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Gender Equality in PE: Has There Been Progress?

Speakers' bios



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Judith J. Li, is a Partner at Lilly Asia Ventures (LAV), based in Hong Kong / Shanghai and focused on early and growth stage investments across biopharmaceuticals, medical devices, and diagnostics both domestically and cross-border. Her prior experience includes McKinsey's New York office, hospital administration at Partners Healthcare, and co-founding an interventional nephrology medical device venture. Judith holds a B.A. in Neurobiology from Harvard.



Bonnie Lo, Partner & COO, NewQuest Capital Partners

Bonnie is a founding partner and COO of NewQuest. Bonnie oversees the finance, investor relations, operations and administrative functions of NewQuest.

Bonnie has nearly 20 years' experience in finance and investing. Prior to taking on the COO role, Bonnie was co-head of China business for NewQuest. Prior to founding NewQuest, Bonnie was a Director in Bank of America Merrill Lynch's (BAML) Asia Private Equity group focusing on investments in Greater China. Bonnie has also held other positions within BAML including in the Corporate Principal Investments and Investment Banking groups. She also previously worked at 3i Group plc focusing on growth capital investments in Greater China.

Bonnie has an Executive MBA from EMBA-Global Asia, a joint program between Columbia Business School, University of Hong Kong Business School and London Business School. She received her undergraduate degree in Economics and East Asian Studies, magna cum laude, from Brown University in Providence, RI.

Bonnie also serves on the Board of the Hong Kong Venture Capital and Private Equity Association (HKVCA). Bonnie is fluent in English, Cantonese and Mandarin.

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Iris Zhao, Managing Director, GDM Grosvenor

Ms. Zhao is a member of the Private Markets Investment Department at GCM Grosvenor, based in the Hong Kong office. She is responsible for managing private markets investment, client relations and business development activities in Asia. She plays a key role in developing the investment strategy for private markets in Asia and works closely with clients on portfolio construction. She has extensive experience working with local fund managers and has evaluated numerous investment opportunities in the region. Prior to joining GCM Grosvenor,

Ms. Zhao was a Partner in the Customized Fund Investment Group of Credit Suisse Group AG, which she joined in 2004. Ms. Zhao led the establishment of the Customized Fund Investment Group's London and Hong Kong offices. Ms. Zhao previously worked in the Customized Fund Investment Group's New York office, where she evaluated investment opportunities and worked with clients globally.



Melissa Guzy, Managing Partner, Arbor Ventures

Melissa, who is the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Arbor Ventures, has more than 25 years of experience as an entrepreneur and as a venture investor. Prior to founding of Arbor, Melissa was the Managing Director, member of the Investment Committee and head of VantagePoint Asia. During her tenure at VantagePoint, she invested in early stage technology companies in both Asia and in Silicon Valley.

Arbor Ventures is focused the intersection of Financial services and Digital Commerce including trading, credit scoring, data analytics, alternative lending and payments across Asia and Oceania. Arbor Ventures has a presence in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tokyo and Jakarta and prefers to invest in companies that have a regional or global reach.

Melissa is a frequent guest lecturer on Venture Capital at the University of Florida, HKUST, Chinese University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong University. In 2010, Melissa published an academic paper titled "Venture Capital Returns and Public Market Performance". Melissa serves on the HKVCA Venture Committee.

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