



Head of BlackRock Alternative Investors, Matthew Botein, to Give Keynote Address at GAIM USA

Hedge Fund Conference Attracts More Than 500 Participants to Boca Raton

New York, NY – January 12, 2012 – The organizers of [GAIM USA](#), the best known and longest running conference for the hedge fund community, announced that Matthew Botein, Managing Director and Head of BlackRock Alternative Investors (BAI), will speak at their annual conference on January 22-25, 2012 at the Boca Raton Resort in Boca Raton, Florida. More than 500 institutional investors and hedge fund managers have registered for GAIM USA 2012. The four-day event is organized to give managers and investors opportunities to exchange ideas and hold thoughtful discussions about the economy, investment ideas and issues in the industry.

“Matthew Botein is sure to offer powerful insight into how his firm is dealing with the volatility and economic uncertainty while continuing to deliver alpha to its clients,” said Amanda Rodrigues, Event Director of GAIM USA. “We are thrilled that he will be sharing this sort of vital information to the GAIM community.”

BAI includes BlackRock’s hedge funds and opportunistic funds, funds of hedge funds, private equity, private equity funds of funds, real estate and real assets. Mr. Botein also heads BlackRock’s Special Situations Investment Group, which includes significant private equity and corporate venture investments on behalf of clients. Prior to joining BlackRock in 2009, Mr. Botein was a Managing Director and member of the Management Committee at Highfields Capital Management, a Boston-based private investment partnership, where he was responsible for a portfolio of financial services investments, as well as certain other private equity holdings. Previously, he was a member of the private equity departments at The Blackstone Group and Lazard Frères & Co. LLC.

GAIM USA is the best known and longest-running conference for the alternative investment community. This year’s event has been re-engineered and re-invigorated to focus on the needs of the sophisticated investor and hedge fund industry. The program will provide attendees with even more one-on-one meetings and more opportunities to connect and network to exchange thoughtful ideas in a relaxed setting.

A number of other leading institutional investors will also address the gathering, representing more than \$800 billion of institutional investable assets. They include:

- Ashbel C. “Ash” Williams, Executive Director & Chief Investment Officer, FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (SBA)
- Janet Cowell, State Treasurer, NORTH CAROLINA
- Tomas Arlia, Chief Investment Officer and Sr. Managing Director, GE ASSET MANAGEMENT
- Westley D. Chapman, Managing Director, Head of Operational and Business Due Diligence, GOLDMAN SACHS HEDGE FUND STRATEGIES
- Paul Zummo, Chief Investment Officer, JP MORGAN

Top hedge funds which have already confirmed their participation include:

- Bridgewater Associates
- Tudor Investment Corporation
- Brigade Capital
- Och Ziff Capital Management Group
- Marathon Asset Management
- Apollo Management
- Angelo, Gordon & Co
- Brencourt Advisors LLC

A limited number of tickets and sponsorships are available on a first come, first served basis at <http://www.gaimusa.com>.

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