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Cross-Border Strategies for Surviving & Thriving

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An International Growth Conference that Delivers Substance AND Presents Sources of Foreign Capital Interested in US Investment

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THOMAS FRIEDMAN, Pulitzer Prize Winning Author
as he Explores The Next Phase of Globalization

➔ **Then Stay for a Day of Valuable Learning with**
Two dozen CEOs & Senior Executives
including Luncheon Keynote Panels

Michael Moskow, Vice Chair, Chicago Council on Global Affairs
James R. Bazet, CEO, Cobra Electronics Group
Donna L. Belusar, SVP & CFO, CTS Corporation
Craig Petray, CEO, The NutraSweet Company
as they Reveal 21st Century Growth & Survival Secrets

And Our NEW ACG Chicago Special Feature:

THE INBOUND CAPITAL ROAD SHOW

Over a Dozen Foreign Sovereign Wealth Funds, Private Equity Firms and Corporations Sharing their Investment Appetite & Criteria for Targeted US Companies



June 23, 2009

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL

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2009 International Growth Conference

7:30 - 8:30 am

Registration & Continental Breakfast

Keynote Introduction

Mark Oakey, Vice President of Global Market Development,
SAP



8:30 - 9:30 am

Opening Keynote

Thomas Friedman

Foreign Affairs columnist for The New York Times Tom Friedman is the writer the public looks to for the straight talk and reliable information it needs about the world — especially when events seem too menacing to comprehend and policy discussions are clouded in a smokescreen of politics and posturing. Covering many of the monumental stories of recent decades, he has won three Pulitzer Prizes and been called “the country’s best newspaper columnist” by Vanity Fair.

His new book, “Hot, Flat and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution — and How It Can Renew America” (Sept. '08), is a #1 New York Times bestseller. His previous bestseller, “The World is Flat,” has sold more than two million copies. His other bestsellers include “Longitudes and Attitudes: The World in the Age of Terrorism,” “The Lexus and the Olive Tree” and “From Beirut to Jerusalem,” which serves as a basic text on the Middle East in colleges and universities nationwide and won the National Book Award.

Friedman appears in his own segment, “Tom’s Journal,” on The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer and is a frequent guest on programs such as Face the Nation and Charlie Rose. His TV documentaries, Searching for the Roots of 9/11, The Other Side of Outsourcing and Addicted to Oil, have aired on the Discovery Channel.

9:30 - 9:45 am

Break

About ACG Chicago

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ACG Chicago, recipient of the 2009 Professional Society award, 2008 ACG Chapter award and the 2007 ACG Programming award, provides its members with programs highlighting professional and business opportunities as well as the most current information. These events draw upon today’s deal-making and corporate growth leaders in ongoing luncheon series, breakfast seminars, regional conferences, publications and social events.

7:30 - 9:45 am

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9:45 - 11:00 am

Concurrent Panels

9:45 - 10:45 am - Concurrent Panel A

Cross-Border Expansion: Doing More with Less Capital
All equity deals, joint ventures, foreign capital partners: How are transactions getting done in this tough market? What strategies exist for corporate investors? Are LPs stepping up for private equity deals? Just what are the middle-market growth implications?

Moderator:

John C. Bintz, Vice President,
Valuation Research Corporation

Panelists:

Martin Beck, Senior Vice President,
Macquarie Capital Advisors

Bruce L. Gelman, Partner, Kirkland & Ellis
Francesco Gianni, Partner, Gianni, Origoni,
Grippio & Partners

John A. LeMay, Partner, Blue Point Capital Partners
Guohua Wu, Of Counsel, Kirkland & Ellis

9:45 - 10:45 am - Concurrent Panel B

Restructuring and Operational Issues Faced by Foreign Operations in a Time of Stress

Gain the insights of senior executives who have run through the trenches, battled market changes and understand how to stay alive - even thrive - during tough times.

Moderator:

John A. Kolada, Chicago Office Managing Partner,
Blake, Cassels & Graydon, LLP

Panelists:

Nicholas I. Fink, Associate General Counsel,
Beam Global Spirits & Wine, Inc.

Douglas J. Knoch, Principal,
Code Hennessy & Simmons LLC

Arthur J. Malin, Director of New Business Development,
Illinois Tool Works

Richard Parker, Deputy General Counsel,
Wolters Kluwer U.S. Corporation

10:45 - 11:00 am

Break

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11:00 am - noon

11:00 am - noon - Concurrent Panel A

2009 Trends and Opportunities for International Distressed Investors

The current state of global macroeconomic conditions and credit markets has created a unique opportunity for international distressed (“special situations”) investors. For the first time in almost a decade, investors can make control-oriented investments in financially distressed companies with viable core businesses at bargain prices. Once-in-a-generation outsized investment returns are currently available to focused special situations investors who possess the ability to source, purchase and turnaround qualified acquisitions during the current depressed economic environment, and manage and sell these acquisitions at significant multiples when the macroeconomic environment returns to a more normalized state. Join this panel of internationally renowned special situations investors and their professional advisors for a roundtable discussion of the current trends in distressed investing for targeted countries, industry sectors, companies and transaction structures

Moderator:

Frank R. Mack, Principal, Project Special Situations

Panelists:

John R. Buck, Director, Versa Capital Management, Inc.

Tiffany Kosch, Managing Director,
Bayside Capital Opportunity Fund

Alan Tilley, Principal, Bryan Tappy & Tilley LLP

David W. Wirt, Partner, Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, LLP

11:00 am - noon - Concurrent Panel B

America For Sale: Are Foreign Buyers Interested?

What is the current appetite of foreign investors for US deals and what industries most appeal to them? What is their rationale and how might it be different for that of US investors?

Moderator:

Susan E. Boedy, Director,
Thunderbird Global Private Equity Center

Panelists:

Jan Borgonjon, President & Co-Founder,
Interchina

Didier J. Choix, President & CEO, DDA & Company, LLC

Marleen Groen, CEO, Founder, Greenpark Capital Ltd.

Robert Theleen, Chairman & CEO, ChinaVest

noon - 6:00 pm

Noon - 2:15 pm
Lunch followed by
Keynote Panel:

Why Global Growth Matters More Than Ever
A moderated panel of Middle-Market Executives exploring their company's international experience and strategies

What matters the most in building a great twenty-first century company amidst the current global volatility?

Moderator:

Michael Moskow, Vice Chairman and Senior Fellow on the Global Economy, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs

Panelists:

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2:15 - 2:30 pm

Break

2:30 - 4:30 pm

The Inbound Capital Road Show

Beyond the statistics, senior executives from sovereign wealth funds, private equity funds, and corporations from around the world provide ten to fifteen minute quick dives into their criteria, operations, and expectations about US investments. This broad view from Asia to Europe provides a unique view into the investment opportunities today's markets provide.

Presenting Companies Include:

- **UIB Capital** - Bahrain
- **Chinavest** - China
- **Moons Industries** - China
- **Plastic Trim International** - China
- **SG Automotive USA** - China
- **Unistar** - China
- **ONCAP** - Canada
- **CSM America** - The Netherlands
- **GE / Mubadala Development Company** - United Arab Emirates
- **Greenpark Capital** - United Kingdom
- **Halma** - United Kingdom
- **Silverfleet Capital Inc.** - United Kingdom
- **More to be announced!**

4:30 - 6:00 pm

The International Networking Reception

Join us for the reception which follows to network and explore the day's events

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