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**THE SOHN CONFERENCE FOUNDATION APPOINTS GRAHAM DUNCAN AS CHAIR OF THE SOHN
INVESTMENT CONFERENCE**

New York, NY – November 7, 2018 – The Sohn Conference Foundation today announced that Board Member Graham Duncan of East Rock Capital will be the lead Chair of The Sohn Investment Conference, held annually in New York City. Duncan will be joined by Co-Chairs Keith Johnson of Sequoia Capital and Christine Hamner, recently of Pennant Capital. Duncan previously co-chaired The Sohn Investment Conference with Doug Hirsch and Dan Nir in 2018 and chaired Next Wave Sohn for five years. Duncan succeeds Hirsch and Nir, who, after co-chairing The Sohn Investment Conference for 23 years, decided to step down and to enlist the next generation of philanthropic leaders. Hirsch and Nir remain on the Board of Directors of The Sohn Conference Foundation.

“It has been a pleasure working alongside Doug and Dan,” Graham Duncan said. “Their commitment to delivering a world-class conference is surpassed only by their passion for finding a cure and treatment for pediatric cancer. We will work to honor their example by continuing to showcase compelling speakers and building an elite forum for guests to do business while doing good.”

Hirsch and Nir, along with Lance Laifer and Ira Sohn’s family, founded The Sohn Investment Conference in 1995 to honor Ira’s memory and battle against cancer. Since then, The Sohn Investment Conference has gathered the global financial industry for an exhilarating day of highly-anticipated market insights from the world’s top investors, with the mission of raising critical funds for pediatric cancer research and care. Speakers have included Bill Ackman, David Einhorn, Stanley Druckenmiller, Paul Tudor Jones, Chamath Palihapitiya, Larry Robbins, among others. Through its conferences, now in 11 cities across five continents, The Sohn Conference Foundation has inspired more than \$85 million of charitable giving from the financial community.

“The Conference’s format and success is thanks to Doug’s and Dan’s groundbreaking vision and creativity. We will be honoring both of these pioneering leaders at our 24th Annual Conference in May 2019,” said Evan Sohn, Co-founder and Vice President of the Foundation and brother to the late Ira Sohn. “It was their understanding that this model could be brought to communities around the world that allows Ira to be honored by all 11 international Sohn Conferences.”

Doug Hirsch said: "When we were searching for the next leader for this important philanthropic institution, Graham's name was at the top of our list. We are thrilled that he has accepted this important philanthropic position in the Wall Street community."

"After 23 incredibly exciting years co-chairing The Sohn Investment Conference, it is rewarding to see the next generation take the helm and lead our community," said Dan Nir. "For Doug and me, it has been a deep honor to have served as co-chairs. We know the Conference will continue to raise critical dollars for pediatric cancer research and care."

The 2019 Sohn Investment Conference in partnership with CNBC will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at David Geffen Hall, Lincoln Center. A special tribute to Doug and Dan will be made at the Conference to thank them for their years of service. Tickets to the Conference go on sale in December 2018.

For more information or to sponsor go to www.sohnconference.org.

ABOUT THE SOHN CONFERENCE FOUNDATION

The Sohn Conference Foundation is dedicated to the treatment and cure of pediatric cancer. The Foundation supports cutting-edge medical research, state-of-the-art research equipment, and innovative programs to ensure that children with cancer survive and thrive. The Foundation raises its funds through premier investment conferences, including the renowned annual New York Sohn Investment Conference. The Conference honors the memory of Ira Sohn, a Wall Street Professional who lost his battle with cancer at age 29. His friends and family founded the New York Sohn Investment Conference in 1995. Since then, investment leaders from across the globe have been inspired to launch partner Sohn Conferences to bring the financial community together for charitable causes. Sohn Conferences include Sohn Australia, Sohn Brazil, Sohn Canada, Sohn Geneva, Sohn Hong Kong, Sohn India, Sohn London, Sohn Monaco, Sohn San Francisco and Sohn Tel Aviv. To date, the Foundation has raised more than \$85 million. More information on The Sohn Investment Conference is available at www.sohnconference.org

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