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10 August 2016 (Chicago) – [SatelliteFinance](#) announced today [Mr. Mark Dankberg](#), Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer at [ViaSat, Inc.](#), one of America's fastest growing technology companies, will be the keynote speaker at the [SatelliteFinance Conference](#).

Since co-founding ViaSat in 1986, Mr. Dankberg has driven the company's rapid growth, which included an IPO ([VSAT](#)) on the Nasdaq market in 1996 and, more recently, the announcement of ViaSat-3, which captured the attention of the industry through a combination of enormous network capacity and global coverage.

[Jason Rainbow](#), Editor of [SatelliteFinance](#), will interview Mr. Dankberg about the firm's satellite broadband strategy, including his vision for ultra-high definition video streaming, in-flight internet service, affordable satellite Wi-Fi connectivity for emerging markets, and a range of maritime and enterprise applications.

The [SatelliteFinance Conference](#) will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2016 in San Francisco at the JW Marriott Union Square. Attendees of this prestigious forum will gain practical information, exclusive insights, and a global perspective on the latest strategies and considerations driving financing, M&A, and corporate strategy in the commercial satellite industry.

[William Jefferson Black](#), Publisher of [SatelliteFinance](#), [Transaction Advisors](#), and [TelecomFinance](#) and Managing Director of [Finance Information Group](#), said, "This interdisciplinary conference will address the critical financial and business issues impacting the industry and explore opportunities in the private and public equity and debt capital markets for investment in the fast-growing market for connectivity."

Select participants in the conference include:

[Steve Kaufman](#), Partner, [Hogan Lovells](#)  
[Carl Harris](#), Chief Operating Officer, [Spire](#)  
[Nathan Kundtz](#), CEO and President, [Kymeta](#)  
[Sunil Nagaraj](#), Vice President, [Bessemer Venture Partners](#)  
[John Serafini](#), CEO, [HawkEye 360](#) and SVP, [Allied Minds](#)  
[Thierry Lefort](#), Consultant, [Strategy&](#)  
[David Abecassis](#), Principal, [Analysys Mason](#)  
[Christopher Baugh](#), President, [Northern Sky Research](#)  
[Sima Fishman](#), Managing Director, [Euroconsult](#)  
[Micah Walter-Range](#), Director, [Space Foundation](#)  
[Tim Rush](#), Senior Vice President, Space Projects, [Marsh](#)  
[Chris Kunstadter](#), SVP & Global Underwriting Manager, [XL Catlin](#)  
[Barry Matsumori](#), SVP, Business Development & Advanced Concepts, [Virgin Galactic](#)  
[Mike Safyan](#), Director of Launch & Regulatory Affairs, [Planet](#)  
[Brad Schneider](#), EVP & General Manager, [Rocket Lab USA](#)  
[Carissa Christensen](#), Managing Partner, [The Tauri Group](#)  
[Paul Estey](#), Executive Vice President, [Space Systems Loral](#)  
[Tom Neary](#), Chief Financial Officer, [Spaceflight Industries](#)  
[Bobby Machinski](#), Chief Executive Officer, [Hera Systems](#)  
[Steve Skladanek](#), President & Chairman of the Board, [Lockheed Martin Commercial Launch Services](#)  
[Mike Sullivan](#), Partner, [Orrick](#)  
[Fred Graffam](#), SVP Finance & Corporate Development, [DigitalGlobe](#)  
[Jason Juranek](#), CEO and CFO, [Globecomm Systems](#)

[Gareth Keane](#), Senior Investment Manager, [Qualcomm Ventures](#)  
[Akshay Patel](#), VP, Strategy & Business Development, [Planetary Resources](#)

Additional participants will include senior corporate executives from the commercial satellite industry (including operators, launch providers, and antenna and satellite manufacturers), early-stage companies seeking investment, capital providers and advisors, equity analysts, insurance brokers and underwriters, heads of corporate development and corporate venture funds, private equity investors, and venture capitalists.

To review the agenda and register for the conference, please click [here](#).

### **About SatelliteFinance**

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