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## Superstar Investor Maria Boyazny: U.S. In Danger Of A Steep Liquidity Cliff Beyond The Fiscal Cliff

Maria Boyazny, Founder and CEO of MB Global Partners, sits calmly at her West 57th street office considering my questions. It may be obvious to Boyazny but it is baffling to me. I ask her about how one should go about investing in such a complicated marketplace. She replies without flinching and with the quiet confidence of someone who always has clarity on market direction and how to position capital. For Boyazny, an investment guru, it is as natural and effortless as breathing.

“Many of the liquid credit assets,” she says, “such as high yield, might have a bit of room to run but overall are overpriced and investors need a gradual exit plan.”



Boyazny brought her philosophy and vision into the investment world by advocating a tactical approach to asset allocation. This is the underlying idea behind MB Global Partners, which she founded in 2010 and has led since. With a wide-ranging knowledge base, she created a new way of investing by capitalizing on dislocations across the global capital markets and identifying areas of investment where capital is most needed and valued. She attracts a sizable audience when she presents at events such as the Milken Institute Global Conference, Dow Jones Private Equity Conference, Toronto Global Forum and others, alongside Nobel-winning economists, political leaders and CEOs of major global corporation. Many investors take careful mental note when she reveals investment plays.

Using this vision, Boyazny early on identified crucial trends in the global economies and the financial markets which allowed her to make a lot of money during the financial crisis and to save money in its anticipation. For instance, in 2006 and 2007, she was outspoken in warning investors of the dangers involved with mortgage-based securities, especially in the subprime space, and other structured assets. In 2009 and 2010, Boyazny was vocal about the painful but necessary process of delivering global financial institutions.

Boyazny tops the lists of the most influential women in the investment world, and was in fact named one of the 5 most influential women in the hedge fund world in 2012 by InvestorPlace.com. She is also

a frequent media commentator, discussing the broad effects of the financial crisis and what needs to be done to restore the health of the financial system, on programs such as Fox Business' "After the Bell".

MB Global continues to partner with top investors and leading credit and special situations firms. The firm continues to identify cutting-edge opportunities in credit in its partnership with G2 Investment Group. (Note that Forbes also has an investment partnership with G2 Investment Group – Forbes Private Capital Group.)

Boyazny has also been an early backer of some of the most successful managers in the credit and special situations space, including Wilbur Ross, SVP and others. MB Global has had continued success in identifying the cutting-edge investment strategies and management teams.

"Maria is a unique talent. She not only knows how to consistently identify opportunities early — but when to exit," according to Ross.

Each historic period in the world of finance requires a revolutionary strategist to create innovative, as well as reliable ideas and approaches to further advance the industry. Given Boyazny's track record she is clearly that strategist. She has a thesis for how to play the fiscal cliff crisis but you'll have to get it from her.

This tactical portfolio allocation strategy has allowed her to successfully manage over \$4.5 billion, making hundreds of millions for investors over the past decade. The smart money – Fortune 50 companies, leading pension funds, foundations, founders of other investment firms – is betting on Maria. The reason for this is simple: consistent delivery of profitable results regardless of the market climate.

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