



Exceptional women leaders have played a key role in the evolution and success of the growth investing space over the past decades. It is a distinct honor for us at GrowthCap to be able to recognize these remarkable individuals who, through their investment acumen, operational capabilities, and work ethic, have had a profound impact on their firms, portfolio companies, limited partners, and others.

To determine this year's awardees, GrowthCap ran a thorough nomination process and reviewed feedback received from each nominee's colleagues, portfolio company executives and/or others in the industry. Each candidate was evaluated based on her demonstrated success in her specific roles, breadth of experience, longevity in the field, and consistency in performance, among other factors. We received hundreds of nominations and while we are not able to recognize all those who were nominated, we want to acknowledge their notable contributions to the growth investing field.

The individuals selected for The Top Women Leaders in Growth Investing of 2023 have demonstrated deep expertise in private company investing, portfolio management, firm operations as well as business expansion strategy and execution.

Please join us in congratulating this year's awardees.

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KATIE STITCH

Firm: **W Capital Partners**

Title: **Partner**

Katie Stich is a Partner with W Capital Partners, where she focuses on sourcing and evaluating new direct secondary and GP-led secondary transaction opportunities and managing the firm's existing investments. Katie currently serves on the boards of the New York Private Equity Network (NYPEN), the Brick Presbyterian Church and the University of Pennsylvania CAS Professional Women's Alliance. Katie's past board service includes Fresh Direct (sold to Ahold Delhaize), Moosejaw (sold to Walmart) and World Kitchen (nka Corelle Brands).

Prior to joining W Capital in 2005, Katie was an Analyst in Banc of America Securities' investment bank. Katie also has experience in sales and trading with JPMorganChase, and public relations with Ogilvy and Mather. In 2017, Katie was named as one of Private Equity International's Secondaries Investor's 'Young Guns of Secondaries' and GrowthCap's 'Top 40 Under 40 Growth Investors'.

Katie is a graduate of The Huntsman Program at the University of Pennsylvania, where she earned a BS from The Wharton School and a BA from the College of Arts and Sciences. While at Penn, Katie served as the Co-Chair of the Wharton Dean's Undergraduate Advisory Board and was a member of the Women's Varsity Squash team.

"I started in secondary investing in growth-stage companies over 17 years ago. It's hard not to smile when you see where the market is today: When a growth-stage CEO started highlighting the logic for an employee tender to us, it felt like the unlock we'd been waiting for!"—Katie Stich