

# 2026 Planning: An Essential Guide to Alternative Investment Conferences



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**As the alternative investment industry continues to evolve, staying connected to the right conversations and counterparties remains essential. With another busy year ahead, many firms are thinking carefully about where to focus their time, resources, and attention. A clear plan at the start of the year can make a meaningful difference.**

**This 2026 planning guide has been created to support private markets and alternative investment professionals as they map out their conference calendar for the year ahead. It brings together a curated selection of industry conferences taking place across global markets.**

For readers looking for a broader view of the ecosystem, including industry associations, professional qualifications, and annual events featured in previous editions, we encourage you to refer back to our [2024](#) and [2025](#) planning guides. These earlier guides remain relevant for understanding longer-term industry touchpoints and professional development opportunities that continue year on year.

With calendars filling quickly, preparation ahead of conferences and meetings is increasingly important. Having the right digital foundations in place allows managers to present a clear and consistent investor experience and to follow up effectively after initial conversations. Bite Stream works with firms across the alternatives space to support these efforts, helping teams make the most of their investor engagement throughout the year.

If you are planning to attend any of the events listed, or are aware of others that should be included, we would welcome your input and look forward to connecting with many of you during 2026.

Disclaimer: The list below reflects a selection of industry events within the alternative investment industry as of 12 January 2026, compiled to support planning for the year ahead. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list, nor a ranking of importance or quality. Bite Stream does not necessarily have a relationship with all organizations mentioned and is not endorsing any specific events. Individual requirements and preferences will vary, and readers should conduct their own research to assess suitability.

# Industry Events



## January

### 3rd Annual Private Funds Summit

**Atlanta | January 15<sup>th</sup>**

The Private Funds Summit, hosted by the Southeast Alternative Finance Association (SEAFA), is an evening forum focused on private equity and private credit activity in the Southeastern United States. It brings together regional fund managers, allocators, and advisers for panel discussions and networking centred on local market dynamics and investment strategies. The 2026 programme includes practitioner-led panels, with moderation by Eran Fabian, Managing Director at Bite Stream and a member of SEAFA's Next Gen Board committee. If you're in Atlanta this week, there is still time to register [here](#).

### Asia Private Equity Forum

**Hong Kong | January 28<sup>th</sup>**

Hosted by the Hong Kong Venture Capital and Private Equity Association (HKVCA), the Spring Cocktails event is part of the association's wider program of networking and industry engagement. It brings together members and local market participants from across the Asia-Pacific private equity and venture capital community in an informal setting, complementing HKVCA's larger forums and briefings held throughout the year. Learn more [here](#).



## February

### Private Funds CFO Network

**New York | February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Private Funds CFO Network New York Forum is a senior-level event designed for CFOs and finance leaders within private funds. It focuses on the evolving role of finance in firm strategy and governance, covering areas such as fund structures, LP engagement, regulatory and tax developments, technology and data, and risk management. The forum combines keynote sessions with peer-led discussions and smaller breakout formats. Learn more [here](#).

### NEXUS 2026

**Orlando | February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

NEXUS is PEI Group's flagship private equity event, bringing together senior private equity leaders and capital allocators from across the global market. Positioned as a highly selective forum, the event focuses on capital allocation, market conditions, and strategic issues shaping private equity, and serves as an early-year touchpoint for senior decision-makers. Learn more [here](#).

## SuperReturn North America

**Miami | March 16<sup>th</sup>**

SuperReturn North America is a major regional conference focused on private markets in the US, covering private equity, private credit, secondaries, venture capital, and private wealth. The event combines specialist summits with a broader conference agenda and attracts a predominantly senior audience from institutional investors and fund managers, with structured networking central to the program. Learn more [here](#).

## Dakota Cocktails

**Boston | March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Dakota Cocktails is a global networking series aimed at investment sales professionals, bringing together local buy-side and sell-side participants in an informal setting. Events focus on relationship building rather than formal content with the series being hosted across major financial centres in North America and internationally, individual events are often selected to complement wider conference calendars. Learn more [here](#).

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual LPGP Connect Private Debt

**New York | April 15<sup>th</sup>**

A long-running event for investor relations, marketing, and communications professionals within private markets. The forum focuses on fundraising, investor communication, and engagement strategies in a changing market environment, with sessions covering topics such as messaging, digital tools, transparency, and reputational considerations. The program combines keynote speakers, panel discussions, and peer-focused networking, offering a platform for IR teams to share approaches and stay informed on industry developments. Learn more [here](#).

## Investor Relations Network

**New York | April 29<sup>th</sup>**

The Investor Relations Network New York Forum is a long-running event for investor relations, marketing, and communications professionals within private markets. It focuses on fundraising, investor communication, and engagement strategies, combining keynote speakers, panel discussions, and peer-focused networking. Learn more [here](#).

## SuperReturn Private Credit Asia

**Hong Kong | May 6<sup>th</sup>**

SuperReturn Private Credit Asia is a regional conference focused on private debt strategies across Asian markets. It brings together LPs and GPs active in private credit to discuss developments across direct lending, asset-backed strategies, special situations, real asset credit, and liquidity solutions, alongside structured networking between regional and global participants. Learn more [here](#).

## 14<sup>th</sup> Private Equity New York Forum

**New York | May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Hosted by Markets Group, the Private Equity New York Forum is an annual East Coast conference bringing together private equity investors, fund managers, and advisers. The programme covers core stages of the private equity lifecycle, including deal sourcing, portfolio management, exits, and firm-level strategy, alongside operational and regulatory considerations. Learn more [here](#).

## SuperReturn International

**Berlin | June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Maybe Informa Connect's largest conference in Europe, SuperReturn International brings together LPs, GPs, and industry service providers from across the alternatives ecosystem for a week in Berlin. The event attracts a predominantly senior audience, with strong representation from institutional investors, and covers a broad range of topics including private equity, private credit, secondaries, technology, and macroeconomic developments. Structured networking, including pre-arranged meetings and closed-door sessions, is a central component for firms with an international fundraising or relationship management focus. Learn more [here](#).

## IMpower FundForum

**Monaco | June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

An international asset and wealth management conference with a strong emphasis on distribution, asset allocation, and private markets for private wealth. The audience is largely senior, including executives from asset managers, private banks, wealth managers, fund selectors, and asset owners. The program combines high-level content with integrated networking, making it particularly relevant for managers focused on building and maintaining relationships within the global wealth management community. Learn more [here](#).

## ALFI London Conference and Cocktail

London | July 2<sup>nd</sup>

The ALFI London Conference is a key event in ALFI's calendar, bringing together fund professionals from Europe and overseas to discuss market and regulatory developments and share best practices. It highlights the ongoing relationship between the London and Luxembourg fund markets and offers strong visibility across the industry. Learn more [here](#).

## The Drawdown Operational Leaders' Summit 2026 (Summer edition)

Buckinghamshire | July 11<sup>th</sup>

The Summer Operational Leaders' Summit brings together senior operational leaders from private markets firms, including CFOs, COOs, CTOs, and heads of legal, tax, and compliance. The agenda is focused on peer-led discussion and practical problem-solving, providing a forum for sharing operational challenges and solutions relevant to managing private funds and management companies. Learn more [here](#).

August tends to be the quieter month in the business calendar, with fewer major events taking place. During this time, smaller, more informal gatherings are common. It's a good opportunity to stay on the lookout for invites and use the lull to get ready for the bustling return to activity that September typically brings.

## IPEM Global

Paris | September 8<sup>th</sup>

IPEM Global is an international private capital conference held annually in Paris, bringing together LPs, GPs, and service providers from across the global private markets ecosystem. The event covers a wide range of private capital strategies and is structured around conference sessions alongside curated networking and meetings. In parallel, IPEM also hosts the IPEM LP Congress, an invitation-only forum dedicated to institutional investors, making the week a key European touchpoint for fundraising, relationship management, and market discussion. Learn more [here](#).

## SuperReturn CFO/COO Asia

Singapore | September 29<sup>th</sup>

A regional conference designed for senior finance, operations, risk, and compliance leaders within private capital firms. The program focuses on operational and organizational topics such as regulatory developments, technology and automation, risk management, governance, and scaling fund operations in evolving markets. The event attracts a predominantly C-suite audience from both GPs and LPs and combines structured content with closed-door discussions and networking tailored to senior operational decision-makers. Learn more [here](#).

## Women's Private Capital Summit Canada

**Toronto | October 19<sup>th</sup>**

The Women's Private Capital Summit Canada is an annual conference bringing together senior professionals from across private equity, private credit, venture capital, real assets, and infrastructure. The event attracts a strong mix of LPs and GPs and focuses on market conditions, capital deployment, and strategic challenges facing private capital investors. Alongside the content program, the summit places emphasis on peer-level networking and relationship building within the North American private capital community. Learn more [here](#).

## Financial Times – Private Credit Connect: East

**Miami | October 25<sup>th</sup>**

A specialist conference focused on the US private credit market, covering asset-based finance, direct lending, and specialty finance strategies. The event brings together private credit funds, institutional investors, originators, and advisers to discuss market conditions, regulatory developments, and emerging opportunities across the credit landscape. With a mix of panel discussions and networking, it serves as a regional forum for participants active across different segments of US private credit. Learn more [here](#).

## The Drawdown Operational Leaders' Summit 2026 (Winter edition)

**Portugal | November 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Winter edition of the Operational Leaders' Summit is a smaller, closed-group gathering for experienced operational leaders in private markets. Over several days, participants focus on in-depth discussion around core operational topics such as fund structuring, governance, and management company operations, with an emphasis on practical insights drawn from peer experience. Learn more [here](#).

## 7th Annual LPGP Connect CFO/COO

**New York | November 18<sup>th</sup>**

The LPGP Connect CFO/COO New York conference is an annual event focused on finance and operations leadership within private equity and private debt firms. It brings together CFOs, COOs, and other senior professionals across finance, operations, compliance, and risk to discuss current operational challenges facing fund managers. The program typically combines practitioner-led sessions with contributions from industry advisers, offering practical perspectives on operational strategy, governance, and execution. Learn more [here](#).



# December

## Women in Private Markets Summit

**London | December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

An annual PEI event brings together fund managers, investors, and industry professionals from across the alternatives landscape. The summit consists of four co-located forums covering private equity, private debt, real estate, and infrastructure, providing a cross-asset perspective on market developments and allocation trends. With a strong mix of LP and GP participation, the event focuses on market insight, professional development, and networking across the global private markets community. Learn more [here](#).

## AML & FinCrime Tech Forum

**London | December 4<sup>th</sup>**

The AML & FinCrime Tech Forum, organized by Fintech Global, is a specialist event focused on financial crime, AML, fraud, and compliance within financial services. The forum brings together senior leaders from compliance, risk, operations, and technology functions to discuss regulatory developments, emerging threats, and the use of technology in financial crime prevention. The program combines panel discussions with structured networking, making it particularly relevant for firms reviewing or enhancing their AML and compliance infrastructure. Learn more [here](#).



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