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VENTURE CAPITAL PERFORMANCE DECLINES SLIGHTLY AS OF THIRD QUARTER 2008

Venture Returns Begin to Reflect Closed IPO Window But Still Exceed NASDAQ and S&P Returns Across All Time Horizons

New York, NY, February 2, 2009 – Venture capital performance showed positive returns across most investment horizons ending September 30, 2008, according to Thomson Reuters and the National Venture Capital Association (NVCA).

Turmoil in the broader capital markets and the closed IPO window drove the one-year all venture private equity performance index (PEPI) into negative territory to -1.6 percent, with a 6.9 percentage point decrease from the period ending June 30, 2008. Historically, short-term horizons show significant fluctuations quarter over quarter based on current exit market conditions. The next largest consecutive quarterly change occurred in the three-year time horizon where all venture PEPI decreased by 1.9 points quarter-over-quarter. Five-year performance posted a modest decline from the previous quarter, decreasing .2 percentage points. Ten and Twenty-year performance figures showed small quarter-over quarter increases of .8 and .2 percentage points to 17.3 percent and 17.1 percent, respectively.

"The venture capital performance numbers as of the end of the third quarter are reflective of the shuttered IPO window and slowing M&A market for venture-backed companies which deteriorated during 2008," said Mark Heesen, president of the NVCA. "We expect to see further declines in the short term performance numbers into 2009 until the exit markets improve. Longer term performance will hold steady for the time being, but a prolonged capital markets crisis will begin to impact these numbers ultimately as well."

Venture returns across all horizons outperformed public market indices, NASDAQ and the S&P 500, through 9/30/2008.

Thomson Reuters' US Private Equity Performance Index (PEPI)
Investment Horizon Performance through 9/30/2008

Fund Type	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	20 Yr
Early/Seed VC	0.2	3.8	5.1	37.2	21.6
Balanced VC	-6.4	7.4	11.5	14.9	14.7
Later Stage VC	8.6	12.0	10.5	8.9	14.7
All Venture	**-1.6**	**6.6**	**8.6**	**17.3**	**17.1**
NASDAQ	-21.4	-1.1	3.1	2.1	8.7
S&P 500	-22.0	-1.7	3.2	1.4	7.5
All Venture (through 6/30/2008)	**5.3**	**8.5**	**8.8**	**16.5**	**16.9**
All Venture (through 9/30/2007)	**26.6**	**11.0**	**6.8**	**17.8**	**16.4**

Source: Thomson Reuters/National Venture Capital Association

**The Private Equity Performance Index is based on the latest quarterly statistics from Thomson Reuters' Private Equity Performance Database analyzing the cashflows and returns for over 1941 US venture capital and private equity partnerships with a capitalization of $828 billion. Sources are financial documents and schedules from Limited Partner investors and General Partners. All returns are calculated by Thomson Reuters from the underlying financial cashflows. Returns are net to investor after management fees and carried interest.*

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