



Women in Private Markets Summit: North America

Day One: June 2, 2026

08:00

Coffee & registration

08:00

Infrastructure Breakfast Roundtable

Discuss the realities of today's fundraising and dealmaking environment over breakfast with fellow GPs, as part of an off-the-record discussion hosted by DC Advisory.

Hannah Schofield, Managing Director, **DC Advisory**

09:10

Chairs opening address

Deborah Zurkow, Previously Global Head of Investments, **Allianz Global Investors**

09:15

Keynote Interview

Private Markets at an Inflection Point: navigating volatility and the next phase of growth

Sunaina Sinha Haldea, Global Head of Private Capital Advisory, **Raymond James**

in conversation with

Mary Kathleen (MK) Flynn, Editor-in-Chief, **PE Hub**

9:45

GP leaders' discussion: Navigating change and driving returns

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- How shifting economic and geopolitical forces are influencing investment strategies
- Market outlook: fundraising conditions, deal flow, M&A activity, and where disruption is creating opportunity
- Building trusted, transparent relationships between LPs and GPs in a changing landscape
- Leading with perspective: how culture and conviction drive performance and impact

Moderator: **Mandee Gruen**, Partner, **Goodwin**

Deborah Shire, Deputy Head, **BNP Paribas Asset Management Alts**

Kristen Haase, Managing Partner - Private Equity, **Brookfield Asset Management**

Katherine Krey, Managing Director, **Stonepeak Infrastructure Partners**

10:30

Inside the Portfolio: How Investors Are Responding to Evolving Market Pressures

- Comparing performance and outlook across buyout, real estate, infrastructure, and credit strategies
- Continuation funds under the microscope: are investors becoming more cynical?
- The DPI challenge: navigating slower distributions and recycling capital effectively
- Co-investments: evolving dynamics, risks, and alignment between LPs and GPs

Moderator: **Alexandra Davidson**, Global Head of Funds & Investment Management, **Clifford Chance**

Jackie Rantanen, Managing Director, Evergreen Portfolio Management, **Hamilton Lane**

Ashli Aslin, Partner, Senior Analyst, Infrastructure, **Albourne Partners**

Clare Hackney, Vice President, Americas Capital Projects & Development, **QuadReal**

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Networking Break

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The AI Boom: Assessing Opportunity and the Role of Private Markets

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- How investors are assessing AI-driven opportunities across different sectors and stages
- The role of private markets in funding and scaling AI
- Separating substance from speculation: identifying durable business models and value chains
- How AI is reshaping investment processes, due diligence, and portfolio management

Moderator: Emily Chien, Executive Fellow, Harvard Business School

Liz Gaffney, Managing Director and Global Head of Business Development, **InvestorFlow**

Max Leykin, Chief Data Science Officer, **Sandbrook Capital**

Mollie Eisler, Vice President, Technology & Innovation, **Almanac Realty Investors**

12:20

Secondaries in Focus: From Niche to Necessity in Private Markets

- How interest rates, valuations, and fundraising conditions are shaping deal flow
- Market evolution: secondaries expanding across private equity, credit, and real assets
- GP-led deals: new structures, pricing shifts, and alignment challenges
- LP-led activity: liquidity needs and portfolio reshaping across asset classes

Moderator: Sijia Cai, Partner, Davis Polk

Maurissa Bell, Director, **OTPP**

Nicole Kim, Managing Director, **StepStone Group**

Joy Savchenko, Senior Managing Director, **Evercore**

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Lunch

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Infrastructure Investor

Women in Infrastructure Forum

14:00
Opening remarks

Deborah Zurkow, Previously Global Head of Investments, **Allianz Global Investors**

14:05
The state of play in infrastructure: balancing demand against structural and policy headwinds

- Navigating policy uncertainty amid unprecedented U.S. infrastructure investment needs
- Evolving dynamics in infrastructure fundraising amid heightened competition and shifting investor priorities
- Rising demand, capital realignment, and the disruptive impact of the AI boom

Private Equity International

Women in Private Equity Forum

14:00
Opening remarks

14:05
The state of play in private equity in North America: Assessing momentum amid uncertainty

- How geopolitical and macro-uncertainty is reshaping the US PE landscape
- Do early signs of renewed M&A activity signal a genuine market turning point?
- How evolving fundraising dynamics are redefining competition for capital

PERE

Women in Real Estate Forum

14:00
Opening remarks

Gila Cohen, Partner and Chief Investment Officer, **Vanbarton Group**

14:05
The state of play in real estate: Capitalising on a market moving back into gear

- The ongoing valuation reset and what it means for deployment, distress, and price discovery
- How managers are reshaping portfolio strategies to stay competitive amid high rates and geopolitical volatility

Private Debt Investor

Women in Private Debt Forum

14:00
Opening remarks

Kristina Matthews, Partner, **Falcon Investments**

14:05
The state of play in private debt: navigating momentum, competition, and structural shifts

- The rise of asset-backed finance as a core growth engine for private credit
- Capital rotation toward specialty strategies as investors seek diversification
- How managers are responding to tighter liquidity, higher scrutiny,

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Moderator: **Katy Lukaszewski**, Partner, **Simpson Thacher & Bartlett**
Kemi-Christina Abdul, Managing Director, **BlueHaven**
Irina Zilbergleyt, Managing Director - OpenInfra, **I Squared Capital**
Léonie Maruani, Senior Director - Partner, **Vauban Infrastructure Partners**
Sue Yang-Krochmal, Partner, Private Investments, **Lattis**
Carolyn Arida, Partner - Infrastructure, **Harrison Street Asset Management**

Moderator: **Lynette Elam**, Partner, Boston, **Goodwin**
Jennifer Fox Bensimon, Managing Director, **Partners Capital**
Jennifer Pereira, Managing Director, Group Head of Private Equity, **Fengate Asset Management**
Chelsea Popkin, Investment Director, **Schroders Capital**

- How capital is rotating toward sectors with structural tailwinds

Moderator: **Randy Plavajka**, Deputy Editor, **PERE Credit**
Laurence Bastien, Managing Director, Real Estate Investments, Americas, **PSP Investments**
Julia Butler, Managing Director, **KKR Real Estate**
Laurel Durkay, Chief Investment Officer US Core Real Estate, **Morgan Stanley**
Jennifer Mink, President, **Investment Performance Services**

and increasing complexity in borrower profiles

Moderator: **Kaley Kris**, Portfolio Manager & Head of Private Credit, **JFG Family Office**
Kristina Matthews, Partner, **Falcon Investments**
Priya Desai, Managing Director, Private Credit, **MetLife**
Richa Tandon, Managing Director – Co-Head of US Direct Lending Origination, **Benefit Street Partners**
Lori Pomerantz, Managing Director, Global Head of Business Development – Private Credit, **Partners Group**

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Digital Infrastructure: navigating competition and capturing new value

- The evolving economics digital infrastructure and finding opportunities in aligned areas
- The shifting dynamics of digital assets and the search for opportunities in adjacent and next-generation segments
- How utility involvement is reshaping access, competition, and partnership models

Moderator: **Gabriela Astolphi**, Partner, **Simpson Thacher & Bartlett**
Katie Langton, Managing Director, **Newmarket Capital**
Madelyn Brennan, Principal, **DigitalBridge**
Sameera Gadiyaram, Associate Director, **Igneo Infrastructure Partners**

14:40

Private Equity's Evolving Playbook: from fund models to deal size

- How emerging structures including deal-by-deal, continuation vehicles, and evergreen models are reshaping fund dynamics
- What differentiates mid-market and large-cap strategies today?
- How LPs evaluate both structure and scale: balancing innovation with proven platforms amid tighter capital, slower exits, and evolving return targets

Moderator: **Simone Bonnet**, Managing Director, Co-Head of M&A Insurance (North America), **Gallagher**
Karolina Iaydjieva, Portfolio Manager, Custom Impact Portfolios, **Rally Assets**

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Real Estate Reset: identifying secular growth trends driving U.S. deal flow

- Where are the most compelling risk-adjusted entry points in the U.S. as pricing stabilises and distress begins to clear?
- Which alternative and emerging sectors are attracting capital?
- How are GPs structuring deals to win: recapitalisations, JV structures, preferred equity, and creative capital stacks?

Moderator: **Shihao Feng**, Senior Reporter, **PERE**
Molly Mahoney, Managing Director, **Slate Asset Management**
Jennifer Halvas, Managing Director of Investor Relations, **Cityview**

14:40

Inside the Asset-Backed Lending Boom

- Has the market reached scale or is more expansion ahead?
- How today's ABL platforms stack up against direct lending
- Structural advantages and pitfalls versus other credit products

Moderator: **Anne Gales**, Co-Founder & Partner, **Threadmark**
Nicole Byrns, Founder/Partner, **Dumar Capital Partners**
Shamafa Khan, Managing Director, **Bain Capital**
Sweta Chanda, Managing Director, Head of Business Strategy, **Monroe Capital**

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Anna Dayn, Managing Partner,
New End
Alexandra Leubecher, Principal,
PACT Capital Partners
Elisabeth McKenna, Vice
President, Investor, Private Equity,
BMO Global Asset Management

Jennifer Jones, Partner,
StepStone Group

15:15
Energy Evolution: Investing through transition, volatility, and policy shifts

- The political forces accelerating and derailing US renewable deployment
- How capital is rebalancing across hydrocarbons, clean-tech, storage, and next-gen power infrastructure
- The market shifts investors are watching as incentives evolve and new technologies scale

Moderator: Irene Mavroyannis,
Managing Director & Global Co-Head

15:15
Managing AI opportunity and risk as a PE investor

- Where is AI creating investable opportunities today?
- How to assess portfolio companies exposed to AI disruption and timing exits
- What GPs must build internally: AI-enabled sourcing, underwriting, diligence and value-creation capabilities

Moderator: Michal Netanyahu,
Partner, **Clifford Chance**

15:15
The rise of operational real estate: Investing in sectors with structural demand and defensible income

- Why operationally intensive sectors—self-storage, hospitality, and senior housing—are capturing investor attention
- How managers are repositioning strategies to scale in these segments and compete with early movers
- What's driving capital flows toward operational models: demographic shifts, pricing

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Financing the AI Build-Out: Debt Opportunities in Digital Infrastructure

- How the AI arms race is reshaping demand for capital across digital investments
- Lenders' perspectives on underwriting AI-linked infrastructure: risk, pricing, and structure
- The rise of mega-deals and implications for competition and access

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of Business Development, Infrastructure, **Partners Group**
Tara Desai, Managing Director, Industry Coverage, **Crux Climate**
Nidhi Chadda, Founder, **Enzo Advisors** / Chief Impact Officer, **Richmond Global Sciences**
Hillary Ripley, Head of Business Development, North America, **Schroders Greencoat**
Barbara Weber, Founding Partner, **B Capital Partners**

Elodie Dupuy, Founder and Managing Partner, **Full In**
Dana Baines, Vice President, Private Institutional Client Group,
Raymond James
Ridhi Chaudhary, Chief Investment Office, **Dragon Funds**

power, and differentiated yield

Moderator: **McKenna Leavens**, Reporter, **PERE Deals**
Patti Unti, Portfolio Manager, **MONTICELLOAM**
Stephany Chen, Senior Vice President, **Trinity Investments**
Uma Moriarty, Senior Investment Strategist, **CenterSquare Investment Management**

Moderator: **Mariana Estévez**, Partner, **Clifford Chance**
Lexi Fallon, Member, Credit Market Strategic Situations Group, **JP Morgan**
Erin Andrew, Senior Managing Director, **Turning Rock Partners**
Jenny Lee, Co-Head of Private Credit, **Brigade Capital Management**
Courtney Birnbaum, Director of Sustainability, **Corbin Capital Partners**

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Coffee break

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How Investors are Evaluating Infrastructure Allocations

- Have rising valuations and lower yields diluted infrastructure's "safe haven" status?
- In which sectors are investors still finding genuine value?

16:10

Rethinking Returns: How Allocators are viewing private equity

- How LPs are measuring performance in an era of delayed exits and reduced DPI

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How Allocators are Viewing Real Estate in the current economy

- Performance without exits: income, NAV credibility, and downside protection

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How investors are weighing risk & return in debt markets

- How allocators are assessing risk and discipline in a crowded market

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- How LPs are balancing long-term resilience with short-term performance pressures

Moderator: **Zak Bentley**, Americas Editor, **Infrastructure Investor**
Joanna Wang, Investment Portfolio Management, **CPPIB**
Ying Lin, Principal, **StepStone Group**
Jessica Bailey, Global Head of Infrastructure, **Nuveen**

16:40
The New Shape of Infrastructure Debt in the U.S.

- Appetite for re-ups: are GPs being held to higher scrutiny on realized performance and distributions?
- Are allocators rethinking pacing, secondaries, or fund sizes to manage liquidity pressures?

Moderator: **Hannah Zhang**, Americas Correspondent, **PEI Group**
Ya Tung, Chief Investment Officer, **The Jefferies Family Office**
Rainy Guo, Head of Investment Research, **Aeterna Capital**
Sarah Bennani, Executive Director, **J.P. Morgan Global Alternative Investment Solutions**
Smita Dak-Shah, Principal, **Sagard**

16:40
Solving the Liquidity Crunch: exits, continuations and secondaries

- Re-ups under pressure: cash yield, leverage discipline, proof of execution
- Portfolio fixes: pacing, secondaries, structure shifts to manage liquidity

Moderator: **Mary D'Souza**, CIO, **Misha Investments**
Inna Khidekel, Partner, Senior Managing Director & Co-Head, Client Solutions Group, **Bridge Investment Group**
Jennifer Stillman, Investment Director, **Aberdeen Asset Management**
Danielle Even, Executive Director, Real Estate Investments, **GCM Grosvenor**

16:40
Investing in offices: opportunities in an improving market

- The trade-off between yield and covenant protection amid growing borrower pressure
- Which strategies (direct lending, opportunistic, structured credit) remain most attractive?

Moderator: **Robin Blumenthal**, Americas Editor, **Private Debt Investor**
Helena Wang, Managing Director, **CPPIB**
Aimee Johnston, Portfolio Manager, Alternative Credits, **APG**
Jennie Rose, Head of American Private Credit, **AustralianSuper**

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The Future of Middle-Market Lending: can direct lending maintain its edge?

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- The evolution of the infrastructure debt markets in the U.S.
- How structured solutions are enabling developers and sponsors to finance complex projects
- How investors are weighing risk in a higher-rate environment

*Moderator: Shellka Arora-Cox, Partner, **Clifford Chance***
Jessica Thompson, Head of North America Infrastructure Debt, **Allianz Global Investors**
Katherine McElroy, Managing Director, Infrastructure Debt Investment, **Infranity**
Becca Edil, Head of Real Asset Debt, **Harrison Street Private Wealth**
Hannah Schofield, Managing Director, **DC Advisory**

- Are GPs relying too heavily on continuation vehicles to manufacture liquidity?
- Can the secondaries market realistically absorb the backlog of aging assets?
- How firms are planning hold periods, refinancing and exit readiness in a tighter credit environment

*Moderator: Nat Kubik, Partner, **Debevoise & Plimpton***
Caroline Bliss, Principal, **LGT Capital Partners**
Boriana Karastoyanova, Managing Director, **Neuberger Berman**
Conway Bate, Global Head of Capital Formation, **Hunter Point Capital**
Emily Ren, Principal, **HarbourVest Partners**

- How lenders are recalibrating their appetite for office exposure in the U.S.
- What borrowers are actually seeing on the ground: leasing realities, capital needs and whether repositioning strategies are working
- Where recovery is happening and which markets or asset profiles remain stuck

Gila Cohen, Partner and Chief Investment Officer, **Vanbarton Group**
Leslie Wohlman Himmel, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, **Himmel + Meringoff Properties**
Monica O'Neill, Chief Executive, **ENSO Advisors**
Anjum Sharma, Managing Partner and Founder, **Cheltenham Real Estate**

- What's happening to compression, competition and pricing in the midmarket?
- Banks vs. private credit: how is this relationship continuing to evolve?
- How scale platforms are defending margins and whether smaller lenders can still win deals

*Moderator: Clare Burrows, Managing Director, **Prosek Partners***
Alyssa Roland, Co-Founder and Managing Director, **Brinley Partners**
Melanie Brensinger, Founder & CEO, **A1A Investment Partners**
Jillian Mariutti, Managing Director, Capital Markets, **JLL**
Meaghan Haugh, Principal, **Blue Owl Capital**

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Infrastructure Secondaries: unlocking liquidity and reshaping portfolios

- Why infrastructure LP-led and GP-led secondaries are accelerating
- How pricing, risk assessment and manager selection differ from private equity
- What the next wave looks like: recapitalisations, continuation funds and the rise of specialist infra-secondary buyers

Moderator: **Leslie Wolff Golden**, Senior Managing Director, Global Head of Capital Formation and Investor Relations, **DigitalBridge**
Ashley Marlow, Regional Lead North America, Business Development & Client Solutions, **Stafford Capital Partners**
Andrea Martinez Logan, Director, **FirstPoint Equity**
Grace Lloyd, Director, **Ardian**

17:10

Emerging Managers: navigating a shifting fundraising landscape

- How market conditions, liquidity constraints and LP consolidation are reshaping opportunities
- What today's fundraising journey looks like for first- and second-time funds
- How do emerging managers stand out and where they struggle in a crowded market

Moderator: **Tracie Ingrasin**, Partner; Chair, Asset Management Practice, **O'Melveny & Myers**
Cari Lodge, Founder and Managing Partner, **Aqualis Partners**
Elizabeth Weymouth, Founder and Managing Partner, **Grafine Partners**

17:10

Real estate in the age of AI: positioning portfolios for digital demand

- How AI is reshaping demand for land, power, and digital infrastructure
- What capabilities real estate managers need to build to compete
- Where investors see the strongest opportunities: data centres, edge sites, fibre-rich locations, and power-adjacent assets

Moderator: **Rose Hasham**, Head of Investments, **Axe Commercial Real Estate**
Ji Zhang, Portfolio Manager, Global Real Estate, **Cohen & Steers**
Zane Burnett, EVP, Digital Strategy, **The Agency**
Leah Dillon, COO and Head of Partner Engagement, **Alliance Global Advisors**

17:10

NAV Financing and GP Liquidity: the new core of private credit?

- How NAV loans, continuation vehicles and hybrid facilities are reshaping fund-level finance
- Examining demand drivers that are driving this trend
- Where returns, structures and risks sit relative to asset-backed and corporate lending

Moderator: **Ramya Tiller**, Partner, **Debevoise & Plimpton**
Lindsay Powers, Senior Investment Analyst, **NEPC**
Colleen Sozzi, Director, Investments, **17Capital**
Kristine Jurczyk, Co-Founder, Managing Director, **Vista Equity Partners**
Sara Casey, Director, **AB Private Credit Investors**

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Madeline Rodriguez, Head of
Capital Formation, **MPowered
Capital**
Lisbeth Lin, Vice President
Private Equity, **Sagard Private
Equity Solutions**

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Cocktail Reception

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Day Two: June 3, 2026

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Morning Think Tanks – Invitation Only

Start your day with a focused, closed-door discussion among women leaders. These morning think tanks provide a confidential forum to speak openly about the issues shaping your office and asset class. Benchmark ideas, share best practices, and collaborate on solutions to common challenges before the day's main sessions begin.

09:15

Private Markets Morning Masterclasses

After the morning think tanks, dive into focused masterclasses designed for candid discussion and practical learning. Join a small group of peers to exchange ideas, tackle challenges, and sharpen your approach - whether it's on leadership, negotiation, or navigating the next wave of private markets.

- The Unpriced Risk: Why Leadership Execution Is the Variable Your Model Forgot (Forum A)
Colleen Ferrary, Founder and CEO, **Peak Fractional Leadership and Advisory Group**
- The Hidden Lever: How Better Boards Drive Better Exits (Forum B)
Johnathan Medina, Global Head of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, **Macquarie Asset Management**
Julie Zuraw, President & CEO, **Invest Ahead**

10:15

AI in Action Pitches

A fast-paced, interactive session where GPs present real, deployable AI use cases from their portfolios to a panel of LPs and the room. See how allocators judge which AI applications genuinely create value, which are still hype, and where they spot execution risk. Audience reactions and challenges are part of the discussion.

Forum A - Private Equity & Debt

Monique Malcolm-Hay, Partner, **Rethink Education**

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Stephanie Song, Head of Client Success, **F2**
Rebecca Darcy, Managing Director, Strategic Programs & Solutions, **InvestorFlow**

Forum B – Real Assets

Sara Hollander, Director/ Business Development and Strategy, **MONTICELLOAM**
Dr. Saurabh Mishra, CEO, **Taiyo.AI**

11:00

Coffee & networking

11:30

Keynote Interview: From Investor to Leader - Building a Private Markets Career that Lasts

As former Head of Investments at Allianz, Deborah Zurkow held one of the most senior roles in alternatives. In this fireside chat, she reflects on the decisions that shaped her career: stepping up before she felt fully ready, backing herself at key moments, and knowing when it was time to move on. A conversation about judgement, timing and what it really takes to build a career that endures.

Deborah Zurkow, Previously Global Head of Investments, **Allianz Global Investors**
in conversation with
Rehana Farrell, CEO, **100 Women in Finance**

11:50

Democratization in Practice: What Investors Want and What's Holding Them Back

- What investors are actually looking for in private market exposure
- Product design and distribution: are current models fit for purpose?
- Building trust through transparency, education, and realistic expectations
- How RIAs and platforms can drive adoption and confidence in the next phase of democratization

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Moderator: Anita Foster Washington, Investment Associate, **Avivar Capital**
Sinead Colton Grant, Chief Investment Officer, **BNY Wealth**
Kirsten Olsen, Managing Director, Head of Private Capital, Private Wealth Management, **William Blair**
Jody Cullinan, Vice President, APL Product Development, **InvestCloud**
Julia Jaskolska, Senior Vice President, **HarbourVest Partners**

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Private Debt: when the cycle starts to matter again

- Market dynamics: how high rates and tighter bank lending are fuelling private debt's growth
- Risks beneath the surface: competition, leverage, and the potential for market correction
- Where investors are finding the best risk-adjusted returns
- Can private debt remain the market's most resilient performer?

Moderator: Michelle Noyes, Managing Director, Head of Americas, **Alternative Investment Management Association (AIMA)**
Tina Suo, Head of Alternative Credit, **Office of the New York City Comptroller**
Emily Bannister, Head of Private Credit, **Wellington Management**
Suzanne Gibbons, Partner and Head of Research, **Davidson Kempner**
Akila Grewal, Partner, **Apollo Global Management**

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Seated Networking Lunches – Connect by Asset Class

join fellow investors, fund managers & advisors for a seated lunch designed to spark meaningful connections within your asset class. Tables will be arranged to bring together peers from across the market in a relaxed, conversational setting.

- Infrastructure
- Private Equity
- Real Estate

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- Private Debt

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IR Intelligence Report: What the Data Reveals About Fundraising, Performance, and Investor Behaviour

Wassyl Abdessemed, Senior Research Manager, PEI

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Measuring Outperformance and Selecting Fund Managers

- How to measure Alpha in private market funds
- Ranking funds and GPs by alpha performance and persistence
- Better manager selection and transparent investor relations

Christopher Kelly, Sales Director, **Scientific infra & Private Assets (SIPA)**, Part of PEI

14:45

Oxford Style Debate: This house believes that opening 401k plans to private equity will expose US retirement savers to unacceptable levels of risk (Off-the-record)

This is an Oxford-style debate in which we'll have two speakers for the proposition and two speakers against, with audience voting on their views at the start and at the end of the session. This session will be an off-the-record discussion.

Chair: **Dami Osunsanya**, General Partner, **Athena Capital**

For the motion: **Lenore Palladino**, Associate Professor of Economics & Public Policy, **University of Massachusetts Amherst**

For the motion: **Rosemary Batt**, Alice Hanson Cook Professor of Women and Work Emerita, **ILR School, Cornell University**

Against the motion: **Sweta Chanda**, Managing Director, Head of Business Strategy, **Monroe Capital**

Against the motion: **Ashli Aslin**, Partner, Senior Analyst, Infrastructure, **Albourne Partners**

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Closing Remarks: From Insight to Action

- Bringing together the most powerful ideas and stories from the summit
- Lessons in resilience, collaboration, and purpose-driven leadership
- How to sustain the momentum beyond the event
- Encouraging audience voices — shared takeaways, personal goals, and collective next steps

Deborah Zurkow, Previously Global Head of Investments, **Allianz Global Investors**

Rehana Farrell, CEO, **100 Women in Finance**

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Close of conference

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