DRIVING STUDENT PERFORMANCE WITH INNOVATION IN SCHOOLS

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Panel Introduction

MARC ROWAN, Managing Partner, Apollo Management LP; YRF US Chairman & Board Member

Marc is a Senior Managing Director and Director of Apollo Global Management, LLC and Managing Partner of Apollo Management, L.P., which he co-founded in 1990. Prior to that time, Marc was a member of the Mergers & Acquisitions Group of Drexel Burnham Lambert Incorporated, with responsibilities in high yield financing, transaction idea generation and merger structure negotiation. Marc currently serves on the boards of directors of the general partner of AP Alternative Assets, L.P., Apollo Global Management, LLC, Caesars Entertainment Corporation and Norwegian Cruise Lines.

Panel Moderator

HOPE SCHEFLER TAITZ, CEO, ELY Capital; YRF Founder

Hope S. Taitz is currently the CEO of ELY Capital. After graduating with honors from the University of Pennsylvania majoring in economics and concentrating in marketing, Ms. Taitz began her investment banking career as a mergers and acquisitions analyst at Drexel Burnham Lambert, first as an analyst and then as an associate. Ms. Taitz continued as a Vice President at The Argosy Group (now part of CIBC) and a Managing Director at Crystal Asset Management before founding her own money management firm, Catalyst Partners. Now acting as an investor and advisor with expertise in media, technology and the consumer, she helps innovative enterprises grow through financial leadership and connections to established corporations. Ms. Taitz, a strong advocate of women on boards, currently sits on Athene Holding Ltd., MidCap Finco Holdings Limited, Greenlight Capital Re, Ltd., Summit Hotel Properties, Inc. and ATTN. She had previously served on the boards of Apollo Residential Mortgage, Inc., Diamond International Resorts, Inc., as well as Lumenis Ltd. On the not for profit side, Ms. Taitz focuses on education and is an advocate for STEM. Originally sitting on the board of Girls Who Code, she now is a board member on The New York City Foundation for Computer Science working on CS4All and the 2025 STEM Initiative. Ms. Taitz is also a founding board member of YRF, a member of the Wharton School Undergraduate Executive Board as well as a member of the Center for Social Innovation, and an emeritus board member of Pencils of Promise.
Adam Enbar, Co-Founder & CEO, The Flatiron School

Adam Enbar is CEO of The Flatiron School, which has trained thousands of software engineers and placed them into jobs at companies like Google, Intel, and The New York Times through intensive 3-5-month programs.

Adam began his career as a real estate developer before moving to Boston where he worked at HubSpot, leading the National Accounts team while the company grew from 70 to 350 employees in two years. He then spent time in Venture Capital with Charles River Ventures working with entrepreneurs in education, enterprise software, and connected devices. All the while, Adam remained close to education, teaching first grade in Brooklyn, TA’ing a marketing course at Harvard, and volunteer-teaching entrepreneurship at South Bay Correctional Facility in Boston. Adam received his BS from Cornell University and MBA from Harvard Business School.

Dr. Gil Pereg, CEO, Youth Renewal Fund & Darca

Dr. Pereg was the principal of Blich High School between the years 2004-2011. He was recognized as an outstanding principal by the city of Ramat Gan. Prior to that, he was the principal at Amit High School at Bar-Ilan University. Pereg has a doctorate from Northeastern University. His doctoral thesis was about effective practices of successful principals in Israeli high schools. He has a Master’s degree in Public Administration from Harvard University and a Masters in Jewish Philosophy (with honors) and a law degree from Bar Ilan University. Dr. Pereg is a graduate of the Wexner and Eisenhower leadership programs and is the co-chair of the alumni association of the Eisenhower program in Israel. He previously headed the alumni council of the Wexner program in Israel and served on the board of “Avney Rosha”, the Israeli Institute for School Leadership.