



## **A Conversation with Mellody Hobson, President of Ariel Investments**

February 19, 2015 at 5:30 PM  
Los Angeles, CA

Join 100 Women in Hedge Funds in Southern California for an in-depth discussion with Mellody Hobson, President of Ariel Investments. We will discuss leadership, risk taking and reaching your full potential.

In addition to her leadership in the financial services industry, Hobson serves as a financial analyst for CBS News. She is an outspoken advocate for investor education, financial literacy, and for finding ones' own way in a career and in life. Her efforts to effect change and lead from her convictions have created an inspiring TED talk and a contribution to the handbook *Lean In for Graduates*.

Cocktails and appetizers kick off the evening, followed by a provocative discussion with this leader in our field.

### **Participants**

**Mellody Hobson**, Ariel Investments

**Sara L. Terheggen**, **Moderator**, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

### **Event Details**

**Date:** February 19, 2015

**Time:** 4:30 PM Registration.

We will begin *promptly* at 5:30 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:** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

**Location:** 300 South Grand Avenue, Suite 3400, **Los Angeles**, CA 90071

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

## Biographies

### **Mellody Hobson**, President, Ariel Investments

Mellody Hobson is president of Ariel Investments. Headquartered in Chicago, the firm offers six no-load mutual funds for individual investors and defined contribution plans as well as separately managed accounts for institutions and high net worth individuals. As president, Mellody is responsible for firm-wide management and strategic planning, overseeing all operations outside of research and portfolio management. Additionally, she serves as chairman of the board of trustees for Ariel Investment Trust.

Beyond her work at Ariel, Mellody has become a nationally recognized voice on financial literacy and investor education. She is a regular contributor and analyst on finance, the markets and economic trends for CBS News. She also contributes weekly money tips on the Tom Joyner Morning Show and pens a regular column for Black Enterprise magazine. As a passionate advocate for investor education, she is a spokesperson for the Ariel/Hewitt Study: 401(k) Plans in Living Color and the Ariel Black Investor Survey, both of which examine investing patterns among minorities.

Mellody is chairman of the board for DreamWorks Animation SKG, Inc. as well as a director of The Estée Lauder Companies Inc. and Starbucks Corporation. Her community outreach includes serving as chairman of After School Matters, a non-profit that provides Chicago teens with high quality, out-of-school time programs. She is a board member of the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, The Chicago Public Education Fund, and Sundance Institute, where she has been appointed emeritus trustee. She is also on the executive committee of the Investment Company Institute's board of governors. Mellody earned her AB degree from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of International Relations and Public Policy. She also received honorary doctorate degrees in humanities from both Howard University and St. Mary's College.

### **Sara L. Terheggen**, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Sara L. Terheggen is a corporate attorney at Skadden, Arps. Her practice includes representing clients in a broad range of corporate and securities law matters, including public offerings and private placements of debt and equity, as well as advising sponsors in forming domestic and offshore funds. Prior to her legal career, she served as director of assessment for the University of California, Merced School of Engineering and was the founding education director for the National Science Foundation Center for Embedded Networked Sensing at the University of California, Los Angeles where she was responsible for developing programs to increase the number of women and minorities in science and engineering.

In 2014, the *Silicon Valley Business Journal* named her one of the region's "40 under 40" business leaders. *The Recorder* also has recognized her as a "Lawyer on the Fast Track" (a list of 50 California attorneys whose early accomplishments indicate they will be tomorrow's leaders) and as one of its "Top 40 Women Leaders in Law." Public Counsel, the largest *pro bono* law office in the nation, recognized her with a Pro Bono Achievement award for her efforts in helping establish their first-ever Small Business Clinic. Sara was invited to the White House on two occasions, to participate in forums on women in the financial sector and a business council leadership discussion. Sara is a California Delegate for the Vision 2020 Project. In addition, she is a member of the Advisory Council and a founding member and current co-chair of the Southern California Chapter for 100 Women in Hedge Funds. Sara recently served as a Tournament Director for the Inaugural Golf Classic benefiting the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford.

She received her B.S. in Psychology from University of Oregon, M.Ed. and Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University and J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.



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