Speaker Introduction: Peter Goodson

Peter Goodson is a pioneer in the private equity discipline as an early stage partner at Clayton, Dubilier & Rice. One of the first management buyout firms, CD&R, has purchased and transformed performance at 65 companies worth more than $100 billion over the last 35 years. The firm’s strategy is driven by achieving enhanced value operationally.

Retired from PE business ownership, Peter currently teaches at the University of California at the Berkeley - Hass Business School. He was also elected a fellow of Dartmouth’s Tuck Center for Private Equity and Entrepreneurship and holds the position of Distinguished Fellow at INSEAD in its Global Private Equity Initiative. He was been awarded the Outstanding Teaching award by the students of the Berkeley Haas School of Business several times. He teaches M&A: Lessons in Value Creation, Turnarounds: Effective Leadership in Crisis and PE: Leadership in Creating Value. He has also taught or lectured at Tuck, NYU Stern, Wharton and Columbia. He is a regular guest lecturer at INSEAD, Singapore.

Before joining CD&R, Professor Goodson was a Managing Director at Kidder, Peabody, where, at the age of 26, he founded the M&A Group in 1972. He continues to be one of the foremost experts in seller advantaged exits and has led close to 1,000 corporate acquisition assignments.

An “adventurer with his own capital and endless curiosity”, he is presently assisting a number of emerging market private equity firms to develop operational capabilities to improve portfolio performance and investment returns. Peter created the Value Optimization Board for Mekong Capital in Vietnam (voted Frontier Market Firm of the Year 2014 and Operational Improvement Firm of the Year in 2013 by Private Equity International) and was appointed to the Tata Capital Growth PE Advisory Board in India.