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**Tuesday, 25 March 2025**

18:00 **APEX Women's Networking Cocktail Reception (by invitation only)**

Hosted by: **Valérie Mantot-Groene**, Regional Managing Director, **APEX Group**

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Wednesday, 26 March 2025

08:30 **Registration and networking**

09:00 **PDI welcome**

09:10 **Opening Keynote Panel: The Asia Pacific private debt evolution**

- Discuss how a niche allocation has risen to become a priority pursuit seeking global opportunities
- The flexible and creative solutions are defining the identity of APAC private lenders
- How the year's global geopolitical events impacted market movements
- The growing influence of lenders in driving corporate net-zero transition measures
- The continued contraction in bank lending signalling a more rapid shift from public to private lending

Panellists:

**James Waldron**, Head of Private Credit, **Future Fund**

**Barnaby Lyons**, Partner and Global Head of Special Situations, **Bain**

**Justin Hooley**, Managing Director, Asia Pacific Private Credit, **Barings**

10:00 **Asia Pacific's growing appetite for international opportunities**

- How GPs can position themselves to address Asian LP's conservative approach to private credit commitments
- The value of a local presence for fundraising and managing LP relationships
- Hear which markets and sectors will enjoy increased attention in 2025
- The sectors which could be a source of unrealised value for private credit funds

Moderator:

**Brendan Foley**, Director, Private Debt, **Rede Partners**

Panellists:

**Suzanne Gaboury**, Director General, Private Sector Operations Department, **Asian Development Bank**

**Jason Huang**, Head of Cash, Fixed Income and Credit, **BrighterSuper**

10:50 **Coffee & Networking**

11:20 **Keynote Interview with PDI Editor, Andy Thomson**

11:40 **Calculating Opportunistic credit strategies ideal risk and reward approach**

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- The nuances of special situation strategies across the region, what to consider and how to act on opportunities
- The promise of restructuring and refinancing in supporting long-term liquidity
- Regionally distinct due diligence considerations that should be prioritised when assessing borrowers
- Claiming on defaults – explore why APAC enforcement regimes can be better understood and not feared

Panellists:

**Johannes Rashcke**, Senior Investment Officer, **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**

12:25 **PDI Presentation**

12:40 **Networking Lunch**

13:40 **Role of Specialty Finance and how ABL supports sector development**

- The advantages do private lenders provide to refinancing of the construction, shipping and aviation sectors
- Australia's maturing market acting as the benchmark for regional uptake
- The ratchets lenders should include to drive sustainability measures by their borrowers

Moderator:

**Fabian Koerzendorfer**, Managing Director, Private Credit, **StepStone Group**

Panellists:

**Tuck Meng Yee**, Founder and Partner, **JRT Partners**

14:20 **The continuing resilience of infrastructure debt**

- Diving into the long-term benefits of infrastructure debt across different regions
- Examine the emerging demands for digital infrastructure
- The importance of infrastructure lending in driving net-zero transition goals
- The commercial arguments for a greener approach to infrastructure debt

Panellists:

**Pramod Vijayansakar**, Principal Investment Officer, **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**

**Simon Jardine**, Head of Investment Grade and Transition Investments, **HSBC Asset Management**

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15:00 **Coffee & Networking**

15:30 **The creativity and flexibility of private debt origination**

- Diving into the design and approach of APAC private debt deals versus US & Europe
- Understand the conditions pushing managers to be creative in their approaches
- The benefits bank-syndicated or club deals provide in reducing downside risk
- The complex cultural, legal and local market structures that demand ingenuity in approach – and how these differ from global approaches

Moderator:

**Karun Marwah**, Founder, **Endue Capital**

Panellists:

**Siddhartha Hari**, Partner and Co-Head, **Elham Credit Partners**

**Samantha Kong**, Senior Investment Director, **Cambridge Associates**

16:10 **Artificial Intelligence innovation in private credit**

- How AI can support deal due diligence and risk management
- Automating asset reviews in the age of AI
- What threats does AI pose to IP owners and lenders
- How can AI assist SMEs in generating the data that lenders demand
- Examine the scaled financing opportunities required for data centres

16:50 **Risk management approaches across the capital structure**

- Why senior debt remains the most prudent choice for credit lenders
- How unitranche lenders tackle the challenge of varied risk profiles
- Managing risk when engaging across a diverse range of market conditions
- The risk considerations allocators wish to understand from fund managers

Panellists:

**Ana Arsov**, Global Head of Private Credit, **Moody's**

17:20 **Day 1 Closing Remarks**

17:30 **Networking Cocktail Reception**

Thursday, 27 March 2025

08:00 **Investor-only networking Breakfast**

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**Fabrizio Bocciardi**, Head of Credit, **Mubadala**

08:30 **Registration and networking refreshments**

09:00 **Chair's Welcome Remarks**

09:10 **Opening Keynote Remarks**

**Sally Chen**, Resident Representative, Hong Kong, **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**

09:30 **Opening Panel - Demystifying direct lending risk**

- In a time of heightened market volatility – why senior debt can provide steady cashflow to struggling borrowers
- Examine the risk-reward profile of APAC's debt markets against their global peers
- Approaches in APAC that are defining an identity away from western models
- How private lenders can provide greater competition to traditional bank-led financing

Moderator:

**Maiko Nanao**, Strategy Head, Asia, **Aksia**

Panellists:

**Clifford Lee**, Global Head of Investment Banking, **DBS**

10:10 **Keynote LP Panel - Creating confidence in ASEAN private credit**

- Better understand the growing set of opportunities arising out of South-East Asia
- Hear the latest policy directives being explored to shore-up investor confidence
- Why enforcement risk is lessened through SWF partnerships
- Opportunity to access relative value in underserved markets

Moderator:

**Andy Thomson**, Editor, **Private Debt Investor**

Panellists:

**Christopher Ganis**, Managing Director, Hybrid Capital Solutions, **Indonesia Investment Authority (INA)**

**Takeuchi Tsugato**, Head, Growth & Cross Border Investment Department, **Development Bank of Japan**

10:40 **Coffee & Networking**

11:10 **Avenues into Australian Private Debt**

- The demand for real asset finance driving Australia's debt markets

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- Other opportunities arising out of the central bank's reluctance to cut interest rates
- Do Australian or global debt markets provide a model for the wider region
- Understand the thinking behind of Australian Supers allocation to private debt

## 11:50 **Lenders reviving interest in global real estate**

- In which global markets real estate can reestablish its status for reliable returns
- Better manage the effects of elevated interest rates on real estate value
- Current risk approaches real estate lenders should be considering
- Sourcing deal flow in underserved global markets

Panellists:

**Roger Zhu**, Chief Executive Officer, **Winfield Global Capital**

**Rachel Kim**, Portfolio Manager, **AIA Life Insurance**

## 12:30 **Networking Lunch**

## 13:30 **The strategies defining India's burgeoning private debt sector**

- Learn about how India's enforcement regime has allowed the sector to boom
- Given the size of market opportunity, which strategies best fit finance in India
- Examine the broad infrastructure demands being pursued throughout the economy
- Why Special Situations teams are finding India a fruitful market to operate

## 14:10 **Institutional allocators growing demand for private credit opportunities**

- Hear from the global institutions pursuing increased exposure to Asia Pacific markets
- Understand why global LPs are turning to APAC, European or US fund managers
- Why diversification to Private Credit has increasingly become attractive for global LPs
- The necessity of local partners to achieve desired returns and reduce risk

Panellists:

**The-Duy Nguyen**, Co-Head, Structured Finance, **AXA IM Alts**

**Johnny Brom**, Founder and CIO, **SAIL Investments**

**Leslie Lim**, Founder and Partner, **Tsao Family Office**

**You-Ha Hyan**, Principal, **Perpetual Investors**

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