

KAYO WOMEN'S CREDIT 2019 FORUM

One day dedicated to growing your career and connecting with women who are trailblazing the industry alongside you.



monday, september 23

WELCOME COFFEE AND REMARKS

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

PRIVATE CREDIT - NO LONGER THE UNDERDOG ASSET CLASS

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Sylvia Owens, Aksia, will share her perspectives about the gradual adoption of private credit as an asset class and the hurdles/misconceptions that have to be overcome by those involved in private credit.

STRATEGICALLY MANAGING CREDIT ALONGSIDE PRIVATE EQUITY

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Over the past few years there's been a steady increase in the number of private equity firms expanding their product offering to include credit funds. A key consideration for a private equity firm deciding to enter the credit space is how to address and minimize potential conflicts of interest that arise when one sponsor has funds investing in both equity and debt. Hear how these firms navigate the issues and intricacies while minimizing the number of headaches and conflict.

Patricia Lynch, Ropes & Gray (moderator)

Marisa Beeney, GSO Capital Partners

Anne Campbell, The Carlyle Group

Kristine Jurczyk, Vista Credit

Karen Simeone, HarbourVest

Laura Holson, New Mountain Capital

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BREAKOUT – EVOLUTION OF FEMALE FOUNDERS IN CREDIT

11:30 AM - 12:10 PM

We have witnessed the explosive growth of the credit industry. It's been exciting to watch the myriad of new strategies and new firms spin out to compete for their slice of this expanding pie – particularly when some of the new firms have been started by women who have historically (and still today) only represent a small slice of leadership roles in the industry. Today we'll hear stories spanning from those who have helped pave the way to those who are more recently launching their own firms.

Carrienne Basler, AlixPartners (moderator)
Jeri Harman, Avante Mezzanine
Andrea Grosz, Lightspring Capital Partners
Melanie Brensinger, Anagenesis Capital
Carolyn Galiette, Ironwood Capital
Rui Falcon, Princeton Asset Management

BREAKOUT – FINANCING OPTIONS IN TODAY'S COMPLEX AND COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

11:30 AM - 12:10 PM

Get ready for an engaging discussion on an array of relevant topics. What comes next in direct lending? What are the pros/cons of sponsored vs non-sponsored deals? How do generalist versus niche strategies fit in a portfolio? What new product structures and strategies have been developed that can offer the most attractive risk? This panel will cover a wide range of issues, so gear up for a fast-paced discussion.

Alissa Grad, Golub (moderator)
Engin Okaya, Prudential Capital Group
Cheryl Carner, Crystal Financial
Martha Gurwit, Antares Capital
Mandy Epler Brown, Crescent Capital
Carey Davidson, Monroe Capital

BREAKOUT – WHERE TO FIND OPPORTUNITIES AS THE CYCLE TURNS

12:15 PM - 1:00 PM

There's a growing anxiety among investors that the current credit cycle, now more than 10 years old, is nearing old age and susceptible to a downturn. While we're mindful of being closer to the end of the current cycle than the beginning, there are unique opportunities. This panel will provide their views on areas that may present the best opportunities and those that may bring the most risk.

Jennifer Press, Duff & Phelps (moderator)
Amanda Lynam, Goldman Sachs
Monica Aggarwal, Fitch Ratings
Nicole Drapkin, Owl Rock Capital Partners
Becca Stull, Northwestern Mutual Capital
Melinda Jackson, Cadence Bank

BREAKOUT – LP PERSPECTIVES IN CREDIT: Q&A WITH LIMITED PARTNERS

12:15 PM - 1:00 PM

This is your opportunity to get into the mind of the LP and understand their process. How does an LP navigate the vast array of strategies in credit? Given the proliferation of managers, how do LPs evaluate who is the right partner for them? Would they rather have five managers who are niche specialists, or work with one firm that has multiple strategies? Are they interested in maximizing return, or minimizing risk? How can ESG integration be implemented in a credit portfolio? This panel will answer our questions and yours so come prepared to engage.

Kassie Taylor, THL Credit (moderator)
Dulari Pancholi, NEPC
Elizabeth Weindruch, Barings
Mary Bates, Meketa Investment Group
Amy Hsiang, RVK

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ROUNDTABLE LUNCH

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Each lunch table will have 1-2 hosts leading the group on an engaging industry topic. All attendees are free to sit wherever they'd like and join in on the discussion.

CLOSING PANEL – PRIVATE CREDIT: WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

The growth of the private debt market has been nothing short of phenomenal over the last decade. With traditional lenders cutting back their financing following the financial crisis, funds have filled the vacuum to provide crucial financing to the real economy and to meet this demand. Couple this with institutional investors' quest for yield, these conditions have set the stage for private debt funds to flourish. Can the private debt market continue to expand in 2019 and beyond? What has been the impact of technological developments on allocations to the asset class? This closing panel will answer your last burning questions.

Jessica O'Mary, Ropes & Gray (moderator)

Jay Ramakrishnan, Alliance Bernstein

Raelan Lambert, Mercer Investments

Brigitte Posch, Apollo Global Management

Purnima Puri, HPS Investment Partners

Olga Kusters, StepStone

CLOSING RECEPTION

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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