

Overview	The Association for Corporate Growth Toronto Chapter (ACG Toronto) is proud to present the 23rd Annual Capital Connection Conference on November 17 & 18, 2025 Canada's largest and most prominent debt and equity marketplace will host mid-market company executives, business owners, intermediaries, and service providers along with influential executives from Canadian and U.S. private equity firms, banks, and specialty financial institutions. <u>November 17th</u> Opening Dinner – The Carlu, 5:30 pm – 10.00 pm <u>November 18th</u> Capital Connection conference – The Automotive Building (Formally Beanfield Centre) 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Fall DealSource North conference – The Automotive Building (formally the Beanfield Centre), Ballroom B, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Trade Show, The Automotive Building (formally the Beanfield Centre), Ballroom B – 8:30 am – 4:00pm <i>DealSource North connects Private Equity, Family Offices and Capital providers with Investment Banks and M&A Advisory organizations. The format focuses on pre-scheduled business development meetings to discuss deal-flow opportunities in the North American mid-market investment sector.</i>
Co-Chairs	Evan Bennitt - CIBC Commercial Banking Sean Flinn - BFL Canada
Committee	Yong Kwon - Fort Capital Stephanie Mooney - Trivest Partners Jake Bullen - Cassels Michael Rudanycz - SLC Management Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada Myron Mallia-Dare – Dentons Tori Buffery – Neuberger Berman Joseph Lo - Sagard Private Equity Canada Giancarlo Di Zazzo - BMO Sponsor Finance Steve Blazevic - Raymond James Finance Company of Canada Cameron Vernest - Spearhead Corporate Development Claire Gowdy - Fasken Ali Akbar - Ironbridge Equity Partners
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Welcome Remarks 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Committee Co-Chairs • Evan Bennitt - CIBC Commercial Banking • Sean Flinn - BFL Canada
Opening Keynote 8:50 – 9:30 a.m.	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION – MACRO-ECONOMIC & BUSINESS FORECAST <i>Moderator:</i> TBC <i>Sponsor:</i> CIBC <i>Speaker:</i> • Benjamin Tal, Managing Director and Deputy Chief Economist CIBC Capital Markets Inc.
Keynote Session 1 9:35 – 10:20 a.m.	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION - TRENDS IN PRIVATE EQUITY <i>Moderator:</i> Giancarlo Di Zazzo - Head BMO Sponsor Finance, BMO <i>Sponsor:</i> BMO <i>Speaker:</i> • Andrew Walton – Managing Partner, Ironbridge Equity Partners • Michael Hollend – Partner, TorQuest Partners • Adam Shantz – Managing Director, ONCAP Management • Jennifer Pereira – Head of Private Equity, Fengate

	Overview: Private equity activity in Canada is regaining momentum with signs of renewed investor confidence in recent months. Yet, the environment remains complex and fast evolving. From rising protectionism and “Buy American/Canadian” policies to shifting global trade dynamics, Canadian businesses — especially mid-market companies — face tough questions about where and how to expand. At the same time, PE firms are navigating longer deal cycles, persistent valuation gaps, and heightened due diligence, all while balancing the dual mandate of deploying capital and realizing returns. Join us for a dynamic and thought-provoking conversation with four of Canada’s leading private equity professionals. They’ll share insights on how their firms are managing fund transitions and succession planning, tackling the challenges of fundraising in a DPI-driven world, and uncovering new avenues for value creation in an increasingly competitive landscape.
Break/Tradeshow - 10:25 – 10:55 a.m.	
Breakout session 1A 11:00 – 11:40 a.m.	UNDERSTANDING CANADAS NEW REGULATORY LANDSCAPE AND ITS IMPACT ON LONG-TERM CAPITAL INVESTMENT WITH INDIGENOUS PARTNERS. Moderator: Stuart Randall – Director, Indigenous Equity Investments - MNP Canada Sponsor: MNP Canada Speakers: • Russ Wenman - VP and Head of Execution and Advisory, CDEV - Canada Development Investment Corporation • Jody Anderson – VP, Partnerships, Strategy and Public Affairs - First Nations Finance Authority • Thomas Isaac – Partner and Chair, Aboriginal Law Group - Cassels Overview: Explores two pivotal legislative frameworks: the federal Bill C-5 and Ontario's Bill 5. Their emergence in 2025 signals a deep shift in how Canada handles infrastructure development, Indigenous rights, and economic regulation. For family offices, institutional investors, and Indigenous-led investment vehicles, understanding the implications of these laws is critical for aligning capital deployment with risk, governance, and reconciliation outcomes.
Breakout session 1B 11:00 – 11:40 a.m.	DEAL ORIGATION & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT Moderator: Cameron Vernest – Co-founder and CEO of Spearhead Corporate Development Sponsor: Spearhead Corporate Development Speakers: • Stephanie Mooney – Head of Business Development, Mid-Market Private Equity Fund • Mike Alberts – Principal, Cohere Capital • Jessica Bald – Managing Partner, RB Capital

	Overview Moderated by Cameron Vernest, Co-founder and CEO of Spearhead Corporate Development, this panel brings together business development leaders from diverse segments of the investment and business ecosystem to explore the evolving dynamics of deal origination and business development. Panelists will share insights from their respective vantage points (operating companies, private equity funds, and family offices) highlighting strategies for sourcing opportunities, leveraging technology (including AI), and adapting to today's competitive capital markets.
Lunch - 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	
Keynote Session 2 12:50– 1:35 p.m.	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION - PRIVATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN SPORTS, MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRIES Sponsor: GLOBE & MAIL
Breakout Session 2A 1:40 – 2:20 p.m.	HOW TO BUILD A STRONGER CANADA AND EXPAND CANADIAN BUSINESS TO COMPETE GLOBALLY Moderator: Michael Black, Partner - Richter Sponsor: Richter Speakers: • Jon Shell – Chair, Social Capital Partners
Breakout Session 2B 1:40 – 2:20 p.m.	SECONDARIES & STAKES – GP CAPITAL AND LIQUIDITY SOLUTIONS Moderator: Jamie Becker – Partner, McCarthy Tétrault LLP Sponsor: McCarthy Tétrault LLP Speakers: • Thomas Choi – Managing Director, AltEx Capital • Ward Young – Senior Managing Director, Strategic Partnerships, Blackstone Strategic Partners • Tori Buffery – Principal, Secondary Private Equity, Neuberger Berman • Kristine Robinson – Partner, PJT Partners
Break/Tradeshow - 2:20 – 2:50 p.m.	
Breakout session 3A 2:55 – 3:35 p.m.	PRIVATE CREDIT Moderator: Chi Lee - Head, Private Credit - CIBC Asset Management Sponsor: CIBC Speakers: • Edgar Vergara – Senior Director, Private Debt, La Caisse • Mustafa Humayun - Partner/Portfolio Manager, Sagard • Benjamin Ensminger-Law - Managing Director, PIMCO

Breakout session 3B 2:55 – 3:35 p.m.	TOPIC: LEVERAGING GROWTH IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR Moderator: Colin Schmidt, Partner, Leo Berwick Financial Advisory for Infrastructure, Renewables and Energy Transition Sponsor: Leo Berwick Speakers • Steven Hurowitz - Partner, M&A Tax, Leo Berwick • Richard Rambaldo, CVC DIF • Jared Waldron, Co-Head of Infrastructure, Northleaf Capital Partners
Closing Keynote Session 3:40 – 4:15 p.m.	TOPIC OVERVIEW: KEYNOTE PRESENTATION TBC Moderator: TBC Speakers: Bruce Heyman – CEO, Power Sustainable Sponsor: TBC
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Closing Reception open to all DealSource North and Capital Connection delegates.

CAPITAL CONNECTION CONFERENCE RATES

Early Bird Rates – Available until September 19th

Capital Connection - Member - Early Bird \$799
Capital Connection - Non-Member - Early Bird \$999

Regular Rates – Available from September 20th

Capital Connection - Member – Regular \$999
Capital Connection - Non-Member – Regular \$1299
NexGen one price - \$499 (35 years and under)

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Fall DSN - Member - Primary Contact - Early Bird \$699
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Regular Rates – Available from September 20th

Fall DSN - Member - Primary Contact Regular \$999
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Fall DSN - Non-Member - Primary Contact Regular \$1199
Fall DSN – Non-Member - Additional Contact Regular \$599

OPENING DINNER RATES – (SEPARATE FROM CAPITAL CONNECTION)

Opening Dinner – Individual \$395
Opening Dinner – Half Table (4 registrations) \$1500
Opening Dinner – Full Table (8 Registrations) \$3000