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17 years

of building a legacy as the annual meeting place for private equity CFOs and COOs

600+ attendees

from large, mid-sized, small and start-up firms influencing the discourse on private equity finance and operations

24 niche breakout topics

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Day 1 | January 22

7:45 Registration – continental breakfast
8:45 Keynote interview
9:30 EY 7th annual global CFO and COO benchmarking survey results
10:30 Networking coffee break
11:20 Think tanks
  » Taking a deep dive on fundraising strategies (GPs only)
  » Cash management strategies and the use of LOCs (GPs only)
  » Attracting and retaining finance professionals (GPs only)
  » CFO contribution to the strategic growth of the PE firm (GPs only)
  » GP perspectives: ensuring third-party due diligence (Service providers only)
12:00 Networking luncheon
1:30 Breakout series I
  » TRACK A: Staying ahead of investor reporting
  » TRACK B: Revamping ESG policies
  » TRACK C: PEI 300—views from the top
  » TRACK D: COO role in building an investment process
  » TRACK E: Technology Spotlight
2:25 Breakout series II
  » TRACK A: Exploring opportunities in a maturing secondary market
  » TRACK B: Embarking on diversity and inclusion across the spectrum
  » TRACK C: Examining the macro tax environment
  » TRACK D: COO toolkit for operational efficiency
  » TRACK E: Technology Spotlight
3:15 Networking coffee break
3:45 The 2020 rundown: an interactive analysis of hot topics in private equity
4:35 Keynote interview
5:20 Cocktail reception and end of day one

Day 2 | January 23

7:45 Think Tanks
  » CFOs and COOs think tank (invite only)
  » CCOs think tank (invite only)
  » Senior Finance Executive think tank (invite only)
8:15 Continental breakfast
9:15 Keynote interview
10:00 LP perspectives: driving value for investors
11:00 Networking coffee break
11:30 Breakout series III
  » TRACK A: Reexamining data management strategy and implementation
  » TRACK B: Global PE: operating issues and management implications
  » TRACK C: The future firm—founder carry, retirement and succession planning
  » TRACK D: Adopting a compliance culture across the firm
Roundups
  » PEI 100 roundup
  » Controller roundup
12:25 Working group sessions
  » A: Technology integration of the front, middle and back office
  » B: Valuation approach and guidelines
  » C: Waterfall calculations and carried interest allocations
1:10 Networking luncheon
2:10 How the CFO and COO functions are moving the firm forward
3:00 Election year impact on PE
3:50 Keynote fireside chat
4:30 End of conference
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