



Thomson Financial's Buyouts Magazine Hosts 2nd Annual Buyouts Symposium West

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Private Equity Market to Gather Nov. 1-2 in San Francisco
David Rubenstein, Herb Cohen to Deliver Keynotes

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Thomson Financial, an operating unit of The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC) and leading provider of information and technology solutions to the worldwide financial community, today announced the 2005 Buyouts Symposium West will be held Nov. 1-2 in San Francisco.

The conference comes at a time when sponsored LBO volume and fund raising have soared to record levels and financing is readily available from multiple sources. "Most LBO firms are flush with cash right now and looking to spend it. The question for equity sponsors -- and really, for advisors, lenders and others in private equity -- is, how do you differentiate yourself in a competitive market?" said Adam Reinebach, Publisher of Buyouts.

To help answer that question, the agenda will address practical topics including: Sponsors Vs. Strategics; Doing Effective Technology Buyouts; Asia Revisited; and Sellside Strategies. The Symposium also includes a unique 90-minute session on Buying Family-Owned Businesses, a fast-growing source of acquisitions for private equity firms.

The two-day conference will be anchored by a pair of keynote speakers: Carlyle Group co-founder David Rubenstein and negotiating expert Herb Cohen. Rubenstein will speak prior to a Wine Tasting event on Nov. 1, while Cohen's speech will take place prior to the closing cocktail reception on Nov. 2.

Those wishing for more detailed information, such as how to attend the conference, should visit the event Web site at <http://www.buyouts-symposium.com/>.

About Buyouts

Buyouts (www.buyoutsnewsletter.com) a bi-weekly Thomson publication, is the premier source of news, data analysis and interpretation of buyout trends in the buyout industry. Often referred to as the industry bible, the issue reports on new funds and fund closes, live and done deals, exits, general partners, limited partners, deal makers, intermediaries and more. Buyouts delivers coverage of trends in the industry as quickly as they emerge.

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