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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Conference Attracts Over 350 Participants from 21 Countries**

#### **Henry Kravis, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co joins this year's list of distinguished speakers**

**October 15, 2009 Quebec City, Canada** – The board of directors of The Quebec City Conference (formerly the North American Venture Capital Summit) is pleased to announce the final programme for this year's conference and a complete list of distinguished speakers.

The Quebec City Conference has attracted an exceptional group of world-leading investors in a small and intimate setting, offering a unique opportunity for networking at the highest levels of the international investment community. So far this year, over 350 participants from 21 countries have committed to joining the important dialogue at the Conference, with an expected 375 in attendance.

In an effort to reflect the continuing evolution of the dynamic ecosystem for investing in technology and innovation, the Conference is now organized under the Quebec City name, which illustrates the unique and intimate setting of the Conference.

This year's conference will include:

#### Speakers:

- Henry Kravis, Co-Founder, Co-Chairman and Co-CEO, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.
- Glenn Hutchins, Co-founder and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Silver Lake
- Terry McGuire, Chairman, National Venture Capital Association (NVCA); and Managing General Partner, Polaris Venture Partners
- Dr. Josh Lerner, Professor at Harvard Business School and world leading authority on venture capital and private equity who will present the conclusions of his new book *"Boulevard of Broken Dreams: Why Public Efforts to Boost Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital Have Failed—and What to Do About It"*
- Matthew Bishop, Chief Business Writer and US Business Editor, *The Economist*, who will present the conclusions of his new book *"The Road from Ruin: How to Redesign Capitalism to Get Us out of the Economic Mess"*
- Panel moderated by Dan Primack, Editor-At-Large, Thomson Reuters on new models and next-generation best practices in investing and their likely impact on PE and VC industries with:

- Mr. Jacques Demers, President and CEO, OMERS Strategic Investments (Toronto, Canada)
- Mr. Vincent Gombault, Managing Director, Funds of Funds, AXA Private Equity (Paris, France)
- Mr. Tarek Saber, Head of Corporate Opportunities Strategies, APG Investments (Schiphol, Netherlands)
- Mr. John M. Begg, Managing Director, HarbourVest Partners, LLC (Boston, US)

Events:

- The *Institutional Investors Forum* for investment managers of institutional investors, gatekeepers, funds of funds and asset managers to discuss new models and next-generation best practices for investing in private equity or partnering with each other in investing directly in companies
- The *Public Policy Forum* for leading institutional investors, GPs and government officials from North America, Europe and Asia to share their views, experience and concerns regarding public policies relating to the private equity and venture capital technology ecosystem
- A business case study produced by the Coller Institute of Private Equity at London Business School in cooperation with Professor Josh Lerner of Harvard Business School, entitled "Capital for Enterprise Ltd"

The Quebec City Conference is regarded as the leading international cross-border conference for venture capital, private equity and institutional investors involved with technology and innovation. Now in its sixth year, it is a private, by invitation-only and not-for-profit event.

Past speakers included Stephen Schwarzman, co-founder and CEO of Blackstone; Michael Spence, the 2001 Nobel Prize Laureate in economic sciences; VC and private equity pioneer Alan Patricof; David M. Rubenstein, co-founder of The Carlyle Group; and The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, former Prime Minister of Canada.

**Where**

The Quebec City Conference will be held at the historic Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City on Monday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

The Conference makes available chartered jets for the exclusive round-trip use to and from Quebec City of its guests coming from or transiting Boston and New York.

**Organization**

The Quebec City Conference is operated by a non-profit corporation and supported by the Governments of Canada, Ontario and Quebec, and by institutional investors such as Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, OMERS, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (Paris) and Business Development Bank of Canada.

The founders of The Quebec City Conference are Stephen Hurwitz, from the Boston law firm of Choate Hall & Stewart, and Christian Racicot, from the Montreal and Quebec City law firm of BCF.

**Web site**

Additional information is on The Quebec City Conference's web site at [www.QuebecCityConference.com](http://www.QuebecCityConference.com)