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**Education Session No. 387:
View from the Top: Joan Solotar of The Blackstone Group**

January 24, 2013 at 6 PM
Greenwich, CT

There's only one woman among the 13 members of Blackstone's Executive and Management committees: Joan Solotar. As Head of the firm's External Relations & Strategy group, she keeps a keen eye on the pulse of the investment community, and has been instrumental in helping Blackstone navigate the tumultuous landscape for the past six years.

Solotar will share insights into the current outlook for the capital markets and the global economy. Looking back, she will share some of the highs and lows she experienced during her career as a top-ranked financial services industry equity analyst at DLJ and Credit Suisse, as well as her role as leader of the sell-side research team at Banc of America. Plus, Solotar will recount the techniques she finds most useful as the (usually) sole woman at the management table. Join us for an in-depth exploration of market insights and career experience, as Solotar speaks with Cristina Alesci, private equity and dealmaking reporter for Bloomberg.

Participants

Joan Solotar, Blackstone
Cristina Alesci, *Moderator*, Bloomberg News

Event Details

Date: January 24, 2013

Time: 5:30 PM Registration.

We will begin *promptly* at 6 PM; please arrive early. Since it is disruptive to everyone when latecomers enter the session, those arriving after an education session has begun will only be admitted at the discretion of 100WHF and the host. Please note the start time on this invite and plan to arrive early.

Networking and cocktails will follow.

Host: Deloitte

Location: Delamar Greenwich Harbor
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Space is limited. No walk-ins will be permitted.

Biographies

Joan Solotar, Senior Managing Director, Blackstone

Joan Solotar is a Senior Managing Director, Head of the External Relations & Strategy Group, and also sits on the firm's Executive and Management Committees. Ms. Solotar has management responsibility for shareholder relations and public affairs and also guides the firm on analyzing strategic development opportunities.

Before joining Blackstone in 2007, Ms. Solotar was with Banc of America Securities where she was a Managing Director and Head of Equity Research. She started her career in equity research at The First Boston Corporation and, prior to joining Banc of America, was part of the financial services team at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, and later with CSFB as a Managing Director. Ms. Solotar was ranked each year from 1995 to 2002 in the Brokers and Asset Management category on the Institutional Investor All-America Research Team and consistently ranked highly in the Greenwich Survey of portfolio managers. She also served as Chairperson of the Research Committee for the Securities Industry Association.

Ms. Solotar received a B.S. in Management Information Systems at the State University of New York at Albany and an M.B.A. in Finance at New York University. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of Evine. Ms. Solotar is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the East Harlem Tutorial Program and the East Harlem Scholars Academy.

Cristina Alesci, Reporter, Bloomberg News

Cristina Alesci covers private equity, venture capital and deal making for Bloomberg Television and Bloomberg News. Based in New York, she also contributes articles to Bloomberg Markets Magazine and *Bloomberg Businessweek*.

Alesci broke news on the largest buyout deals of 2012 and interviewed some of the biggest dealmakers in private equity, including Blackstone Group Chairman and CEO Steve Schwarzman, Blackstone Group President and COO Tony James, KKR co-Chairman and co-CEO Henry Kravis and Carlyle Group co-CEO David Rubenstein. She has covered the rescue and sale of trading firm Knight Capital, the collapse of trading commodity brokerage MF Global, the challenges facing Bank of America and potential conflicts of interest in leveraged lending.

Prior to joining Bloomberg L.P. in February 2009, Alesci worked at Pfizer Inc. in New York and at law firm Sidley Austin LLP.

Alesci is a graduate of the City University of New York's Graduate School of Journalism and earned her undergraduate degree from Pace University.

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