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## Day one

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

8.00 *Networking breakfast and registration*

9.00 *Chair's opening remarks*

9.05 **Plenary #1: State of the market - Thematic investing in an increasingly complex world**

- To what extent are corporate partnerships a source of opportunity for private market funds?
- What solutions are private capital particularly well poised to capture?
- What's still investable in climate in the US?
- How are investors handling changing regulation, tariffs, climate and AI risks?

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**9.50 Plenary #2: Allocator outlook - LP priorities in a new era**

- How are asset owners adapting to uncertainty?
- Are investors building portfolios for the right future?
- When looking at the investment landscape as an LP, what is the good, the bad and the ugly?
- How do the investment agendas of mission-aligned and mainstream investors differ at present?

**10.30 Break**

**11.00 Keynote #1**

**11.20 Plenary #3: Future of US energy - Investing in energy security and resilience**

- What is the next phase of energy system transformation?
- How are geopolitics and escalating energy security considerations by advanced economies impacting the investment opportunity set?
- Which aspects of the energy are underfunded?
- How is AI going to impact overall energy demand?

**12.00 Keynote #2**

**12.20 Plenary #4: Decentralisation, post-globalisation and supply chains - the new megatrend?**

- Are global supply chains set to fragment?
- How are investors finding opportunity in the 'post-globalisation' era?
- What are the key opportunities and risks of greater onshoring of production?
- How are geopolitics and tariffs likely evolve in the coming 5 years?

**1.00 Lunch**

*After lunch the conference splits into three streams, the streamed sessions are designed for you to hear from best-in-theme managers and get detailed insights on the innovations, trends and investment opportunities on the horizon.*

	Stream A	Stream B	Stream C
2.00-2.45	<b>AI safety and assurance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As the world becomes ever more digitised, what is the investment opportunity set which is emerging in security and safety?</li> <li>Some leading impact investors have shifted their focus toward safeguards for tech, why have they done so?</li> <li>What are the risks of inaction on safety considerations in the tech sector?</li> <li>What is the opportunity set within this theme, in things such as AI safety, ethical cloud, deepfake detection, cybersecurity, privacy etc?</li> </ul>	<b>Investing in inequality solutions: overview of the best and brightest opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can investing address the root cause of social issues?</li> <li>What are the most transformative models or case studies of effective social impact around the world?</li> <li>Is there a lack of replicability between countries and regions?</li> <li>To what extent are social investment opportunities emerging as a result of welfare institutions retreating?</li> </ul>	<b>How to invest in climate adaptation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As climate change becomes more palpable, is it time for a heavy pivot to adaptation (away from mitigation)?</li> <li>Is climate adaptation largely an infrastructure investment play?</li> <li>What are some of the best examples of climate adaptation solutions around the world?</li> <li>What are climate resilience investors going after in terms of asset selection?</li> <li>Water scarcity: what opportunities are emerging in water tech, access, purification, and infrastructure?</li> </ul>
2.45-2.50	<i>Changeover break</i>		
2.50-3.35	<b>Hiring humans here: What will be the value of labour in the AI age?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the future of human labour?</li> <li>How much have labour markets been altered by AI?</li> </ul>	<b>Aging society and the longevity economy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the investment opportunities in an aging society?</li> <li>What is the range of asset types in the ‘aging economy’?</li> </ul>	<b>On the up: The next phase of circularity investing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How is circularity, as a trend, evolving?</li> <li>What technologies and innovations are driving progress in materials recycling and reuse?</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How are funds active in the workforce development and education market faring?</li> <li>Where is the alpha and return opportunity for investors active in the education and future-of-work space?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there any concrete visions in terms of how societies can provide a better life for older people?</li> <li>Beyond aging society: what are the opportunities in biotech, wellness, and 'health span' investing?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the regulatory trends in sustainable consumption and waste?</li> <li>Is corporate interest and investment in circularity likely to grow?</li> </ul>
3.35-4.00	Networking break		
4.00-4.45	<b>Future energy: Microgrids, batteries, efficiency and beyond</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the PE opportunities in the future energy thematic?</li> <li>What are the opportunities in grid modernisation?</li> <li>How are critical mineral dependencies shaping investment risk and return?</li> <li>To what extent are distributed and decentralised energy solutions in the US going to take off?</li> </ul>	<b>Growing and democratising ownership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent is ownership a scalable means to addressing inequality?</li> <li>Is employee ownership growing?</li> <li>What are the case studies from some of the pioneer investors that have ownership within their theory of change?</li> <li>Can investments focused on ownership attract more allocation?</li> </ul>	<b>Nature strategies: what's investable?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the fundamentals driving viability of natural capital as investments?</li> <li>Is it possible invest meaningfully in nature via growth strategies?</li> <li>How are managers active in the market deploying their capital?</li> <li>Is the term 'natural capital' being abused?</li> <li>How credible are nature-based and tech-based offset solutions?</li> </ul>
4.45-4.50	Changeover break		
4.50- 5.35	<b>Debt deep dive: The best of mission-aligned debt strategies</b>		<b>Future food systems</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the diversity of debt strategies in the market?</li> <li>• How are mission aligned debt strategies distinct from mainstream strategies?</li> <li>• What do debt strategies offer to investors currently, relative to equity?</li> </ul>	<b>Affordability as an investment theme: cost of living, housing and health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are investors tackling affordability of living issues?</li> <li>• Which technologies and models are providing the most real-world impact?</li> <li>• To what extent are issues in affordability of health and housing likely to evolve?</li> <li>• How can solutions to affordability issues be financed and scaled?</li> <li>• Where is scalable impact emerging in behavioural health, therapy access, and diagnostics?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are food supply chains likely to be impacted by climate change?</li> <li>• What's new in food system investing?</li> <li>• What are leading corporates doing about food supply chain resilience, and what opportunities does it present to PE funds?</li> <li>• What should genuinely excite in regenerative agriculture and soil health?</li> </ul>
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5.35 Evening networking reception

Day two  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025

7.00 Networking breakfast and registration

Day two morning workshops

8.30-9.45	<b>Workshop #1: Being an investor in the ‘post-globalised’ world</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which types of investors and skill sets are most likely to thrive in the new world order?</li> <li>How are investors finding opportunity in de-globalisation?</li> <li>What types of sectors and business models are best prospects in the medium-term?</li> </ul>	<b>Workshop #2: How to build a good impact strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How are leading mission-aligned funds demonstrating and executing their impact?</li> <li>What are the pillars to a credible impact strategy?</li> <li>What is part of a well-thought-out theory of change?</li> <li>Should your fund have third-party verification mechanisms to impact claims?</li> <li>How are the concepts of intentionality and additionality, double materiality being applied practically?</li> </ul>	<b>Workshop #3: LP workshop: allocating in the coming decade</b>  <i>LP-only session</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How is the skill set of being an effective allocator changing?</li> <li>What filters are investors using to screen bad investments?</li> <li>Which sectors, themes and strategies are most appealing at present, and why?</li> <li>How are different investors doing due diligence?</li> </ul>
9.45-10.00	Short break		
10:00-11.15	<b>Workshop #4: Adapting to AI and rapid tech disruption</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How quickly is the economy changing due to AI?</li> </ul>	<b>Workshop #5: Aligning with corporate strategic priorities, fundraising and exits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which issues are corporates most focusing on now?</li> </ul>	<b>Workshop #6: Managing physical risk - how to prepare for a 3-degree world</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can investors move from reactive to proactive physical risk strategy?</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What can funds do to get ahead of the disruption curve?</li> <li>• How are investors looking to keep pace with tech-enabled change?</li> <li>• How can impact funds get exposure to AI?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can private market investors best partner with corporates in different sectors?</li> <li>• To what extent are corporates a good source of exits?</li> <li>• What are the best practices in fundraising from corporates?</li> <li>• What are the special considerations when engaging with the corporate as a partner?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should investors be preparing for a two- or three-degree scenario?</li> <li>• How is the science of scenario analysis evolving – is it accurate and actionable for investors?</li> <li>• How ready are investors for the physical effects of climate change?</li> <li>• Is it possible to accurately assess exposure to existing portfolios?</li> </ul>
11:15-11:30	Short break		
11:30-12:30	<p><b>Workshop #7: Fit for the times: fund labelling, structures and positioning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do traditional fund time horizons work for thematic investing?</li> <li>• When are alternative fund structures more appropriate (e.g. evergreen models)?</li> <li>• What are the language options that make most sense in terms of fund branding ('Mission aligned', 'Transition', 'Impact', 'Inclusive Growth', etc)?</li> <li>• What are the regulatory developments that have implications for fund marketing and naming?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop #8: How to address private markets' liquidity problem</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How significant is the liquidity problem in private markets more widely?</li> <li>• What other structures are helping investors with their need for liquidity in the current market environment?</li> <li>• Are secondaries a good solution to the liquidity problem?</li> <li>• What's next in private market liquidity management?</li> <li>• When are secondaries, continuation funds, and creative liquidity solutions appropriate?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Elevator pitches: The best up-and-coming managers</b></p> <p>In this session you'll be hearing from some of the most innovative and exciting emerging managers in North America.</p> <p>We'll hear a set of 5-minute pitches from five of the most exciting managers we've found in the market, followed by an open Q+A with the speakers facilitated by the chair.</p> <p>We are committed to providing a platform for new managers that are doing exceptional work.</p>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What themes and specialisms are garnering most interest from LPs?</li></ul> |  |  |
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12.30 Lunch

1:30 **Day two keynote**

2:00 **Plenary 5: Seatbelts and airbags: Investing in a safe and just AI revolution**

- How can the vast productivity gains from AI be democratized?
- How can investors direct funding to help manage societal and economic disruption brought on by AI?
- What are the risks of inaction on safety considerations in AI?
- How can funds ensure ethical alignment of AI investments?

3:00 Closing remarks

3:05 End of conference