

# Alternative Investments: An Outlook for the US Economy in 2015

January 15, 2015 at 6 PM Stamford, CT

What is the economic outlook for 2015? 2014 saw bond yield forecasts consistently revised down and this had important implications for asset markets and the economy. As the US growth outlook improves, the rest of the world faces headwinds presenting a more challenging economic and market landscape. Properly understanding the economic drivers behind market movements will be a key factor in Alpha generation.

As one of a few women to hold the Chief Economist title at a Fortune 100 company, Constance also provides a unique perspective on women in the field of economics. Join us for a lively discussion.

## **Participants**

Constance Hunter, KPMG LLP Mary Grande, KPMG LLP

#### **Event Details**

Date: January 15, 2015
Time: 5 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.
Host: KPMG LLP
Location: Stamford Square, 3001 Summer Street, Stamford, CT 06905 (Please see below for directions.)
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A shuttle bus will be provided at the Stamford train station at 5:20 p.m and 5:40 pm. Please tell the driver you are attending the KPMG event.

Please click here for driving directions.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact the <u>Connecticut</u> committee.

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Admission is free, but there is a \$25 charge if you register and do not attend, even if you cancel in advance. No-show proceeds will be donated to 100WHF Foundation - Celebrating Education/Investing in the Next Generation initiative, the 2015 beneficiary of 100WHF's US philanthropic initiatives.

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Space is limited. No walk-ins will be permitted.

#### **Biographies**

#### Constance Hunter, Chief Economist, KPMG LLP

Constance is the Chief Economist of KPMG's Alternative Investment practice where she focuses on the global economy. Constance analyzes how economic developments and inflection points impact asset prices and businesses. Constance specializes in identifying linkages between developed and emerging markets and paradigm shifts brought about by disruptive technologies and mega trends. As an economic thought leader, she works alongside KPMG's Global Alternative Investment Leadership Team and across the practice driving two main areas of focus that are: forecasting, planning, and strategy, and relationship development and branding. Constance has over twenty years of investment experience across all main asset classes, including seven as Chief Investment Officer and four as Chief Economist.

Prior to joining KPMG LLP, Constance served as Deputy Chief Investment Officer for Fixed Income at Axa Investment Managers, was a Managing Director and Chief Economist at Aladdin Capital and Chief Economist at Galtere Ltd., a global macro hedge fund. Concurrently with, and prior to Galtere Ltd., she was the Managing Member and Chief Investment Officer of Coronat Asset Management. Before founding Coronat, Constance was a Partner and Portfolio Manager at Quantrarian Capital Management, a hedge fund that invests in Asian markets. In addition, she has worked as a Portfolio Manager at Salomon Smith Barney, Inc., and Firebird Management, LLC after starting her career as an economist at Chase Manhattan Bank N.A. in Foreign Exchange.

Constance regularly speaks at KPMG and external conferences around the world on a wide variety of investment topics. She publishes a quarterly economic note and she is on the editorial board for the Global Investment Management Mega Trends initiative. She is also a frequent guest and co-host on all major financial media channels including CNBC, Bloomberg, PBS Nightly Business and Fox Business and she is widely quoted in print media.

Additionally, Constance is a contributor to Roubini Global Economonitor penning the Spurious Data blog. She is also a contributor to Bloomberg Brief's Economic Brief.

#### Mary Grande, Tax Partner, KPMG LLP

Mary is a Partner in KPMG's Metro New York Financial Services tax practice and is based in KPMG's Stamford, CT office. Mary specializes in providing tax compliance and consulting services to clients primarily in the real estate and private equity industries. Mary has extensive experience working with privately held real estate funds, private equity funds, mortgage and equity real estate investment trusts, and inbound real estate investors, including foreign sovereign wealth funds.

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#### About 100 Women in Hedge Funds (www.100womeninhedgefunds.org)

100 Women in Hedge Funds is a global, practitioner-driven non-profit organization serving over 13,000 alternative investment management investors and professionals through educational, professional leverage and philanthropic initiatives. Formed in 2001, 100 Women in Hedge Funds has hosted over 400 education events globally, connected more than 250 senior women through Peer Advisory Groups and raised over \$36 million for philanthropic causes in the areas of women's health, education and mentoring.