



PATRIARCH PARTNERS



Lynn Tilton **CEO and Principal**

Lynn Tilton is Chief Executive Officer and Principal of Patriarch Partners, LLC, a private equity firm and holding company managing 74 companies with annual revenues of more than \$8 billion. Ms. Tilton is a passionate proponent of saving American manufacturing jobs by saving American companies. Since 2000, she has bought more than 150 companies, many of which were on the brink of closure or liquidation, and in so doing has saved over 250,000 jobs.

Tilton's portfolio includes such brands as Dura Automotive, American LaFrance, MD Helicopters, Rand McNally, Spiegel Catalogs and Stila Cosmetics among many others. In 2009, she was honored with the Turnaround Atlas Leadership Achievement Award for her work in distressed investing, in 2010, *Automotive News* named her one of the 100 Leading Women in the Automotive Industry, and in 2011, Ms. Tilton was named Entrepreneur of the Year by the Living Legends of Aviation Hall of Fame, the first female in history to receive such distinction. Under Ms. Tilton's leadership, Patriarch has become the largest woman-owned business in America with over 120,000 employees.

Ms. Tilton's career spans 30 years and encompasses private equity, operational turnarounds, distressed asset management, financial engineering, high yield loan sales and trading, investment banking and senior management. In addition to her role at Patriarch, Ms. Tilton currently serves as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of MD Helicopters Inc., a leading manufacturer of commercial and military aircraft.

Ms. Tilton founded Patriarch Partners to develop innovative financial solutions and to manage and monetize the distressed portfolios of financial institutions. The platform later evolved toward direct fund investments focused primarily upon the acquisition of companies undergoing crisis and pervasive change. Under her direction, Patriarch has positioned itself as a proactive partner to companies during periods of operational, industrial and economic transformation. Patriarch provides liquidity, time and strategic support, frequently saving US companies and US jobs. Patriarch inspires management teams to rebuild, using creative structural solutions and add-on investments in order to enhance companies' long-term values.

Prior to founding Patriarch Partners, Ms. Tilton held positions at Morgan Stanley, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Oppenheimer and Merrill Lynch.

She earned a B.A. in American Studies from Yale University and an MBA in Finance from Columbia University.