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**AFSANEH BESCHLOSS AND JOSEPH STIGLITZ KEYNOTE CONVERSATION KICKS OFF
POWERFUL PROGRAM AT 2016 WOMEN'S ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT SUMMIT
8th Annual Summit to Be Held November 3-4, 2016 at The Pierre, New York City**

Lexington, MASS, October 4, 2016 – The 8th annual Women's Alternative Investment Summit, produced by the Falk Marques Group, convenes in New York City, November 3-4, 2016 — less than one week before the U.S. presidential election. The conference timing could not be more relevant to the powerful group of 400+ women attendees, drawn from the world's leading private equity and venture capital firms, hedge funds, and such alternative investment fields as real estate, debt, infrastructure and real assets. Top of mind at the conference: in a year that saw BREXIT, a weakening China, lower company valuations and global market volatility, how will the election affect the economic, political and social forces that drive investment trends?

The Summit tackles one of those social forces — income inequality — in a powerhouse opening keynote conversation. Economist and Nobel Prize Laureate **Joseph E. Stiglitz**, University Professor at Columbia University, sits down with **Afsaneh Beschloss**, Founder, President and CEO of The Rock Creek Group and former World Bank CIO, to discuss income inequality as a consequential issue of our time. Together, they'll explore how fiduciaries are looking at this and other social challenges as they relate to institutions' investment decisions. Ms. Beschloss will also ask Professor Stiglitz to discuss his provocative new book "The Euro: How a Common Currency Threatens the Future of Europe."

Following its dynamic opening session, the Summit continues with a full schedule of keynote plenary sessions, moderated panel discussions, networking events and dedicated tracks for each asset class. "Our attendees mark the New York Summit on their calendars year after year thanks to the extraordinary networking opportunities it fosters and the unmatched depth of content we present," notes Beth Falk, Summit founder and president of Falk Marques Group. Included among this year's 80+ presenters are keynote speakers: **Fiona Frick**, Chief Executive Officer, **Unigestion**; **Adena Friedman**, President and Chief Operating Officer, **Nasdaq**; **Yie-Hsin Hung**, Chief Executive Officer, **New York Life Investment Management**; **Catherine M. Keating**, President and Chief Executive Officer, **Commonfund**; and **Carrie Thome**, Director of Investments, **Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation**.

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Note to media: The Women’s Alternative Investment Summit is closed to the press. We would be pleased to facilitate interviews with Summit speakers before or after the conference. Contact Irene Savage, Falk Marques Group, at +1 781-652-0900 or Irene.Savage@falkmarquesgroup.com, to make arrangements or with questions regarding the Summit.

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