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### *Suzanne Yoon* — CLASS OF 1993

Suzanne Yoon is the Founder and Managing Partner of Kinzie Capital Partners, a Chicago-based private equity firm focused on control investments in lower middle market companies across manufactured products, business services, and consumer industries. She serves as Chair of Kinzie's Investment Committee and as Board Chair of several Kinzie portfolio companies, including Chelsea Lighting, GT Golf Holdings, Arctic Industries, and Fraser Steel.



Suzanne founded Kinzie in 2017, guided by a long-standing belief in the power of investing in people, technology and operational innovation to help companies unlock sustainable value. Under her leadership, Kinzie emphasizes hands-on partnership with management teams, leveraging operational expertise and technology to drive efficiency and long-term growth across its portfolio. With more than 25 years of experience investing in and advising middle market companies, Suzanne previously held senior roles at Versa Capital Management, CIT Group, and LaSalle Bank/ABN AMRO.

Beyond her professional work, Suzanne is deeply committed to civic leadership and board service. She currently serves on the board of NYSE-listed ADT, where she is Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee and a member of the Audit Committee. She has also served as Chair of the National Philanthropic Trust and remains actively involved with Chicago institutions, including the John G. Shedd Aquarium and the University of Iowa Center for Advancement.

An advocate for expanding access and opportunity for women across industries, Suzanne has long supported initiatives that promote inclusive leadership and professional advancement. Suzanne was named one of *Crain's Chicago Business Women of Influence* in 2024, recognized by the Private Equity Women Investor Network as North American Female Founded Firm of the Year in 2020, and honored by Mergers & Acquisitions as one of the Most Influential Women in Mid-Market M&A from 2020 through 2023. She was also recognized by *The Wall Street Journal* as a Top Female Deal Maker Shaping Private Equity's Present and Future and by Chicago United as a Business Leader of Color.

Suzanne earned her B.A. in Economics from the University of Iowa and is an Executive Scholar of Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. Suzanne lives in Chicago with her husband and three children and enjoys spending time outdoors, particularly golfing and fishing with her family.

