



Northeast Private Equity Conference

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

CONFERENCE WORKING AGENDA 8 DECEMBER 2025

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 9:00 a.m. **Conference Registration Opens**
Check in at the registration desk to receive your name badge. Your name badge is required for admittance to all sessions and conference spaces.
- 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**
(Advanced registration is required, please)
- 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. **Welcome to Our General Session**
A warm welcome and opening remarks from the regional council chair.
Seth Friedman, Managing Director, Abacus Finance
Northeast Regional Council Chair

General Session Programming, to be announced
- 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. **Networking Refreshment Break**
Take a moment to re-energize and reconnect with peers over light refreshments.
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. **A Look Ahead: LP Perspectives on the 2026 Investing Environment**
A timely conversation about investment activity and allocations from top SBIC investors. How are GPs differentiating themselves in such a competitive environment? What are LPs looking for in potential fund investments? How do you build and maintain effective GP-LP relationships? Don't miss this valuable discussion.
Michael Lasch, Managing Partner, Pine Street Capital, Moderator
- 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**
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- 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. **Networking Breakfast**
Enjoy a full buffet breakfast while connecting with industry colleagues.



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 (CONTINUED)

- 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.)*
Justin Pelletier, Head of Government Relations, Small Business Investor Alliance
- 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**
Recharge and reconnect during this break between sessions.
- 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. **CEO Confidential: Observations on Pre and Post Investment Decisions**
Steve Gord, Partner, Hidden River Strategic Capital, Moderator
- 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
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](#)