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### Asia Society Texas Center Hosts One of the World's Most Powerful Women

*Lulu C. Wang to Discuss Female Representation in the C-Suite at Women's Leadership Series*

**(Houston, Texas)** April 5, 2016 — **Lulu C. Wang**, Founder and CEO of Tupelo Capital Management, joins Asia Society Texas Center as the keynote speaker for the third installment of the [Women's Leadership Series \(WLS\)](#).

The final program in the series is designed to “inspire, educate and empower” women by connecting them with established leaders across the globe. In this discussion about Asian women representation in the C-suite, Wang will share personal experiences and challenges of her climb to the top in corporate America.

**Mia Mends**, CEO of Sodexo Benefits and Rewards Services, US, and **Anne Taylor**, Houston managing partner, Deloitte LLP, will also join the discussion as panelists. **Gina Luna**, Chairman of JPMorgan Chase, Houston Region, will serve as moderator.

The program takes shape Monday, April 18 (2016) at Asia Society Texas Center (1370 Southmore Boulevard, Houston, TX). To register for tickets, please visit Asia Society's [website](#) at [www.AsiaSociety.org/Texas](http://www.AsiaSociety.org/Texas).

#### About the Keynote Speaker

**Lulu C. Wang**, Founder and CEO of Tupelo Capital Management, has held senior positions in money management since 1982. She served as a Director and Executive Vice President of Jennison Associates Capital Corporation for ten years before founding Tupelo Capital Management in 1998. While at Jennison, a primary platform for asset management at Prudential Financial, Wang managed assets for pension, endowment, and mutual funds. She joined Jennison Associates in 1988 from Equitable Capital Management where she held the title of Senior Vice President and Managing Director, overseeing active growth equities. She had been with Equitable since 1978 and prior to that, was affiliated with Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. Wang received her B.A. from Wellesley College and subsequently earned an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School.

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## About the Panelists

**Mia Mends** is the CEO of Sodexo Benefits and Rewards Services, U.S. and serves on Sodexo's North America Regional Leadership Committee. In her position, she leads the strategic evolution and growth of the business, with a focus on delivering outcome-based employee engagement solutions through recognition and well-being programs and platforms. Before joining Sodexo, she was General Manager of the Prepaid Debit Card Division of PreCash Inc, in Houston, Texas. Mends' experience in the field includes developing and managing 11 co-branded credit card partnerships in nine countries for United Airlines. Mends holds a B.A. in Economics from Wellesley College and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

**Anne Taylor** is Houston managing partner for Deloitte LLP. She has more than 25 years of experience as a management consultant with a focus on technology, strategy, and change management. Anne has held national, regional, and global leadership roles at Deloitte, including U.S. Chief Strategy Officer and regional managing partner of the eight-state Mid-America Region. She was the first woman to serve on Deloitte's U.S. Executive Committee and the global Management Committee of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited. Anne holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Utah, as well as an M.A. in Engineering from Princeton University, where she also completed Ph.D. studies.

## About the Moderator

**Gina Luna** is Chairman of JPMorgan Chase in the Houston Region and leads the Middle Market Banking business. Prior to her current role, Luna was Chief Marketing Officer for Chase Commercial Banking, directing marketing and communications for the national commercial banking business. She has spent her entire career with JPMorgan Chase. Luna is a summa cum laude graduate of Texas A&M University with a BBA in Finance and Management.

## About the Women's Leadership Series

The Women's Leadership Series, launched in September 2015, is designed to celebrate influential and diverse women who are making an impact in today's global environment.

The Women's Leadership Series is made possible through generous support from presenting sponsors Anne and Albert Chao, Nancy T. Chang, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, and United Airlines. Lead funding provided by Nancy C. Allen, and BP America, with additional support from Wells Fargo, Cathay Bank, EastWest Bank, the Mandy Kao Foundation, Paula Hinton, Teri and Jeff Lee, Amegy

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The Women's Leadership Steering committee is chaired by Dr. Anne Chao and Paula W. Hinton. Members include Nancy C. Allen, Ming Chen Burdette, Donna Cole, Kathy Goossen, Mandy Kao, Rosine Matthews, Alice Mong, and Y. Ping Sun. Henrietta Holsman Fore serves as an honorary member.

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