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Moderator

**Andrew Weir, Regional Senior Partner, Hong Kong  
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Andrew is Regional Senior Partner of KPMG in Hong Kong and Vice Chairman of KPMG China. He has over 30 years' experience servicing listed companies, public bodies, investment funds and MNCs in Hong Kong, China, Asia and internationally. He has a keen interest in corporate governance, board leadership and business in the community and leads the quarterly KPMG Independent Non-Executive Directors Forum.

Andrew is a Fellow of ICAEW and HKICPA and is a Fellow and Council Member of the Institute of Directors. He is a regular speaker at forums, universities and business schools on governance and business issues.

Andrew has had a number of senior national, global and regional roles with KPMG. He is currently the Global Chairman of Asset Management and Real Estate, and ASPAC Chairman of Infrastructure, Government and Healthcare, which also includes the real estate, hospitality and transport sectors. Andrew is in the global leadership team of KPMG's Belt & Road Centre of Excellence and chairs the UK -China corridor leading efforts in establishing greater linkages between Chinese, UK and International business and investment partners. Andrew previously was Head of Capital Markets at KPMG China and Asset Management in Asia Pacific.

Andrew was appointed by the HKSAR Government as a council member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) and to sit on the Greater Bay Belt and Road Committee and chair the Global Belt and Road Forum. Andrew was appointed by the HKSAR Government as a director of the Financial Services Development Council (FSDC) and chairs its Governance Committee and sits on the FSDC Policy Research Committee. He previously chaired the Listing Committee of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and sits on the advisory panels of the Securities Institute, Hong Kong Investor Relations Association and Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). Andrew is Chairman of Pacific Basin Economic Council and Plan International and Deputy Chairman of UNESCAP on Financial Services. He is a director of Asia Pacific Real Estate Association, ANREV and Community Business. He was previously Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and of Community Business Leadership Council as well as a member of the International Business Council.

Andrew was made an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2017 for his contribution to trade and investment links between Hong Kong, China and the UK and was awarded Director of the Year by the Institute of Directors for his services to the NGO sector. He is a Justice of the Peace.  
He has an honours degree in Economics and a Masters degree in Economic Development.



**Jeffrey Gruccio, Principal, Primary Funds, AlInvest Partners (New York)**

Jeffrey is a Principal in the Primary Fund Investments team focusing on U.S. transactions. Prior to joining AlInvest Partners, Jeff was an Investment Vice President with Prudential Financial, where he was responsible for sourcing and leading new fund commitments and direct co-investments on behalf of the insurance company in both the U.S. and Europe, and was a member of the Alternative Assets Group Investment Committee. Previously, he was with Portfolio Advisors, LLC, a private equity advisor and fund-of-funds manager, and held roles in the U.S. and Europe. Jeff received a B.S. in Finance from the Pennsylvania State University.



**Yan Yang, Managing Director, BlackRock Private Equity Partners**

Yan Yang, CFA, CAIA, Managing Director, is responsible for the firm's activities in the Asia Pacific region, including PE partnership investments, co-investments and secondary investments, based in Hong Kong.

Prior to joining BlackRock in 2011, Mr. Yang had worked at China Investment Corporation where he was covering primary partnerships, co-investments and secondary investments in middle-market and mega cap globally, with a focus on developed markets. Prior to CIC, Mr. Yang worked at GE Asset Management and invested and managed U.S. private equity assets for the GE Pension Trust.

Mr. Yang is a CFA charter holder and a Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) member. He holds a MD degree in Clinical Medicine from the Peking Union Medical College, and a MBA from the Robert Emmett McDonough School of Business at the Georgetown University.



**Semiray Kasoolu, Manager, Impact Solutions, TPG - Y Analytics**

Semi's background is in helping governments, international organizations, and investors translate evidence-based research into more effective economic policies and capital allocation decisions. Prior to joining Y Analytics, Semi was a Research Manager at the Growth Lab at the Center for International Development at Harvard University, where she managed research projects focused on achieving sustainable and inclusive growth in a number of countries. Her areas of research focus include labor market frictions and women's economic inclusion in the Middle East. Semi holds a B.S. in Economics and Accounting from Saint Peter's University and a MPA in International Development from the Harvard Kennedy School.