



GAIM USA Announces Re-imagined, Re-invigorated Hedge Fund Conference to Take Place in Boca Raton in January 2012

GAIM USA's Big Changes Include Guaranteeing All Managers One-on-One Meetings, More Networking, Investor-Only Seminars, Nightly Social Events and No Exhibits

New York, NY – December 5, 2011 – GAIM USA, the best known and longest-running conference for the alternative investment community, today announced that they will be holding their new and completely re-imagined annual hedge fund conference on January 22-25, 2012 at the Boca Raton Resort in Boca Raton, Florida. Designed with the needs of the investor and hedge fund manager in mind, this year's re-invigorated conference will provide attendees with even more one-on-one meetings and more opportunities to connect and network at one of the nation's most prestigious resorts. While maintaining the best of what has made GAIM USA the most important event for hedge funds and their investors in Q1 for the last decade, GAIM has made several other changes including providing nightly social events for attendees and eliminating the traditional exhibit hall.

As always, GAIM USA will provide exclusive investor content featuring a roster of internationally renowned economists, institutional investors, hedge fund managers and policy experts. "Hall of Fame" keynote addresses will be given by Canada's Eric Sprott, Founder and CEO of Sprott Asset Management, and highly regarded for his macroeconomic analyses, and John Angelo, Co-founder and CEO of Angelo, Gordon & Co. and a pioneer in the hedge fund industry. Leading institutional investors, representing more than \$800 billion of institutional investable assets, will also address the gathering, including:

- **Ashbel C. "Ash" Williams, Executive Director & Chief Investment Officer, FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (SBA)**
- **Stanley Mavromates, Chief Investment Officer, Pension Reserves Investment Trust ("PRIT") Fund, MASS PRIM**
- **Janet Cowell, State Treasurer, NORTH CAROLINA**
- **David Villa, CIO, STATE OF WISCONSIN INVESTMENT BOARD (SWIB)**
- **Tomas Arlia, Chief Investment Officer and Sr. Managing Director, GE ASSET MANAGEMENT**
- **Afsaneh Beschloss, President & Chief Executive Officer, THE ROCK CREEK GROUP**
- **Ronnie Jung PA/PFS, Executive Consultant to the Board, TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS**
- **Bill Lockyer, State Treasurer's Office, CALIFORNIA STATE TREASURER**
- **Gerald Alain P. Chen-Young, Chief Investment Officer, UNCF, Inc.**
- **Christopher Vogt, Head of Public Equities & Hedge Funds Portfolio Manager - Hedge Funds, ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC**
- **Theodore Economou, CEO, CERN PENSION FUND**
- **Daniela Klingebiel, Investment Officer for Hedge Funds, WORLD BANK PENSION PLAN**
- **Mario Therrien, Vice-President, Funds of Hedge Funds, CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC**
- **Bei Saville, Director of Alternative Investments, THE LEONA M. AND HARRY B. HELMSLEY CHARITABLE TRUST**
- **Sami Robbana, Head of Global Macro Strategy, CREDIT SUISSE**
- **Westley D. Chapman, Managing Director, Head of Operational and Business Due Diligence, GOLDMAN SACHS HEDGE FUND STRATEGIES**
- **Paul Zummo, Chief Investment Officer, JP MORGAN**
- **Peter Hill, Head Of Hedge Fund Research, HEWITT ASSOCIATES**
- **Apurva A. Mehta, Director of Investments, COOK CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**
- **Michael A. Rosen, Principal & Chief Investment Officer, ANGELES INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC**

The conference will cover **how top investors will allocate money in 2012, market outlooks on where returns will be generated in 2012, a comprehensive program of high quality networking opportunities to connect you with future business partner and cutting edge intel on the big issues driving the future of the alternatives industry**

Top hedge funds who have already confirmed their participation include:

- **Bridgewater Associates**
- **Tudor Investment Corporation**
- **Trian Partners**
- **Brigade Capital**
- **Och Ziff Capital Management Group**
- **Marathon Asset Management**
- **Everest Capital LLC**
- **Waterfall Asset Management**
- **Strategic Value Partners**
- **Chilton Investment Company**
- **Aladdin Capital**
- **Apollo Management**
- **Angelo, Gordon & Co.**
- **Blue Harbour Group L.P.**
- **Blue Mountain**
- **Sonterra Capital, LLC**
- **Balestra Capital Ltd**
- **Silverback Asset Management, LLC**
- **Balyasny Asset Management**
- **Brencourt Advisors LLC**
- **Duet Commodities Fund Group LLC**
- **Kingsland Capital Management**
- **Leopard Capital Management**
- **Oak Hill Advisors, L.P.**

“Investors frequently tell us that GAIM USA is the most efficient use of their networking time in the first quarter of each year. Accordingly, we have exponentially increased the amount of networking opportunities available to attendees and to facilitate the essential sidebar conversations that drive business forward,” said Amanda Rodrigues-Cheung, GAIM USA Event Director. “Attendees can also look forward to getting a clear view of the road ahead from GAIM USA’s world-renowned experts in finance, policy, investment management and economics,” she added.

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

ABOUT GAIM (Global Alternative Investment Management)

GAIM is one of the world's most powerful brands in the investment conference business. With events in the US, Europe and Asia, GAIM has gained global renown in the alternative investment industry for its success in bringing together leading experts in finance, geopolitics, investing, and economics for a timely exchange of ideas and valuable insights about investment management. Participants, including some of the most recognizable names in hedge funds, have unusual access to panelists and an unsurpassed opportunity to make new relationships and strengthen existing networks. GAIM and GAIM GMA are brands of Informa PLC.

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