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PRESS RELEASE

Christopher Efird, AAI Global Equity's President and Managing Partner, speaks at the 4th annual Thunderbird Private Equity Conference in conjunction with dozens of the world's most distinguished names in private equity and venture capital.

Phoenix, Arizona – April 2, 2008. Christopher Efird, Managing Partner and President of AAI Global Equity, delivered the kick off speech to commence the 4th Annual Thunderbird Private Equity Conference welcoming more than 250 institutional investors, general partners, family offices, corporate investors, fund to fund managers, industry advisors, investment and commercial bankers, academics and global emerging growth companies from around the world. "Recognizing the diverse and intricate challenges of the global economy and the opportunities presented to private equity investors, we are thrilled to have Mr. Efird of AAI Global Equity joining us to discuss worldwide investment strategies featured alongside over 40 preeminent leaders of global private equity and venture capital," says Susan Boedy, the Director of the Thunderbird Global Private Equity Center (TPEC), which organized and hosted the event.

Mr. Efird of AAI Global Equity was selected to comment on developments in alternative international private equity and delivered a speech entitled "Hybrid equity structures driving exceptional returns in Small to Medium Enterprise Investing - AAI Global Equity and the International Alternative Public Offering" focused on equity financing trends developing for growth stage international companies and the explosive returns that can be achieved in these markets today through Alternative Initial Public Offerings in the US Public Markets.

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