

Verit Advisors CEO Named to International Women's Forum ®

Chicago, IL

Mary S. Josephs, Founder and CEO of Verit Advisors®, has been selected to become a member of the prestigious International Women's Forum (IWF). The IWF was founded in 1982 in the United States, and has grown across 6 continents into 74 local forums representing 33 nations. There are more than 6,000 members who are women leaders including CEOs, government officials, athletes and astronauts.

"What a delight to be included among so many intelligent and inspirational women leaders," said Ms. Josephs. "It is an honor to be selected and I look forward to collaborating with leaders of today and tomorrow."

Ms. Josephs is a nationally recognized leader with more than 28 years of experience with ESOPS as a specialized solution-oriented succession and liquidity transaction for middle market companies. Ms. Josephs has advised, structured and closed more than 300 transactions for middle market companies representing more than \$7 billion in senior credit and nearly \$30 billion in enterprise value. Ms. Josephs is on the board of Spinnaker Coating, LLC, Big Shoulders, a member of the Economic Club of Chicago, a member of The Chicago Network and an alumnae of Leadership Greater Chicago and was named One of Most Influential Women in Mid-Market M&A, *Mergers & Acquisition* magazine, January 2016 & January 2017.

About the International Women's Forum

The IWF brings together a global membership to exchange ideas, to learn, inspire, and to build better leadership for a changing world. This vision is realized through global conferences, training and mentoring programs and our networks of global forums. IWF provides one-of-a-kind programming designed by world leaders, for world leaders, both present and future. IWF provides a platform for leaders to meet among their peers in an environment where meaningful partnerships and friendships can grow and form. There is no other organization in the world that continually convenes such an extraordinary network of women leaders, provides exposure and access to such a broad and diverse audience of female decision-makers, while delivering cutting edge programs that explore topics impacting international progress, business, economics, ecology and enterprise.

About Verit Advisors

Verit Advisors unites sophisticated middle market investment banking capabilities with a client centric boutique, fluent in ESOPs, debt and equity capital markets, and M&A, transaction opinions and valuation services and board advisory services. Integrity, teamwork, service, and innovation are at the heart of the organization, as the Verit Team strives to provide unparalleled advice and custom solutions to its clients. Mary Josephs founded Verit Advisors in 2009 in Chicago and has nearly three decades of experience in the world of corporate finance. Josephs and her team are considered to be the foremost experts in ESOP transactions and middle market strategic alternatives.