



Northeast Private Equity Conference

January 21-22, 2026 | Lotte New York Palace | New York, NY

CONFERENCE WORKING AGENDA 18 NOVEMBER 2025

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 9:00 a.m. **Conference Registration Opens**
- 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Open Meeting Networking**
Plan ahead! Use the Conference App to book meetings and connect at pre-assigned networking tables. Enjoy complimentary refreshments and a light lunch while you build valuable relationships.
- 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **WINC Activity – To Be Announced**
- 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. **General Session Programming, to be announced**
- 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. **Networking Refreshment Break**
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. **A Look Ahead: LP Perspectives on Allocations and Challenges in 2026**
- 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. **Finding Deals and Building Networks Cocktail Reception**
Kick off the year with meaningful connections! Join us for an evening of cocktails and conversation at the Northeast's premier networking event—where deals begin and relationships grow.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

- 7:30 a.m. **Conference Registration Opens**
- 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. **Networking Breakfast**
Enjoy a full buffet breakfast with colleagues.
- 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. **Policy Breakfast for Lawyers and Accountants**
Policy discussions designed for SBIA legal and accounting members who serve the industry. *(By invitation, please.)*
- 9:00 - 9:05 a.m. **Welcome and Sponsor Recognition**
Seth Friedman, Managing Director, Abacus Finance
Northeast Regional Council Chair
- 9:05 – 10:00 a.m. **Speed Panel: Timely Updates and Predictions by Each SBIA Industry Vertical - SBICs, PE Funds, Investment Banks, and Independent Sponsors**
- 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. **Networking Refreshment Break**
- 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. **CEO Confidential: Observations on Pre and Post Investment Decisions**
Steve Gord, Partner, Hidden River Strategic Capital, Moderator



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 (CONTINUED)

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Update from SBA's Investment Division Chief**

An introductory conversation with SBA's newly appointed leader of the Office of Investment and Innovation to learn about the Administration's SBIC priorities and initiatives.

**Josh Carter, Associate Administrator, Office of Investment & Innovation,
U.S. Small Business Administration, Invited**

Brett Palmer, President, Small Business Investor Alliance

12:30 - 1:00 p.m. **Networking Lunch: Grab & Go or Stay and Connect**

Grab a quick bite for the road or stick around to share lunch and insights with colleagues.

1:00 p.m. **Conference Adjourns**

We look forward to seeing you in Nashville for the Southern Private Equity Conference February 19-20, 2026