



100 WOMEN IN HEDGE FUNDS TO AWARD AFSANEH BESCHLOSS ITS INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD AT THE 2011 NEW YORK GALA

Proceeds from the New York Gala and other U.S. fundraising efforts will support Clinton Global Initiative's U.S. Childhood Obesity Prevention Program

New York, NY – April 26, 2011 - 100 Women in Hedge Funds (“100WHF”), a leading non-profit organization for professionals in the alternatives industry, today announced that Afsaneh Beschloss, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Rock Creek Group, will be awarded the 100WHF U.S. Industry Leadership Award at its 2011 New York Gala, to be held at Cipriani, 42nd Street, in New York.

Each year, the organization honors a woman whose professional talent, business ethic, and passion for investing help define and advance the alternatives industry's standards of excellence. Past awardees include Dorothy Collins Weaver, Collins Capital, Kathryn A. Hall, Hall Capital Partners; Sonia Gardner, Avenue Capital; Jane Mendillo, Harvard Management Company and Anne Dinning, D. E. Shaw group.

Ms. Beschloss is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Rock Creek Group, an industry-leading \$7 billion global institutional alternative and emerging market investment firm. Prior to this, Ms. Beschloss was the Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer of the World Bank, responsible for managing \$65 billion in assets and a \$30 billion funding strategy, as well as \$160 billion in derivatives and structured products. In this position, Ms. Beschloss was instrumental in developing a \$3 billion portfolio of alternative investment funds. Her previous responsibilities at the World Bank include Senior Manager of the Derivatives and Structured Products Group and Fixed-Income Portfolio Manager. Ms. Beschloss previously worked for J.P. Morgan in New York and London, for Shell International Group Planning in London, and taught international trade at Oxford University. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Ford Foundation, where she has chaired the Investment Committee. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and is on the Investment Committee of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. Ms. Beschloss has also written a number of journal articles and books. She holds an MPhil (Honors) in Economics from Oxford University.

Commenting on the selection, Lauren Malafronte, Managing Director, Barclays Capital and Board member of 100WHF said, "We are thrilled to honor Afsaneh and recognize her exceptional efforts that have undeniably advanced the global alternatives industry. This award is well-deserved as Afsaneh truly exemplifies what it means to be a leader, and we are delighted to celebrate her many achievements."

Ms. Beschloss will accept the award at the 100WHF Gala in New York City on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at Cipriani 42nd Street. Proceeds from the New York Gala and other U.S. fundraising will support Clinton Global Initiative's U.S. Childhood Obesity Prevention Program. For more information please visit: http://www.100womeninhedgefunds.org/pages/gala_2011.php

To purchase tables or inquire about sponsorship opportunities for the 100WHF Annual New York Gala, please contact:

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About 100 Women in Hedge Funds

100 Women in Hedge Funds is a global, practitioner-driven non-profit organization serving over 10,000 alternative investment management investors and professionals through educational, professional leverage and philanthropic initiatives. Formed in 2001, 100 Women in Hedge Funds has hosted more than 250 events globally, connected more than 250 senior women through Peer Advisory Groups and raised close to \$20 million for philanthropic causes in the areas of women's and family health, education and mentoring. For more information about 100 Women in Hedge Funds, please visit www.100womeninhedgefunds.org.

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