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Tuesday, 13th May

17:00 - 19:00

HIGH SOCIETY SUNSET RECEPTION

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Experience an opening night of refined elegance with the Middle East Investor Network at High Society, Dubai's newest Business Bay jewel. Enjoy spectacular sunset skyline views in a glamorous setting. This exclusive reception provides leading LP and GP professionals a prime opportunity to connect over complimentary, signature cocktails, amidst an ambience befitting the highest echelons of the investment world.

Wednesday, 14th May

08:30 / First Impressions: Registration, Luxury Breakfast, Networking and Private One-to-One Meetings

Begin your ALTInvest 2025 experience in luxurious ambience, where an exclusive arrival breakfast sets the stage for productive one-to-one meetings and valuable networking. Connect with fellow attendees while savouring a refined selection of breakfast delights crafted by a Michelin-starred chef. Choose from delicate viennoiserie, innovative overnight oats with options such as banana-walnut or pumpkin-pecan, and a colourful assortment of fresh, seasonal fruits. Enjoy freshly prepared pancakes and waffles from the live station, complete with tempting toppings. This sophisticated start ensures a seamless blend of networking and culinary indulgence.

09:55 - 10:00 / WELCOME ADDRESS

Oliver Kirkbright, Co-Founder & Chairman, **Middle East Investor Network**

10:00 - 10:20 / INVESTOR KEYNOTE

Mastering Alternatives: Strategies for Portfolio Construction and Success for the Middle East Investor

Speakers

- **Dr Ahmed Mansour**, Group CEO, **Private Department H.E. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalid Al Nahyan**
- **Omar AlYawer**, Partner, **Ruya Partners**
- *Private Market Potential: Benchmarking on deal sourcing, driving value creation, and maximising returns in private equity, private credit, and venture capital.*
- *Equity, Debt, Real Estate, Technology and Green Energy: Reviewing the bedrock of a balanced and smart portfolio for the GCC investor.*
- *Value-Aligned Investing & Manager Selection: Integrating Shariah and ESG principles, robust due diligence framework for selecting top-tier managers.*
- *Risk Management & Value Creation: Mastering strategies to mitigate risk and enhance returns in your alternative investment portfolio.*
- *Investing in Tomorrow: Transformative trends, capitalising on emerging opportunities, and shaping the next generation of alternative investments in the Middle East.*

10:20 - 11:00 / KEYNOTE PANEL

Global Allocation Trends: Maximising Returns in a Changing World to Position Your Portfolio for Growth

Moderator

- **Susannah de Jager**, Founder, Advisor & Podcast Host, **Oxford+**, Independent Advisor, **De Wesley Limited**

Speakers

- **Ekta Tolani**, Chief Investment Officer, **KBW Ventures**
- **Faisal Hasan**, Chief Investment Officer, Head of Asset Management, **Al Mal Capital**
- **Rajesh Ranjan**, Head of Investment, **Ali & Sons Holding**
- **Jaspreet Randhawa**, Head of Investments, **Burkhan World Investments**
- *Strategic Asset Allocation & Portfolio Construction: Balancing global & local investments, dynamic adaptation to market cycles, and optimising for risk and return.*
- *Global Outlook: High-yield sectors in international markets, and master due diligence and risk management for optimal portfolio construction.*
- *Manager Selection: Reviewing framework for evaluating and selecting managers with specialised strategies and consistent outperformance.*
- *Optimising Global Allocation: Emerging markets, investment corridors, and global asset allocation trends to diversify your portfolio and capitalise on new opportunities.*
- *High-Growth Sectors: Showcasing sectors with the greatest potential for high ROI, including technology, healthcare, renewables, and those impacted by AI, ESG, and infrastructure.*

11:00 - 11:20 / MACRO KEYNOTE

The Wall Street of the Sands: Unlocking the Middle East's Potential as a Global Alternative Investment Hub

Speakers

- **Amit Jain**, Chief Investment Officer, **Gulf Islamic Investments**
- *We the UAE 2031, Saudi Vision 2030, Qatar National Vision 2030: How are they impacting fund raising, business expansion and investment opportunities in the GCC?*
- *Regional Growth Drivers: How are technology, infrastructure, and demographics are fuelling economic expansion and creating long-term value for investors.*
- *How can you tap into the investment potential arising from privatisation, increased competition, and a burgeoning innovation ecosystem.*
- *Unlocking Value in Alternatives: How to source untapped potential and gain a first-mover advantage in the rapidly expanding alternative investment market of the Middle East.*

11:20 - 12:00 / MID-MORNING MATTERS: CONNECT AND INDULGE

Elevate your mid-morning at ALTInvest with "Mid-Morning Matters" at The Lana. This dedicated break provides the perfect setting to seamlessly continue your important one-to-one meetings while enjoying a sophisticated selection of refreshments. Choose from flavourful yogurts, elegant sandwiches, tempting snacks, and delightful pastries for a revitalising pause.

Main Stage

12:00 - 12:30 / 360 PERSPECTIVE

Global VC: Identifying Tomorrow's Winners

Moderator

- **Susannah de Jager**, Founder, Advisor & Podcast Host, **Oxford+**, Independent Advisor, **De Wesley Limited**

Speakers

- **Soumaya Ben Beya Dridje**, Partner, **Rasml Ventures**
- **Ryaan Sharif**, General Manager, **Flat6Labs**
- **Rola Al-Shwaikh**, CEO, Founder, **AUC Partners**, Investment Advisor to **H.H Khaled Bin Ibrahim AlQasimi**
- **Stephanie Nour Prince**, Partner, **Nuwa Capital**

Examining the global VC opportunities, highlighting high-growth markets and key sectors like AI, Fintech, and Climate Tech across North America, Europe, Asia, MENA, and Latin America. We'll analyse critical investment drivers – market size, talent, regulation, and exits – and explore best practice manager selection and portfolio diversification strategies, including fund of funds and co-investments, to maximise returns in a global VC landscape.

12:30 - 13:00 / 360 PERSPECTIVE

The Dynamic Rise of FinTech: Unlocking Potential

Moderator

- **Yaser AbuShaban**, Founder and CEO, **Silver Peak Capital Advisors**

Speakers

- **Dipesh Savani**, CEO and Founding Member, **S60 Ventures**
- **Arnav Danthi**, Principal, Nuwa Venture Fund One, **Nuwa Capital**
- **Mark Dymock**, Operating Partner, **SC Ventures**
- **Jatin Mamtani**, Global Investments, **Citi**

Unlock the lucrative potential of GCC FinTech. Take a deep dive into the region's explosive growth, regulatory landscape, and key investment opportunities. We'll navigate the challenges, from talent gaps to market fragmentation, and equip you with strategic insights for due diligence, risk mitigation, and long-term success. Discover how to capitalise on the FinTech revolution and drive economic diversification.

12:00 - 12:45 / PRIVATE BOARDROOMS

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Private Boardroom 1 (LP Only)

Powering the Digital Age: Data Centres & the Digital Infrastructure Landscape

Hosted by

- **Hitesh Gupta**, Managing Director, Private Markets, **Waha Capital**
- **Mahe Mansour**, Business Development, Private Markets, **Waha Capital**

Private Boardroom 2

Local Private Debt: Unlocking Alpha in an Underserved Market

Hosted by

- **Natasha Hannoun Mansour**, Partner, **Tenami Capital**
- **Sharif Eid**, Partner, Portfolio Manager, **Amwal Capital Partners**
- **Sharaf Sharaf**, Fund Head, **Amplify Growth Fund**

Private Boardroom 3

Co-Investment Deal-Making: Strategies for Winning Together

Hosted by

- **Ahmad Alanani**, Co-Founder and CEO, **Sancta Capital**
- **Alfonso Diaz Escudero**, Managing Director, **WRise Wealth Management**
- **Dr. Oliver Pabst**, General Partner, **RedAlpine**

13:00 - 13:30 / 360 PERSPECTIVE
Beyond the AI Bubble: Smart Money Moves

Moderator

- **Hema Parmar**, Investing Reporter, **Bloomberg LP**

Speakers

- **Dr. Abdullah H. Sahyoun**, Senior Director, Global Head of AI & Digital Transformation, **APCO**, and, **Advisory Board Member**, The Private Office of Sheikh Saeed bin Ahmed Al Maktoum
- **Biswajit Dasgupta**, Chief Investment Officer, **Asas Capital**
- **Ashish Marwah**, Chief Investment Officer, **Neovision Wealth Management**
- **Sarah Abuagela**, Head of Investment, **Ceras Ventures**

Navigate the AI investment frontier with confidence, identifying the next major opportunities amidst inflated valuations and regulatory hurdles. We'll explore disciplined strategies for sustainable AI growth, pinpoint promising sectors, and analyse the viability of AI IPOs. Expect insights on navigating economic uncertainties, identifying proven AI fundamentals, and addressing crucial ethical considerations, all while preparing for the disruptive innovation that lies ahead.

13:30 - 13:45 / CASE STUDY
AI for Alpha: Generating an Investment Edge

Speakers

- **Dr. Abdalla Kablan**, Founder & CEO, **DELTA Wealth Partners**

Examine the essential standards and advanced applications of AI within private fund management. We'll explore how to leverage sophisticated AI-driven analysis for alpha generation, optimise dynamic portfolio construction, and implement exception-based risk management. Expect a focused discussion on achieving a sustainable competitive edge through strategic AI deployment, emphasising practical strategies for maximising ROI via superior risk-adjusted returns and operational efficiency, whilst addressing the crucial aspects of digital leadership and ethical governance.

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Private Boardroom 1 - (LP Only)
The Alpha Edge: Advanced Direct Deal Origination & Risk Mitigation for Family Offices

Hosted by

- **Sultana El-Sayed**, Managing Director and Head of Investigations, Diligence and Compliance, **Kroll**
- **Khalid Dajani**, Associate Managing Director, Investigations, Diligence and Compliance, **Kroll**

Private Boardroom 2
Powering the Future: Investing in The GCC's Great Energy Transition

Hosted by

- **Usman Shahid**, Group Strategic Investments, **Corporate Investment Specialist**
- **Angela Homsy**, Founding Partner, **Anganza Capital**
- **Hassaan Ghazali**, Senior Advisor MENA, **Vericap**

Private Boardroom 3
Opportunities Unlocked: GCC Private Equity; GPs, LPs, and the Next Big Moves

Hosted by

- **Anubhav Rastogi**, Director, Equity Investments and Portfolio Management, **Siemens**
- **Ahmed Emre Buyukkilic**, Chief Representative, **Turkish Investment Office**

13:45 - 14:45 / A TASTE OF ARABIA: NETWORKING LUNCH AND PRIVATE ONE-TO-ONE MEETINGS

Connect over the rich flavours of Arabia during our special lunch, featuring a dedicated area for private one-to-one meetings and a private outdoor terrace. Enjoy a curated menu including Lamb Tagine, Fish Sayadia, Arabic Mixed Grill, and more.

14:45 - 15:15 / 360 PERSPECTIVE
Liquid Structures for Private Markets: From Bottleneck to Breakthrough

Moderator

- **Sandip Aggarwal**, Founder and CEO, **iBridge Financial**

Speakers

- **George Rahhal**, Director, **Capital Haus**
- **Ahmad Alanani**, Co-Founder and CEO, **Sancta Capital**
- **Victoria Mesquita**, Partner, **Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP**
- **Samer Sadek**, Principal, **e& Capital (Etisalat)**

A review of the current critical issue of liquidity in private markets, examining the key challenges experienced, including inherent illiquidity, valuation uncertainties, and operational hurdles within evolving fund structures. Looking forward, we will analyse projected trends such as the growth of semi-liquid secondaries, enhanced liquidity management, and the crucial role of investor education. Finally, we will provide actionable strategies for navigating this complex landscape, empowering investors and fund managers to make informed decisions.

15:15 - 15:45 / 360 PERSPECTIVE

GCC-Asia Investment Corridor: Bridging East & West

Moderator

- **Oliver Gladen**, Managing Partner, **Marathon Advisors L.L.C.**

Speakers

- **Hussain Korji**, Chief Financial Officer, **Ruya Partners**
- **David Beckett**, Head of Origination and Middle East Business Development, **SC Lowy**
- **Saeed Al Awar**, Partner and Head of Middle East, **Rothschild & Co**
- **Abhinav Munshi**, Managing Partner, **Razor Capital**

Explore the thriving landscape of GCC investment into Asia's high-growth markets. Learn how to navigate regulatory frameworks, access key sectors, and deploy capital effectively through innovative strategies that maximize ROI. Discover best practices for cross-border investment structuring, leveraging expert partnerships, and optimizing global structures to achieve your unique objectives. Gain insights expansion, including government initiatives and public-private partnerships. We'll examine the key markets of Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Qatar, and provide insights for LPs looking to capitalise on this sector.

15:45 - 16:15 / 360 PERSPECTIVE

GCC Fundraising & Fund Growth: How to Build a Legacy Brand

Moderator

- **Susannah de Jager**, Founder, Advisor and Podcast Host, **Oxford+**, and Independent Advisor, **De Wesley Limited**

Speakers

- **Mahmoud Al-Khawaja**, Chief Executive Officer, **CapIntro Partners**
- **Wael El Burj**, Managing Director, Senior Executive Officer, **LGT Capital Partners**
- **Hitesh Gupta**, Managing Director, Private Markets, **Waha Capital**

A comprehensive case study to unlocking GCC capital and building a lasting brand in the Gulf's dynamic investment landscape. We'll explore effective fundraising strategies tailored to GCC investors, discuss how to build a strong track record and establish credibility, and provide insights into proactive investor relations and communication practices. Additionally, we'll navigate the key regulatory considerations and compliance requirements for successful fund operations in the GCC.

14:45 - 15:30 / PRIVATE BOARDROOMS

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Private Boardroom 1

Fund of Funds: Navigating Multi-Layered Risk in Private Markets

Hosted by

- **Lewis Kilroe**, Founder & Managing Director, **East Emblem**

Private Boardroom 2

International Private Credit Strategies: Liquidity, Distress, and Global Returns

Hosted by

- **Mitch MacCartney**, Associate Director of Strategy, **Wide Plains Holding**
- **Hashem Shehabi**, Head of Investments, **Halkain Investments Middle East Limited**

Private Boardroom 3

The Secondaries Advantage: Strategic Plays in Private Markets

Hosted by

- TBC

15:45 - 16:30 / PRIVATE BOARDROOMS

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Private Boardroom 1 - (LP Only)

Institutionalising and Scaling Your Family Office in the GCC Growth Hub

Hosted by

- **Devika Raveendran, L.L.M**, TEP, Founder & CEO, **DR Partners L.L.C.**
- **Ozge Dogan**, Founder and CEO, **Karman Beyond, Independent Multi-Family Office**
- **Ali Akram Sheikh**, General Manager, **Malco Capital Investments L.L.C**, **Mostafa Bin Abdullatif Investments**

Private Boardroom 2

Digital Assets: Investing in the Future of Finance

Hosted by

- **Dr. Anuraag Guglaani**, Chairperson, **Wazir Holdings**
- **Muhammed Taha Yesilhark**, Chief Investment Officer, **Noia Capital**

16:30 - 16:55 / SWEETEN THE DEAL: NETWORKING HIGH TEA

Take advantage of a refined networking opportunity during your ALTInvest day with High Tea Networking. Engage with peers over a thoughtful selection of savoury and sweet items, complemented by fresh berries and a customisable live Stroopwafel station.

16:55 - 17:10 / SPECIAL GUEST INTERVIEW

Gulf Catalyst: Innovation, Global Influence, and Investment's Next Wave

Moderator

- **Oliver Kirkbright**, Co-Founder & Chairman, **Middle East Investor Network**

Speaker

- **Maher Al Kaabi**, Advisor to Group Chairman and Independent Board Member at Alserkal Group of Companies, UAE Circular Economy Council Member, Co-Founder of Blink

Drawing on over 30 years of experience in banking, technology, and family business advisory, including his current role with the prominent Alserkal Group, Maher Al Kaabi brings a unique perspective to the evolving UAE and wider GCC markets. Mr. Al Kaabi's deep understanding of regional innovation, digital transformation, and the circular economy – areas where he actively advises government entities.

Mr. Al Kaabi will dissect the strategic investments reshaping the Gulf's global impact, particularly within the context of the GCC's burgeoning private investment landscape. Mr. Al Kaabi's insights into corporate governance, risk management, and his involvement with numerous startups and venture initiatives will provide invaluable context as we analyse opportunities for wealth managers and VCs. The discussion will critically assess the sustainability of the GCC's growth as a major financial centre and identify the next wave of impactful investments driving the region's influence. Join us to explore the intersection of innovation, global strategy, and private capital deployment in this dynamic region.

17:10 - 17:40 / KEYNOTE PANEL

The Tariff Tightrope: Navigating Trade Wars and Geopolitical Storms in Global Private Markets

Moderator

- **Deepthi Nair**, Financial Journalist, **The National UAE**

Speakers

- **Scott Livermore**, Chief Economist, **Oxford Economics**
- **Khadeer Peer Shariff S.S.**, Managing Director, **Siraj Holding International Ltd.**
- **Laurent Lequeu**, UHNWI Advisor, writer of the Macro Butler, **Former Head of Research for Lumen Capital Investors**
- **Nicolas Michelin**, Managing Partner, Geoeconomics, **Alagan Partners**

In an era defined by escalating trade tensions and geopolitical uncertainty, private market investors face unprecedented challenges and opportunities. This session will dissect the profound impact of renewed protectionism, particularly the 'Liberation Day tariffs,' on global asset classes. Gain critical insights into the macroeconomic fallout of trade wars, including inflation, supply chain disruptions, and the spectre of deglobalisation. Learn the sector-specific analyses across private equity, debt, real estate, and infrastructure, examining both the perils and potential rewards. Regional impacts on Europe, China, and emerging markets will be explored, alongside strategies for navigating the denominator effect in a new era of geopolitical complexity.

17:40 - 17:45 / WELCOME ADDRESS

Oliver Kirkbright, Co-Founder & Chairman, **Middle East Investor Network**

17:45 - 19:00

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