2018 TIFF INVESTMENT FORUM



TIFF hosted its 2018 TIFF Investment Forum on April 24th-25th in New York City.

More than 175 people attended the sessions and over 100 charitable institutions were represented.

The event began on Tuesday, April 24th at The New-York Historical Society with a session led by TIFF CEO Dick Flannery on the history of endowment and foundation investment management and was followed by two panels featuring an inside look at TIFF's investment process, manager selection and alternative investments.

Tuesday's sessions continued into the evening as Wall Street Journal columnist and author Jason Zweig spoke to the audience about the importance of maintaining a long-term investment outlook, particularly for non-profit institutions. The evening wrapped up with a conversation on the role of the TIFF board members featuring University of Notre Dame CIO Scott Malpass, and Oxford University CIO Sandra Robertson.

TIFF CIO Jay Willoughby opened Wednesday's session at the New York Athletic Club with an overview of TIFF's work in 2017 and a look at capital market trends. Then, Scott Malpass and Sandra Robertson reprised their conversation from the previous evening this time focusing on how Notre Dame and Oxford find alpha.

The keynote address was delivered by George F. Will – one of America's most recognized political columnists – and he captivated the audience with his stories, data points, opinions and projections.

Wednesday's sessions also included the following panels:

Emerging Equities: China, the Global Growth Engine That Could

- Shujun Li Founder and Managing Partner, Trustbridge Partners
- Dan Sullivan Vice Chairman, Trustbridge Partners
- Jay Willoughby CIO, TIFF

Venture Capital: Rocket Fuel for Innovation

- Hayley Barna Partner, First Round Capital
 Mike Maples Partner, Floodgate
 Sandra Robertson CIO and CEO, Oxford University Endowment Office, TIFF
 Board Member
- Brendon Parry, TIFF

Cryptocurrencies and Blockchain: Money 2.0 – Mirage or Miracle

- Jim Robinson, IV General Partner, RRE Ventures
- Stephen Vicinelli and Chris Anderson TIFF

Global Equities: Value is Dead - Long Live Deep Value

- Dave Iben CIO and Lead Portfolio Manager, Kopernik Global Investors
- Trevor Graham, TIFF











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The Investment Forum is one of TIFF's broadest thought leadership activities. This year, Larry Siegel, a renowned writer specializing in investment management joined us in the audience. We are looking forward to working with Larry on a couple of thought pieces around the topics covered at our Forum.

In addition to our Forum, TIFF also hosts regional roundtables in cities across the country and we plan to host our next Forum in October 2019.

For more information on TIFF, please contact our Member and Outreach Services group directly at 610-684-8200 or memberserivces@tiff.org.

About TIFF

TIFF is a mission-driven, not-for-profit organization dedicated to delivering comprehensive investment solutions to foundations, endowments, and other charitable institutions. Since its inception in 1991, TIFF has exclusively served the non-profit community by providing experienced manager selection and access, risk-sensitive asset allocation, and integrated member service to institutions with long-term investment horizons.

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