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ACA 2013 SUMMIT KEY TOPICS AND SPEAKER AVAILABILITY

Angel Capital Association (ACA) 2013 Summit: “Navigating Change for Angel Success” Will Address Today’s Most Critical Issues in Angel Investing

***World’s Largest Gathering of Accredited Angel Investors To Cover Topics from Crowdfunding to Valuation, Exits and New Online Venues for Investing
April 17-19, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco***

San Francisco, March XX, 2013—ACA’s 2013 Summit: “Navigating Change for Angel Success” features three days of dynamic panels, keynotes and unparalleled access to the top thought-leaders in the accredited investor universe. More than 600 of the world’s leading angel investors from 30 countries will confer and debate on leading issues in the angel investing eco-system including:

- Crowdfunding: Wisdom of Crowds or Greatest Fool Theory. Will crowdfunding be a help or hindrance to accredited angel investing?
- Startup Accelerators: Do Graduating Companies Face Funding or Flameout?
- Accredited Investing Portals: Will sites like AngelList, CircleUp or Gust obviate the need for traditional angel group structures?
- Valuation of Early Stage Companies: how can seed-stage investors companies at the earliest stages of “proof of concept”?

Key speakers and panelists will include:

- Nelson Gray - Chairman of Fifth Ventures in Scotland, 2008 European Angel of the Year and international advisor on structuring of early stage funds.
- Jason Best - Founder of Crowdfund Capital Advisors and leading proponent of crowdfunding legislation in the US.
- Bill Payne - Long-time angel, member of four angel groups and noted author on professional angel investing; past recipient of the Hans Severiens Award.
- Paul Singh - Cofounder of 500 Startups and Entrepreneur in Residence with the White House Office of Science and Technology
- Saeed Amidi – CEO and founder of Plug and Play Tech Center, a leading technology accelerator in Silicon Valley
- Naval Ravikant – CEO and founder of AngelList
- Brian Cohen – Chairman of New York Angels and entrepreneur
- David Rose – CEO and founder of Gust, and founder of New York Angels
- Sara Hanks – founder of CrowdCheck and expert on JOBS Act regulations
- John Huston – Founder and leader of Ohio TechAngelFunds and 2012 recipient of the Hans Severiens Award

| Additional details on key panels, topics and speakers include:

Crowdfunding: Wisdom of Crowds or Greatest Fool Theory?: **Nelson Gray**, Chairman of Firth Ventures will debate the merits of equity crowdfunding with proponents **Jason Best** of Crowdfund Capital Advisors and **Sara Hanks** of CrowdCheck.

Valuation of Early-Stage Companies: **Bill Payne**, Founding member of Frontier Angel Fund and three other angel groups will offer most current advice on best practices and trends in valuing startups.

Startup Accelerators: Does Hatching Startups Lead Companies to the Funding Roost?
Paul Singh, Partner at 500 Startups; **Saeed Amidi**, Founder and CEO of Plug and Play Tech Center, **Valerie Gaydos** of Angel Venture Forum and others debate this question.

Portals for Accredited Investors – Highway to Heaven or Pathway to Purgatory?
Naval Ravikant, CEO of AngelList, **David Rose**, CEO of Gust, and **Rory Eakin**, co-founder of CircleUp will debate how online investing platforms impact traditional angel groups.

Mining the Wisdom: Sidecar Fund Operations and Management: **Brian Cohen**, Chairman, New York Angels will discuss how tag-along investment helps angels diversify and de-risk their portfolios.

8 Steps to Lucrative Exits: **John Huston**, founder of Ohio TechAngels, offers key strategies for driving angel investments to the liquidity event of an exit.

Many other notable and prominent speakers and topics are featured throughout the Summit, with new speakers being added regularly. The full agenda is available via the Summit Web site at:
www.angelcapitalassociation.org/2013summit.

About Angel Capital Association

The Angel Capital Association is the leading professional and trade association supporting the success of angel investors in high-growth, early-stage ventures. ACA provides professional development, industry voice, public policy advocacy and an array of benefits and resources to its membership of nearly 200 angel groups and more than 8,000 individual accredited investors. www.angelcapitalassociation.org;
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