuel Zell & Robert H. Lurie Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies

The Institute and its Center for Venture Capital and Private Equity Finance, at the University of Michigan Stephen M. Ross School of Business, bring together a potent mix of knowledge, experience and opportunities from the front lines of entrepreneurship and alternative investments. The student learning experience is further enhanced through internships, entrepreneurial clubs and events that serve to provide viable networks and engage the business community. The School’s three student-led investment funds, with over \$6.5M under management, immerse students in the business assessment and investment process. Founding Board Members include Samuel Zell, Chairman of Equity Group Investments, and Eugene Applebaum, Founder of Arbor Drugs, Inc. For more information, visit the Institute at www.zli.bus.umich.edu.

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