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HARBOURVEST GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY RELEASES ESTIMATED NET ASSET VALUE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

- **1.8% GROWTH IN NAV**
- **\$18.7 MILLION IN DISTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED**
- **POSITIVE NET CASH FLOW OF \$9.5 MILLION**
 - **REPAID \$5 MILLION OF DEBT**
- **CONTINUED BENEFIT FROM IPO AND M&A ACTIVITY**

HarbourVest Global Private Equity Limited (“HVPE”), a closed-end investment company listed on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext, today announces its updated Net Asset Value (“NAV”) as at 31 December 2009.

The estimated NAV is U.S.\$709.6 million or U.S.\$8.55 per share, as at 31 December 2009. This represents a 1.8% increase from the 30 November 2009 estimated NAV per share of U.S.\$8.40. The increase was driven primarily by a positive valuation adjustment taken by the HarbourVest funds to reflect the investment manager’s preliminary estimate of year-end 2009 valuation increases.

Additional detail about HVPE’s NAV and investment diversification can be obtained on HVPE’s website, in the Monthly Update for 31 December 2009:
http://www.hvgpe.com/monthly_nav_shareholder.

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About HarbourVest Global Private Equity Limited:

HarbourVest Global Private Equity Limited (“HVPE”) is a Guernsey-incorporated closed-end investment company listed on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext, the regulated market of Euronext Amsterdam. HVPE is registered as an investment institution with the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets. HVPE is designed

to offer shareholders long-term capital appreciation by investing in a private equity portfolio diversified by geography, by stage of investment, by vintage year, and by industry. It invests in and alongside HarbourVest-managed funds which focus on primary partnership commitments, secondary investments, and direct investments in operating companies. HVPE is advised by HarbourVest Advisers L.P., an affiliate of HarbourVest Partners, LLC. To learn more about HVPE, please visit www.hvgpe.com.

About HarbourVest Partners, LLC:

HarbourVest is an independent global private equity investment firm and an SEC-registered investment advisor, providing vehicles for institutional investors to invest in the venture capital and buyout markets in the U.S., Europe, and elsewhere through primary partnerships, secondary purchases, and direct investments. It was formed in 1982 and has invested more than U.S.\$30 billion over its 27-year history. It currently has 236 employees in its Boston office and London and Hong Kong subsidiaries. www.harbourvest.com.

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