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Caroline Sandberg, Partner, Finance, **Fried Frank**
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Alfred Xue, Partner, **Latham & Watkins**
Gabriel Yomi Dabiri, Private Credit & Cross-Border Finance Leader, Managing Partner, **Polsinelli**
Michael Zawadzki, Global Chief Investment Officer, **Blackstone**
Joseph Zidle, Senior Managing Director & Chief Investment Strategist, **Blackstone**
Boris Ziser, Partner, **Schulte Roth & Zabel**



Agenda

Day 1 - Wednesday, September 6

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Women's networking breakfast hosted by Kirkland & Ellis

Stephanie Berdik, Partner, Investment Funds, **Kirkland & Ellis**

8:30 AM - 8:35 AM PEI welcome

Erin Wolfe, Associate Director, Global Head of Content & Strategy, Private Debt, **PEI**

8:35 AM - 8:40 AM Chair remarks

Michelle Noyes, Managing Director, Head of Americas, **Alternative Investment Management Association**

8:40 AM - 9:10 AM Opening keynote: Golub Capital's perspective on today's market environment & the outlook for deal activity

Moderator: **Andy Thomson**, Senior Editor, Private Debt Investor, **PEI Group**

Speaker: **Spyro Alexopoulos**, Co-Head of Direct Lending, **Golub Capital**

9:10 AM - 9:50 AM Macro trends & a push for real assets

- Main risk factors going into 2024; Impact of interest rates, geopolitical tensions, and cyclical risks on the balance sheets of portfolios
- Current state of the world's markets as they pertain to civil unrest, covid concerns, the war in Ukraine, and the threat of additional Russian sanctions
- Addressing climbing interest rates and the effects of inflation, concerns over recessionary trends
- Diversification into other private credit asset classes such as infrastructure, real estate, and healthcare

Moderator: **Marc Friess**, Partner, **Proskauer**

Speakers:

Michela Bariletti, Chief Credit Officer, **Phoenix Group**

Garett Bjorkman, Managing Director, Portfolio Oversight, **CIM Group**

Randy Schwimmer, Co-Head of Senior Lending, **Churchill Asset Management**

Michael Zawadzki, Global Chief Investment Officer, **Blackstone Credit**

9:50 AM - 10:40 AM Continued drive toward direct lending

- Supply and demand dynamics in the direct lending space
- Addressing concerns around profit margins due to inflation and rising interest rates
- How lending will change as we head into a recessionary period and the opportunities created
- An analysis of projected trends in performance, risk-adjusted returns, and value creation going into the new year

Moderator: **Alfred Xue**, Partner, **Latham & Watkins**



Speakers:

Kevin Griffin, Founder & CIO, **MGG Investment Group**

Jeff Levin, Managing Director, Portfolio Manager & Head of Direct Lending, **Morgan Stanley Investment Management**

Kevin Magid, President, **Audax Private Debt**

Armen Panossian, Head of Performing Credit & Portfolio Manager, **Oaktree Capital Management**

Bill Sacher, Partner & Head of Private Credit, **Adams Street Partners**

10:40 AM - 11:20 AM Special situations & distressed debt in inflationary times

- Strategies to take advantage of unique opportunities for over-levered companies
- How are special situations and distressed credit combating inflation? What trends are we seeing in rescue finance and balance sheet restructuring?
- Where are investors deploying opportunistic capital?
- Identifying which sectors and strategies are providing the most opportunities, whilst avoiding more vulnerable opportunities

Moderator: **Brian Resnick**, Partner, **Davis Polk**

Speakers:

Marianna Fassinotti, Managing Director, **D.E. Shaw**

Andersen Fisher, Portfolio Manager, Special Situations Opportunity Funds, **HPS Investment Partners**

Bao Truong, Senior Managing Director, **Centerbridge**

11:20 AM - 11:50 AM Networking break

11:50 AM - 12:30 PM Trends in specialty finance

- How are specialty finance companies changing business models to adapt to the current environment?
- Where is the opportunity for capital raising for specialty finance companies?
- What's driving investor interest in asset-based lending, equipment finance, and collateralized specialty finance products and securitization?
- Analysis of the drive for fintech in this space and the opportunities available with blockchain. What are the prospects for companies that want to securitize and tokenize hard assets and securities?

Moderator: **Boris Ziser**, Partner, **Schulte Roth & Zabel**

Speakers:

Pierre-Yves Cyr, Senior Director, Capital Solutions, **CDPQ**

Laurence Gottlieb, Chairman & CEO, **Fundamental Advisors LP**

Michael Gross, Co-founder, **SLR Capital Partners**

Isaiah Toback, Partner, Deputy Co-Chief Investment Officer, **Castlelake**

12:30 PM - 1:10 PM Private vs. public market opportunities

- Pros to private and public debt benefits and the latest trends surrounding interest rate risk, liquidity, volatility relative to market moves, security, and duration risk
- Trends and opportunities in fixed income and its rise in popularity over private credit
- Changes in the CLO market

Moderator: **Caroline Sandberg**, Partner, Finance, **Fried Frank**

Speakers:

Andrew Bellis, Partner, Head of Private Debt, **Partners Group**

Jennifer Hartviksen, Managing Director, Global Credit, **Investment Management Corporation of Ontario**

Kevin Lawi, Managing Director, Private Credit Portfolio Manager & Head of Origination of Credit Investments Group, **Credit Suisse Asset Management**

Derek Miller, Managing Director, **Fitch Ratings**

1:10 PM - 1:50 PM Identifying new business opportunities while balancing your existing portfolio

- What sectors to target and what sectors to avoid
- How to find new opportunities considering choppy economic waters and rising interest rates
- Proactive tips to take with respect to existing investments

Moderator: **William Brady**, Partner, **Paul Hastings**

Speakers:

Hallie Ransone, Managing Director, **Liberty Mutual Investments**

Lori Scott, Managing Director, **Lafayette Square**

Sengal Selassie, CEO & Founder, **Brightwood Capital Advisors**

1:50 PM - 2:50 PM Lunch

2:50 PM - 3:30 PM Breakout sessions

<p>Track A: DEI in private credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Link between DE&I and performance- How to measure DE&I across portfolios- LP expectations for private credit GPs <p>Moderator: Obinna Onyeagoro, Consultant, Egon Zehnder</p> <p>Speakers: Christine Brennan, Operations Manager, Alternative Investments, New Jersey Pension Plan</p>	<p>Track B: BDCs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Where are we seeing the most opportunities and why?- What does investor appetite look like in the markets?- Where are we seeing the biggest cashflows? <p>Moderator: William Tuttle, Investment Funds Partner, Kirkland & Ellis</p>
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Matthew Freund, Managing Director and Co-Portfolio Manager, **Barings**

3:30 PM - 4:10 PM Breakout sessions

Track A: Private debt real estate

- Identifying the best assets and sources for alpha
- Loan structures and strategies for high performance
- Inflation concerns and interest rates in housing markets

Moderator: **Samantha Rowan**, Editor, Real Estate Capital USA, **PEI Group**

Speakers:

Andrew Chen, Head of Real Estate Investments, **Beach Point Capital Management**

Andrew Smith, Head of Real Estate and Senior Managing Director, **Kayne Anderson Real Estate**

Patti Unti, Head of CRE Equity, **Waterfall Asset Management**

Track B: Private debt secondaries

- Opportunity and potential growth opportunities
- Benefits and risks of investing in private credit secondaries

Moderator: **Leor Landa**, Head of Investment Management, **Davis Polk**

Speakers:

Ed Goldstein, Chief Investment Officer, **Coller Credit Secondaries**

John Kyles, Managing Director, **Portfolio Advisors**

Dan Roddick, Founder, **Ely Place Partners**

4:10 PM - 4:40 PM Networking break

4:40 PM - 5:20 PM Breakout sessions

Track A: US vs. EU debt markets

- Appetite for European credit amongst US investors
- Effects of the current global geopolitical environment
- Challenges of regulation and an increased push for global frameworks

Track B: Sponsored vs. non-sponsored lending

- Benefits of both strategies in a portfolio
- Comparison of origination, execution, and performance
- Risk and returns and how they are driving appetite over one another

Moderator: **Anna Dayn**, Managing Partner, **New End**

Speakers:

Marc Chowrimootoo, Managing Director, **Hayfin Capital Management**
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5:20 PM - 6:00 PM Breakout sessions

Track A: Private debt infrastructure

- Key trends in the infra market as they pertain to ESG and macro forces
- How is infrastructure debt being considered in investor portfolios and how do we benchmark progress?
- Where are their areas of growth over the next several years?

Moderator: **Zak Bentley**, Americas Editor, Infrastructure Investor, **PEI Group**

Speakers:

Mark Dominé, Managing Director & Head of Origination, **Fundamental Advisors LP**
Erik Savi, Managing Director, Partner, and Global Head of Infrastructure Credit, **Carlyle**
Eric Wittleder, Managing Director, Infrastructure, **Brookfield Asset Management**

Track B: New strategies and emerging sectors

- Are investors willing to target more opportunistic strategies in exchange for a bit more risk?
- Deep dive into collateralized loan obligation (CLOs), asset-backed loans, venture debts specialty finance, fund finance and NAV financing
- Are private debt secondaries the next wave?

Moderator: **Andy Thomson**, Senior Editor, Private Debt Investor, **PEI Group**

Speaker:

Greg Hardiman, Managing Director, **17 Capital**
Joe McCurdy, Head of Origination, **Guggenheim Partners**
David Traverso, Managing Director, **Alter Domus**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Networking reception

Day 2 - Thursday, September 7

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM LP think tank breakfast

Nicole Byrns, Alternative Asset Investor, **Independent, formerly CPPIB**

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM GP working group breakfast

Jess Larsen, Founder & CEO, **Briarcliffe Credit Partners**

9:00 AM - 9:02 AM Chair remarks

Michelle Noyes, Managing Director, Head of Americas, **Alternative Investment Management Association**

9:02 AM - 9:40 AM 10 years of private credit

- History of private credit and where we see the next 10 years going
- Trends in private credit and emerging asset classes

Moderator: **Richard Melville**, Editorial Director, U.S., **PEI Group**

Speakers:

David Gaito, Head of Direct Lending, **Fidelity Investments**

Drew Guyette, Co-Chief Credit Officer & Senior Partner, **Twin Brook Capital Partners**

Avi Korn, Co-Head of Asset Based Finance, **KKR**

Margarita Pineda-Ucero, Managing Director, **Audax Private Debt**

9:40 AM - 10:20 AM Investor panel

- Key priorities for private debt investors
- Emerging investment strategies across the direct lending capital structure
- Increased focus from investors on ESG, real estate, and infrastructure debt and their yield returns

Moderator: **Mary Kathleen Flynn**, Editor-In-Chief of PE Hub, **PEI Group**

Speakers:

Jennie Benza, Private Markets, **General Electric Pension**


Lin Maung, Senior Portfolio Manager, Private Equity, **State of Wisconsin Investment Board**

Douglas Porter, Managing Director, **MainePERS**

Leslie Vargas, Senior Portfolio Manager, **Resolution Life**

10:20 AM - 11:00 AM Direct lending in middle markets

- Building out the definition of the middle market outside of deal size and what that means for performance, risk-adjusted returns, and value creation
- Differentiators between lower and upper segments of private credit
- Analysis of alpha that can be generated by investors



Moderator: **Gabriel Yomi Dabiri**, Private Credit & Cross-Border Finance Leader, Managing Partner, **Polsinelli**

Speakers:

Stephan Caron, Managing Director, Head of European Private Debt, **BlackRock**

Aren LeeKong, Vice Chairman of Global Credit, Head of Direct Lending, & CEO of the Business Development Companies, **Carlyle**

Tim Lower, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Investment Officer, Founder, **Willow Tree Credit Partners**

Lane McDonald, Managing Director, **OMERS Private Equity**

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM Networking break

11:30 AM - 12:10 PM Private credit in M&A transactions

- Addressing the highly competitive M&A market by providing more flexibility and certainty from loans to fund acquisition
- An analysis of direct loans outpacing syndicated loans in the middle market
- Future of existing borrowers doing add-on acquisitions

Moderator: **Jesse Kirsch**, Partner, **Paul Hastings**

Speakers:

Andreas Boye, Managing Director of the Carlyle Credit Opportunities Fund ("CCOF"), Co-Head of CCOF in North America, **Carlyle**

Dane Graham, Managing Director, **17Capital**

Christopher Wright, Managing Director & Head of Private Markets, **Crescent Capital**

12:10 PM - 12:50 PM Deploying capital across different strategies

- Which asset classes and sectors are well-positioned to perform against the current economic backdrop?
- How, if at all, are you adjusting your underwriting to capture this opportunity set?
- What are the risks to your central thesis and how do you mitigate potential impacts to investment returns?

Moderator: **Kevin McCormick**, Managing Director, **Campbell Lutyens**

Speakers:

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Noel Clapp, Investment Manager, Pension Investments, **General Electric Pension**

Grier Eliasek, President, **Prospect Capital**

12:50 PM - 1:30 PM Closing keynote: Worldview of an economist

Interviewer: **Richard Melville**, Editorial Director, U.S., **PEI Group**

Interviewee: **Joseph Zidle**, Senior Managing Director & Chief Investment Strategist, **Blackstone**

1:30 PM End of conference & lunch