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9.10 Introduction from the Chair

9.15 Opening keynote panel: [The state of North American infrastructure in 2025 and beyond](#)

- Examining North America's sustained momentum in infrastructure investment and implications for the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- Strategic approaches to navigating evolving geopolitical risks in the region
- Capital flow trends and investor sentiment shaping today's North American infrastructure landscape

Moderator: *Reserved for King & Spalding*

Speakers:

- **Ashli Aslin**, Partner, Senior Analyst, Infrastructure, **Albourne Partners**
- **Luke Taylor**, Co-President, **Stonepeak**
- **Kevin Genieser**, Managing Partner, **Antin Infrastructure Partners**
- **Leonie Maruani**, Senior Director, **Vauban Infrastructure Partners**

9.55 Panel: [From solar to storage: Diversifying portfolios globally in the energy transition](#)

- Comparative analysis of global diversification strategies to capture growth while managing regional policy and market risks
- Assessing nuclear power's emerging role within the U.S. energy mix
- How investors are adapting portfolios toward resilient returns amidst high interest rates and economic uncertainty

Moderator: **Jensen Hodge**, Director, **GRESB**

Speakers:

- **Ana Maria Movila**, Senior Manager, Private Markets, **Bimcor**
- **Violeta Tostanoski**, Vice President, Head of Corporate Development, **Mitsubishi Power Americas**

10.35 Keynote Presentation

11.00 Morning networking & coffee break

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11.30 Panel: [Building resilient North American infrastructure](#)

- Unlocking value through targeted risk mitigation and resilience-building strategies in infrastructure assets
- Comparing resilience standards and best practises across infrastructure sub-sectors
- Showcasing successful examples of resilient infrastructure in action

Moderator:

Speakers:

- **Josh Oboler**, Investment Partner, **Palistar Capital**
- **Carolyn Hansard**, Managing Director, Portfolio Head Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure, **Teacher Retirement System of Texas**

12.15 Panel: [Infrastructure debt's evolving role in long-term strategy](#)

- Analysing the North American infrastructure debt market in comparison to global markets: Does the US maintain its lead?
- Identifying opportunities in debt investing, with a spotlight on high-growth sectors like data centers
- How investors view risks, opportunities, and trends impacting the current debt market

Moderator: **Guy Hopgood**, Director, **bfinance**

Speakers:

Luke Fernandes, Head of US Infrastructure, **Swiss Re**

Don Dimitrievich, Portfolio Manager, Energy Infrastructure Credit, **Nuveen**

Florestan Ferroux, Senior Director, Infrastructure Financing, **La Caisse**

13.00 Lunch

		Track A	Track B
14.00		Panel: Shifting investor appetite in the energy transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracing the evolution from renewable infrastructure as a stable income source to a growth-driven asset class • Discuss the importance of clear and stable policy frameworks in 	Panel: Alternative investment frameworks: Pathways to smarter growth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leveraging long-term strategies to differentiate managers in the infrastructure secondaries space • Identifying key developments required to mature and expand the secondaries market

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		<p>attracting and sustaining investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlocking opportunities in emerging and less conventional renewable markets <p>Moderator: Justin McGown, Reporter, Americas, Infrastructure Investor</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Newman, Treasury Manager, City of Stamford • Eugene Holubnyak, Co-Founder, Avalon International Corporation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring why investors are increasingly turning to infrastructure secondaries in response to challenging market conditions <p>Moderator: Jeffrey Schatz, Partner, Fried Frank</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashley Marlow, Regional Lead North America, Business Development and Client Solutions, Stafford Capital Partners • Javier De Esteban, Principal, Pantheon
14.45		<p>Panel: An investor outlook on transforming utility assets for growth, capital recycling and resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies for modernising and digitising utility infrastructure • Practical guidance on navigating the regulatory and market landscape • A deep dive into evolving investor expectations around risk, sustainability, and returns on utility assets <p>Moderator: Andrea Logan, Director, FirstPoint Equity</p> <p>Speakers:</p>	<p>Panel: The mid-market edge: How emerging players are shaping infrastructure investment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding why mid-market infrastructure is rising as a strategic focus for investors • An insight into deal origination and value creation at smaller scales • The impact of emerging managers in defining the future of infrastructure investing <p>Moderator: Eugene Zhuchenko, Director and Founder, ETORE Advisory</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sebastian Nicholson, Principal, Infrastructure Investments, Nicola Wealth 	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ying Lin, Principal, Stepstone Group • Recep Kendircioglu, Portfolio Manager, Head of Global Infrastructure Investments, Manulife Investment Management
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15.30 Afternoon networking & coffee break

16.00 Panel: [Silicon dreams to Wall Street schemes: Navigating the investment strategies sustaining AI's rapid growth](#)

- Separating hype from fundamentals in AI investment vehicles and market dynamics
- Strategies for managing volatility and technological uncertainty in AI investments including investment strategies in thermal efficiency in data centers
- Investor forecasts and what lies ahead for AI innovation and capital deployment

Moderator: **Taylor Hart**, Partner, **Ropes & Gray LLP**

Speaker:

- **Colby Synesael**, Managing Director, **TD Securities**
- **Jonathan Zelmanovitch**, Partner, **PMP Strategy**
- **Quynh Tran**, Deputy Head, Structured Finance Americas, **Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation**
- **Santhosh Rao**, Managing Director, **MUFG**

16.40 Panel: [Back-to-back LP case studies](#)

In this session two LPs will present consecutive case studies offering real-world insights into their investment strategies, decision-making processes, and outcomes.

Speakers:

- **Cody Steele**, Portfolio Manager, **Public School Employees Retirement System of Pennsylvania**
- **John Ritter**, Managing Director, Head of Real Assets, **Texas Municipal Retirement System**

17.00 Keynote Presentation: [Insights from Swiss Re's Chief Economist](#)

A joint keynote with PERE America Forum attendees featuring the Chief Economist for the Americas at Swiss Re Institute, discussing the current macroeconomic landscape.

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Speaker: **Thomas Holzheu**, Chief Economist Americas, **Swiss Re Institute**

17.35 Chair's closing remarks

17.40 End of day 1 and networking drinks reception

Join us for our end of day networking drinks reception with complimentary canapes and beverages

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Day 2 – 5th November

8.00 Registration opens & invite-only LP breakfast

9.00 Chair's welcome back

9.10 Panel: [Infrastructure in a shifting policy landscape – Managing regulatory and political risk](#)

- Strategies for navigating shifting investment and fundraising landscapes across Canada, Latin America, and Europe other regions
- Practical methods for identifying, evaluating, and mitigating regulatory and political risks across diverse jurisdictions
- Exploring how infrastructure investors and public-sector partners can collaborate to develop aligned, long-term strategies in uncertain environments

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

Speakers:

Paulo Arencibia, Vice President and Senior Investment Director, **Axium Infrastructure**

Daniel Silverberg, Managing Director, **Capstone LLC**

Jeremy Ebie, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, **The Phoenix Infrastructure Group**

Panel position reserved for LSEG

9.45 Presentation: [Market Update from Infrastructure Investor](#)

Speaker: **Daniel Rodriguez**, Head of Private Markets Research, **PEI Group**

10.25 Interactive Session: [Deal or No Deal? The digital infrastructure edition](#)

In this interactive session the “investment committee” will assess digital infrastructure opportunities in today’s rapidly evolving landscape. A fund manager and an institutional investor will evaluate a hypothetical investment in a digital asset—such as a data center, fiber network, or edge facility. The audience will then be given the opportunity to quiz the presenters on their decisions and decide whether they would themselves invest.

Speakers:

- **Kangdi Peng**, Associate Director - Infrastructure, **AustralianSuper**

11.00 Morning networking & coffee break

11.30 Panel: [Finding opportunities and value in today’s infrastructure market](#)

- Exploring strategies to enhance returns through asset optimization and operational efficiency
- How to drive performance with digital upgrades and innovation

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- Real examples of value creation through active ownership and governance

Moderator: **Mary D'Souza**, Chief Investments Officer, **Misha Investments**

Speakers:

Maria Surina, Investment Managing Director, **Cambridge Associates**

12.15 Panel: [Clean power, smart networks: The distributed generation opportunity](#)

- Leveraging technology and analytics to optimize distributed energy systems
- Strategic investment in storage, grid infrastructure, and beyond
- Navigating the multilevel regulatory landscape shaping deployment

Moderator: **Mark Weisdorf**, Chair of the Investment Committee, **IST3 Investment Foundation**

Speakers:

- **Trenton Allen**, Chief Executive Officer, **Sustainable Capital Advisors**

13.00 Lunch & Women's Circle Networking lunch

14.00 Panel: [Rebuilding the backbone: Investing in U.S. transportation infrastructure](#)

- Exploring effective financing models for today's evolving infrastructure landscape
- Identifying the "non-negotiables" to keep transport infrastructure resilient
- Investor perspectives on transportation in North America

Moderator: **Catarina Moura**, Senior Reporter, **Infrastructure Deals**

Speakers:

- **Kelsey Clair**, Managing Director, **NY Green Bank**
- **Rick Geddes**, Professor, **Cornell University**
- **Ankita Narula**, Consultant, **Akshaya Patra Foundation**

14.40 Fireside Chat: [Investor Keynote](#)

Steven Meier, Deputy Comptroller-Asset Management & Chief Investment Officer, **New York City Retirement Systems**

15.20 Chair's closing remarks

15.30 End of conference