

Southern Private Equity Conference

February 19-20, 2026 | JW Marriott Nashville | Nashville, TN



AGENDA 18 FEBRUARY 2026

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 8:30 a.m.
Symphony
Pre-Function
- Conference Registration Opens**
Visit the conference registration desk to pick up your name badge. Your badge is required for admittance to all sessions and conference spaces.
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Symphony CD
- Open Meeting Networking**
Plan ahead and make the most of your time! Use the Conference App to schedule meetings and connect at designated networking tables. Enjoy complimentary refreshments and a light lunch while building meaningful relationships that matter.
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Powell Room
- WINC Nashville Custom Hat Bar**
Saddle up for a stylish twist on networking! Join fellow members of the Women Investors Networking Council (WINC) for a custom cowboy hat-making experience. You'll design your own bespoke hat while mixing and mingling with other attendees. *(Please watch for registration details.)*
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Symphony EF
- Insight Exchange and Lunch**
Enjoy a light lunch as you meet with colleagues at specially hosted tables for candid discussions about:
- **SBIC Licensing FAQs and Disclosures: Advice from Experts**
Led by: David Parkhurst General Counsel SBIA
 - **SBIC Portfolio Management and Operations** *Led by: Paul Salgado, Office of Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration*
 - **SBIC Examinations**
Led by: Michael Donadieu, Office of Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration
 - **Industry Mentors: Seasoned Fund Managers Share Best Practices**
Led by: Charles Cox, Partner & Head of Business Development LongueVue Capital
- 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
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Use the Conference App to schedule meetings and connect at designated networking tables.
- 3:00 – 3:05 p.m.
Symphony AB
- Welcome to Our General Session. Help us Thank Our Sponsors**
A warm welcome and special thanks to our sponsors from the regional council chair.
**Simon Haidamous, Managing Director, Genesis Park,
Southern Regional Council Chair**



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3:05 – 3:45 p.m.
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Speed Round: Performance Economics, Alignment and Terms When Working with Independent Sponsors

The candid skinny about how fund managers collaborate with Independent Sponsors—and make it work.

Kenneth Saffold, Managing Partner, o15 Capital Partners, Moderator
Mark Hollis, Senior Partner, Centerfield Capital Partners
Tyson Smith, CFA, Partner, Tecum Capital
Kevin Speight, Principal, Plexus Capital
Tim Welles, Managing Partner, Pine Street Capital Partners
Spalding White, Managing Partner, Route 2 Capital Partners

3:45 – 4:30 p.m.
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and Pre-Function

Networking Refreshment Break

Re-caffeinate, re-hydrate and refresh your connections between sessions.

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Symphony AB

Inside Edition: What LPs Want to Know About Your Fund

Our distinguished speakers will explore how today's market environment is reshaping LP decision-making. What is portfolio-level data revealing about DPI compression across SBIA vintages? Learn how different LPs are setting their priorities in terms of recalibrating liquidity, IRR and NAV durability trade-offs. How are LPs pressure-testing valuation methodologies? This is a must attend session.

Val Phillips, Executive Director, Wells Fargo Strategic Capital, Moderator
Tiffanie Grayson, Vice President Alternative Investments Portfolio Manager, Truist Bank
Drew Healy, SBIC Investments Director/Sponsor Finance, Pinnacle Financial Partners
Nate Kirk, Founder & Managing Partner, Everside
Zev Zaretsky CFA, Director of Investments, Sierra Capital

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Symphony
Pre-Function

Welcome to Music City Networking Reception

Southern hospitality and networking at its best. Enjoy great conversation, refreshing cocktails, and the perfect setting to connect and unwind with colleagues.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:30 a.m.
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7:45 – 9:00 a.m.
Symphony EF

Networking Breakfast

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast and enjoy connecting with your fellow colleagues.

7:45 – 9:00 a.m.
Holston Room

Legal and Accounting Policy Breakfast

A special networking and policy session for SBIA's legal and accounting community. *(By invitation, please.)*

David Parkhurst, General Counsel,
Small Business Investor Alliance

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- 8:00 – 11:15 a.m.
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More time to meet with colleagues and find that next deal.
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Symphony AB
Welcome Back and Association Update
A look at the day ahead and a review of the SBIA's goals for 2026.
Simon Haidamous, Managing Director, Genesis Park, Southern Regional Council Chair
Brett Palmer, President, Small Business Investor Alliance
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Symphony AB
Healthcare Investments: Valuable Dos and Don'ts for 2026
PWC advises, "Healthcare private equity deal activity, which showed an uneven rebound through 2025, is expected to become more consistent in 2026, as lower interest rates, abundant dry powder, and LP demand for liquidity begin to unlock the backlog of delayed transactions from the 2018-2022 cycle." Join our discussion about trends, anticipated compliance demands, emerging digital health regulations, and the critical role that AI will play as it drives efficiency and opportunity.
John Pontius, Managing Director, Capital Alignment Partners, Moderator
John Allgood, Managing Director, Brentwood Capital Advisors
David Bertani, Director, Sponsor Finance – Commercial Healthcare Banking, Hancock Whitney
Caroline Ducas, Partner, Resolute Capital Partners
- 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
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Networking Break
Re-caffeinate and reconnect during this intermission between sessions.
- 11:15 – 11:45 p.m.
Symphony AB
Exclusive Conversation with the SBA's Deputy Administrator
A unique opportunity to hear from the Agency.
The Honorable William Briggs, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration
Brett Palmer, President, Small Business Investor Alliance
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Symphony AB
SBA's Office of Investment and Innovation Chief: Welcome and Update
The OII's chief will provide an update on the department's objectives and initiatives for the year.
Josh Carter, Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration
Simon Haidamous, Managing Director, Genesis Park, Southern Regional Council Chair
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Symphony EF
Networking and Lunch
Before heading home, join colleagues for a light lunch and just a bit more networking.
- 1:30 p.m.
Conference Adjourns
We look forward to seeing you in Santa Monica for the [**West Coast Capital Summit | April 15-17, 2026**](#)