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Tomasz Czechowicz, Managing Partner, MCI Management SA

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- Special situation and distressed opportunities
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here is no doubt that private equity in Central and Eastern Europe is now moving into the big league. Despite the doom and gloom which has characterised global markets during the past twelve months, CEE remains an area of strong interest to investors. With decreasing valuations, plenty of headroom for growth, proximity to developed European countries, world class fund managers and skilled labor forces, the region offers great promise as it emerges from the global financial crisis.

Focusing on current critical trends and future deals, this undoubtedly premier event will discuss the latest strategies employed by leading GPs, LPs, private equity firms, venture capitalists, private equity funds of funds, hedge funds, wealth managers, investment bankers alongside those of traditional asset managers to outperform the market and achieve excellent returns.

JOIN OVER 120 LEADING INDUSTRY EXPERTS WHO WILL:

- Predict what will be the driving forces behind CEE private equity in 2010 and beyond
- Answer your questions about why investors should deploy capital into the region in the short and medium term and what are the most attractive countries for private equity on a 3-year horizon
- Analyze how to tactically use co-investments in the changing deal environment
- Discuss post credit-crunch investment strategies in the new "LBO-less" environment
- · Share their views on alternative sources of financing in the restricted bank lending climate
- Explore the promising new opportunities presented by special situations and distressed investments
- Track the most recent fundraising trends and assess the implications for CEE private equity firms
- Debate on pros and cons of the latest, most controversial AIFM regulation



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Very valuable input from GP's perspective
S. Urbanek, IK Investment Partners

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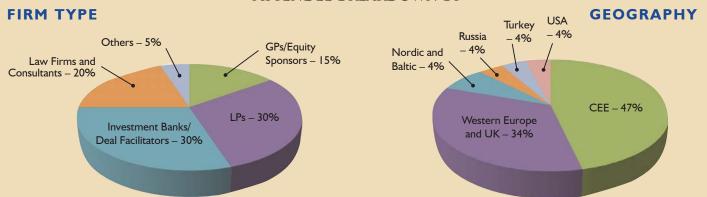


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DAY ONE: THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2009

08:00 Registration and Refreshments

08:45 Chairman's Welcome Remarks

Garret Byrne

Partner, M&A Transaction Services Leader

Deloitte

09:00 Post Credit Crisis Macro Trends and Private Equity Perspectives for Central and Eastern Europe

Moderator:

Hein Van Dam

Partner

Deloitte

Panellists:

Thierry Baudon

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Henry Potter

Partner

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Head of Equity Fund Investments

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Kevin Johnson

Co-Founder and Managing Partner

Liberty Global Partners, USA

Laszlo Olah

President

Hungarian Venture Captial Association

- New driving forces behind CEE private equity in the aftermath of the global financial crisis
- CEE private equity: Market size and development dynamics
- Implications of the current climate for CEE private equity in the short- and medium-term period
- Assessing the increased role of private equity in enhancing capital market efficiency and widening the availability of capital in CEE countries
- Forecasting the size and type of investments CEE private equity will see in the short- and medium-term
- Key changes of investment policy and the investment market throughout the last twelve months
- Private equity investment strategies: How to benefit from current market dislocation
- Sources of investment in the current restricted lending environment
- Private vs public markets in CEE: Comparing the growth potential of both sectors
- Comparing CEE to the other emerging markets in Asia, Latin America and India: Investors' viewpoint

0:00 Haven't I Seen You Somewhere Before? The Reality of CEE's Return to the Emerging Markets

William R. Watson

Chief Investment Officer, Private Equity Eastern Europe SGAM Alternative Investments S.A., Paris

- Taking stock of how things have changed in the CEE region
- Are we back to the market conditions of five years ago?
- Remembering what we liked and what we didn't like from those times
- Setting out the basics of the region's new relationship with targets, portfolio companies and investors
- Can we make it work?

10:30 Liability Issues in Private Equity Fund Transactions

Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz Managing Partner GESSEL

11:00 Morning Refreshments

11:30 Differentiating Between Winners and Losers as a New Approach to Private Equity Investing in the Region

Speaker to be confirmed

- Which CEE countries are weathering the storm and offer better opportunities for private equity investors
- Winners: most evident examples from Poland, Slovakia, Czech Republic
- Which countries are still losing out and why?

12:00 Stimulating Growth and Staving off a Recession: The CEE Macro-Economic Outlook for 2010-2011

Adrian Harris

Head of Central & Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean Region

Schroders Investment Management Limited

- When will growth resume in the Eurozone? Implications of the current economic climate in Western Europe for the CEE countries
- The CEE response to financial crisis: Evaluating the effectiveness of stimulus packages
- Challenges of implementation and enforcement of new policies

12:30 EU Regulation of the Private Equity Industry with Squire Sanders' CEE Private Equity Team

Moderator:

Christopher A. Rose

Partner

Squire Sanders & Dempsey LLP

Panellists:

Barbara Nowakowska

Executive Director

Polish Private Equity Association, Warsaw

Kevin Connor

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Andreas Fillmann

Partner

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Guido Panzera

Senior Associate

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- What is the appropriate level and form of regulatory engagement with CEE private equity: Too much or too little?
- How hard can new EU regulation hit the industry
 - assessing the current shape of AIFM (Alternative Investment Fund Managers) Directive
 - consequences and implications for CEE private equity
- Enforcement issues: What has changed and what still has to be achieved here
- Consequences for the PE industry: catastrophic or merely a nuisance?
- Implications for CEE fund managers
- 13:30 Networking Lunch

15:00 **CEE Countries and the Euro**

Paul Temperton
Managing Director
Tier Co

- Adoption of the Euro in CEE current position
- Advantages of Euro adoption for CEE: Who is likely to benefit?
- Adjustments needed to prosper with Euro membership
- Pitfalls to avoid Ireland's example

15:30 Emerging Post-Credit Crunch Positives for the Deal Making in the Region: Focus on Value Creation and Asset Quality

Daniel Lynch
Managing Partner
3TS Capital Partners

- Preserving value taking the company through and out of the J-Curve
- Assessing management and making changes
- Adapting the business model to a new reality
- Getting control of the real financial situation
- Setting incentive plans aligned with new horizons

16:00 CEE Lower Mid Market: A Differentiated Deal Size Segment?

Brian Wardrop
Co-Managing Partner
ARX Equity Partners

- Analyzing recent deal activity in the lower mid-market as compared to other market segments in CEE
- What are the "ingredients" required to secure leverage for CEE lower mid-market buyouts
- Value creation theses in lower mid-market deals in CEE
- 16:30 Afternoon Refreshments

17:00 The CEE Mid-Market – Key Trends and the Road Ahead

Moderator:

Richard Seewald

Partner

Alpha Associates AG, Zurich

Panellists:

Thomas Wilfling
Managing Director

AXA Private Equity Eastern Europe GmbH

Nigel Williams
Managing Partner
Royalton Partners

Richard Clegg

Partner

Panel Discussion

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- Mid market deal activity Anatomy of deals completed in turbulent times
- Sectors likely to be active as we emerge from the downturn
- Countries in CEE likely to fare best/worst
- Investment strategies reviewed as we move ahead
- The GPs view on CEE mid-market
- 18:00 Chairman's Remarks for Day I

18:15 **Private Equity Shares: The Impact of Social Enterprises in Central and Eastern Europe**

Lee Davis

CEO

NESsT Venture Fund Europe

Eva Varga

Enterprise Development Director NESsT Venture Fund Europe

- Summary of the latest developments at NESsT
- Examples of current investments and portfolio case studies
- NESsT expansion plans and targets for Private Equity Shares 2009

In 2008, the CEE Private Equity industry raised over EUR 300,000 through the Private Equity Shares campaign toward the work of NESsT to support social enterprises addressing critical social problems across the region. NESsT will provide a briefing on the progress of the NESsT Venture Fund over the last year, highlighting new portfolio social enterprises benefiting from Private Equity Shares support and plans for the 2009 campaign. Since 1997, the NESsT Venture Fund has applied a venture capital approach to philanthropy, providing both capital and mentoring support to a portfolio of social enterprises (businesses owned/operated by nonprofit organizations) in Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia, in order to help them increase financial performance and social impact.

18:30 International Venture Philanthropy Award: NESsT "Golden Egg Award"

The International Venture Philanthropy Award was established by NESsT in 2001 to promote excellence in the field of venture philanthropy and to celebrate international venture philanthropy role models. Also known as the "NESsT Golden Egg Award," the award will be presented at the Forum to a member of the CEE private equity/venture capital industry who is a role model for giving back to the communities/region in which our industry invests.



Presented by:

Lee Davis, CEO, NESsT Venture Fund Europe

Together with 2007 award recipient *Zoltan Toth*, 3i

Recipient: TBA

18:45



DAY TWO: FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2009

08:00 Registration and Refreshments

09:00 Chairman's Remarks. Summary for Day I

Gavin Hill
Partner, Deloitte

09:15 LP's Views on the Region, Current Appetite and Fundraising Trends

Moderator:

Armando D'Amico Managing Partner, Acanthus

Panellists:

Discussion

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Saki Georgiadis

Investment Director, Gartmore Private Equity

Warren Hibbert Partner, MVision

Mark O'Hare

Managing Director, Preqin

Scott Penwell

Director, Parish Capital

Jim Strang

Director of Fund Investments, Dunedin Capital Partners

- What is the current appetite for the region? Why should investors deploy capital into the CEE region in the short and medium term?
- Relative attractiveness to other emerging economies (particularly India)
- Country views (i.e. Poland v Romania v Turkey v other countries in the region)

- Latest investment trends in CEE private equity. What returns have funds in the region provided for investors to date?
- What is the risk-return profile of CEE investments in the current market; what returns do investors expect?
- What are the most attractive countries for private equity on a 3-year horizon?
- What are the implications for fund size going forward: Is this the end of the large cap funds in CEE?
- Special Situations increasing opportunity for CEE?
- Tactically using co-investments to address the opportunity set in the next few years
- What does it take to fundraise in the current environment?
 State of play the private equity fundraising market post credit crunch and the implications for CEE private equity firms
- Assessing the current situation on the global fundraising market
- Return expectations
- LP liquidity fears
- Fundraising cycles mega-cap vs. smaller regional funds in CEE

10:00 The Future of LBOs in CEE Post Credit Crisis: Finding Leverage in CEE after the Credit Crisis

Moderator:

Bela Seres

Managing Partner, Financial Advisory Services

Panellists:

Ben Edwards

Managing Partner, Syntaxis Capital

Chris Buckle

Panel Discussion

Managing Director

Mezzanine Management GmbH, Vienna

Sean Glodek

Director, Darby Private Equity, Warsaw Office

- Is it possible to find senior debt for LBOs?
- From who and on what terms?
- Does this create opportunities for mezzanine?
- What will be the likely structure of an LBO in today's market?
- Current challenges with refinancing existing debt, recapitalizing businesses
- Is it possible to provide working capital financing with mezzanine debt?

10:45 Morning Refreshments

11:15 Attractiveness and Future of Private Equity and Early Stage Investing in the Balkans and South Eastern Europe

Moderator:

Robert Luke

Director General&Managing Director

GED, Bucharest

Panellists:

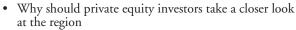
Mario Orasche

Founder and Managing Partner, Eagle Ventures

Matjaž Peterman

Partner, KD Private Equity

Panel Discussion



Who are setting the trends here?

Overview of the debt market in the region

- Unveiling potentially lucrative sectors for private equity. Where are the growth areas expected to be?
- Practical examples of recent private equity transactions: pinpointing potential goldmines of the future
- What makes CEE venture different to other regions, i.e. China or India
- Assessing the CEE early stage investment potential

• Drivers behind CEE venture

- Uncovering excellent sources of returns at the smaller end of the investment spectrum following the credit crunch
- Overcoming barriers for further growth

11:45 A market finding its feet

Adrian-Catalin Bulboaca Managing Partner, Bulboaca & Asociatii SCA

- A legal overview perspective
- How to navigating under the existing legal framework

12:15 **Dealing with Entrepreneurs in Turbulent Times: Case Studies – Deals Closed in 2009**

Rafał Bator

Partner, Enterprise Investors, Poland

- Appetite for expansion versus lack of financing
- Assessing the market new opportunities in times of crisis
- Entrepreneurs appetite for risk. Are business plans aggressive enough?

Valuation gap

• Transaction structures - buyout as part of a transaction

12:45 Networking Lunch

13:45 Overview of the Crisis-Driven Changes to the Private Equity Landscape in Poland: Which Way the Market is Moving?

Witold Radwański

Partner and Chief Executive, Krokus PE, Poland

- Analysing the latest developments and changes to Polish private equity
- Uncovering investment strategies that work best at a time when leveraged deals are difficult
- Practical examples of hard hit and resilient investments
- Profiling risks into the future

14:15 Russia and CIS: The Biggest Bubble to Burst or the Best Investment Destination?

Moderator:

David M. Wack

Partner, Squire Sanders & Dempsey LLP

Panellists:

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Jan Dewijngaert

Director Buyouts & Growth Central Europe & Russia, Gimv and Managing Director, Eagle Capital Partners

Alexander Bezugly

Managing Director, SAlfa Capital Partners

Alexander Kondrashov

Managing Director, Rusnano

Alexander Abolmasov

Director, New Russia Growth

Andreas Boesenberg
Head of Private Equity
Wermuth Asset Management GmbH

- How do current trends in investment returns compare with returns in the other global markets
- Is Russia going to see more global private equity activity in the mid-term?
- The latest regulatory issues
- How deal structures have changed since the crisis
- The importance of thorough due-diligence for a successful deal
- Ukraine the last large untapped market or the biggest loser of all?

15:15 Afternoon Refreshments

15:45 Mapping Successful and Realistic Exits: What are the Options Here?

Aaron Goldstein

International Listings, NYSE Euronext

• Ensuring an agreement for cooperation

Matching any changes with the completion of exit

• The importance of considering a back-up for warranties

16:15 Securing Liquidity in an Illiquid Asset Class: New Opportunities for Private Equity Investors and GPs on the Secondaries Market

Brian Gimotty
Managing Director
Growth Capital Group Management

- Analysing key drivers of the secondaries market in the region
- How LPs are using the secondaries market to optimise their returns and achieve the flexibility that secondaries offer
 - altering investment strategies
 - modifying asset allocation policies
 - responding to changes in public markets
 - managing liquidity
- Outlining the attractiveness of secondaries for GPs

16:45 **Chairman's Closing Remarks**

17:00 Close of Forum

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