

Alison Levine, Acclaimed Mountain Climber, Explorer and Leadership Expert, will Speak at 10th Annual Women's Leadership Conference

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LAS VEGAS, June 29, 2016 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- The MGM Resorts Foundation is proud to announce Alison Levine as a keynote speaker at the 10th annual Women's Leadership Conference. Hosted by MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM), the 2016 conference will be held Aug. 8 & 9 at the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

A world-renowned adventurer, Levine served as the team captain of the first American Women's Everest Expedition; scaled the highest peak on every continent, and skied to both the North and South Poles, an accomplishment known as the Adventure Grand Slam. Less than forty people in the world have accomplished that task.

Whether discussing the unpredictable environments in the mountains or business world, Levine is a highly-sought after motivator who is known for entertaining audiences with practical, humorous, and often unorthodox lessons learned from the harshest and most remote places on earth.

"Alison is a living legend and a great role model for our conference attendees," Dawn Christensen, the conference's organizer and director of National Diversity Relations for MGM Resorts. "Her journey is sure to inspire others to scale whatever big peaks they aspire to climb, figurative or literal."

Levine's success in extreme environments is especially noteworthy because of her medical history. She was born with a congenital heart defect and she suffers from Raynaud's disease, which leaves her at extreme risk for frostbite.

Levine currently serves as an advisor to the Thayer Leader Development Group at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where she spent four years as an adjunct professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership. She is also on the board of the Coach K Center on Leadership and Ethics at Duke University. Over two decades, her professional career has encompassed healthcare, technology and finance. She holds an MBA from Duke University.

She is the founder of the Climb High Foundation, which trains jobless women in western Uganda to work as trekking guides in the Rwenzori Mountains. She has presented at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland. Her best-selling book, *On the Edge: Leadership Lessons from Everest and Other Extreme Environments*, was released in 2014.

Conference Background

The two-day, Women's Leadership Conference will offer a wide range of learning opportunities, career guidance and personal growth tools, including:

- Exposure to diverse, nationally recognized speakers and accomplished women role models
- Career-oriented workshops that will give participants hands-on opportunities to develop skills based on their career needs
- Three distinct learning tracks for participants who are Emerging Leaders, Emerging Executives and Executives

It is open to women of all professions, job levels and social backgrounds, locally and nationally, and men who support women. Conference registration is available at \$450 per person. Proceeds of the conference after costs will be donated to one or more local nonprofit agencies devoted to the welfare and development of women and girls.

The non-profit MGM Resorts Foundation is the conference's presenting sponsor.

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