

## [New Private Equity Firm Sets up Shop in New York](#)

November 11, 2009 - A new private equity firm was formed yesterday when Gotham Private Equity Partners announced its formation as a New York-based private equity firm focused on middle-market and lower middle-market companies.



Gotham's principals began their careers in CIBC's Leveraged Finance and Merchant Banking Group and then helped establish Trimaran Capital Partners, a \$1.0 billion private equity fund. Since 1997, the principals have been involved in over 50 private equity transactions in a variety of industries including consumer, energy services, financial services, industrial and manufacturing, media, restaurants and retail and transportation.

The founders of Gotham include David Benyaminy and Steven Flyer as Managing Principals; Gregory Prata and Daniel Gaspar as Vice Presidents; and Kyce Chihi as a Senior Associate.

"We are extremely pleased to be establishing Gotham Private Equity Partners and believe that the current market environment has set the stage for experienced investors to provide value-added capital in a variety of situations across a number of industries. By utilizing our industry expertise and extensive network of executives and entrepreneurs, we believe that Gotham will be able to originate a number of compelling opportunities for our partners," said Mr. Benyaminy.

"The support and commitment of a number of high net worth families and entrepreneurs, who are partners in our firm and who will be investors in businesses that we acquire, provide Gotham with unique operational and strategic insight. With this partnership in place, we believe that Gotham offers a value-added approach to private equity," said Mr. Flyer.

Gotham will invest in a variety of transactions and structures including: traditional leveraged buyouts; buy-and-build and roll-up strategies in fragmented industries; and family-owned and operated businesses that are seeking capital for further growth or that do not have a developed succession plan (no website found).

