

PODIUM

Investment in the spotlight

Panel discussion • Power Talks • Focus
Sessions • Networking

12 March 2026

Metropole Hotel, Geneva

Doors open at 12:00 for a cocktail lunch

Program

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 **Welcome cocktail lunch** **12:00**

Introduction by SPHERE - Outlook Private Markets **12:55**

- **Jérôme Sicard**, Chief Editor (SPHERE)

 **PODIUM Discussion** **13:05**

How portfolio construction is evolving beyond traditional asset classes

- **Cédric Dingens**, Head of Investment Solutions and Institutional Clients, Member of the Executive Committee (NS Partners)
- **John Plassard**, Partner, Head Investment Strategy (Cité Gestion)
- **Jean-Christophe Rochat**, CIO (Banque Heritage)
- MODERATION: **Jérôme Sicard**, Chief Editor (SPHERE)

 **Power Talks** **13:35**

From alternative to core: how private markets are reshaping private client portfolios

- **Marine Duverger**, Principal, Client Portfolio Management (Apollo Global Management)
- Interview by SPHERE*

Hedge Fund Investing in 2026

- **Cédric Dingens**, Head of Investment Solutions and Institutional Clients, Member of the Executive Committee (NS Partners)
- Interview by Cédric Kohler, Founder (Seneko) & Co-Founder (Aureko)*

Adding Private Credit to the Toolkit: 2026 Implementation Brief

- **Martin Progin**, Director Private Debt Portfolio Risk & Management (Stepstone)
- Interview by SPHERE*

 **Focus Sessions** **14:00**
(rotate in three breakout rooms)

How private markets can enhance portfolio construction growth beyond traditional public markets

- **Marine Duverger**, Principal, Client Portfolio Management (Apollo Global Management)

2026 Perspective: Positioning Private Credit Alongside Fixed Income

- **Martin Progin**, Director Private Debt Portfolio Risk & Management (Stepstone)

Hedge Funds in 2026: Seizing Alpha Opportunities in a Shifting Market

- **Cédric Dingens**, Head of Investment Solutions and Institutional Clients, Member of the Executive Committee and **Caron Bastianpillai**, Senior Fund Manager (NS Partners)

 **Break** **15:20**

 **Power Talks** **15:40**

What's Driving the Shift to Evergreen in Private Markets ?

- **Benjamin Bizon**, EMEA Private Wealth Capital Raising (EQT)
- Interview by SPHERE*

Private Markets in Portfolio Construction: Combining Public and Private Assets

- **Julia Lundström**, Head Client Solutions France & Benelux (iCapital)
- Interview by SPHERE*

Why Secondaries Are Becoming a Preferred Entry Point into Private Markets

- **Roman Egger**, Managing Director - Head of DACH Private Wealth Distribution (Coller Capital)
- Interview by SPHERE*

 **Focus Sessions** **16:05**
(rotate in three breakout rooms)

An Introduction to EQT, Europe's Leading Private Equity Firm

- **Benjamin Bizon**, EMEA Private Wealth Capital Raising (EQT)

Integrating Private Markets into Client Portfolios: Risk & Return, Liquidity and Product Shelf

- **Julia Lundström**, Head Client Solutions France & Benelux (iCapital)

Secondaries as a Core Building Block for Evergreen Private Market Portfolios

- **Alex Reber**, Vice President - Private Wealth (Coller Capital)

 **End** **17:25**

Speakers



Caron Bastianpillai
Senior Fund Manager (NS Partners)

Caron Bastianpillai has over 30 years of experience in alternative investments and hedge fund selection. He is Senior Portfolio Manager at NS Partners in Switzerland, where he oversees research and multi-manager portfolios focused on hedge fund and absolute return strategies. He previously spent 14 years at Banco Santander as Managing Director.



Benjamin Bizon
EMEA Private Wealth Capital Raising (EQT)

Based in London, Benjamin Bizon joined EQT in July 2023. He previously worked at Bank Julius Baer in Zurich as a Private Markets Product Specialist. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Geneva and a Master's degree in Management from IE Business School in Madrid.



Cédric Dingens
Head of Investment Solutions and Institutional Clients, Member of the Executive Committee (NS Partners)

Cédric Dingens joined NS Partners in 2002 and oversees Alternative Investments while contributing to portfolio construction through the Asset Allocation Committee. He has extensive experience in risk and portfolio management and holds a degree in Quantitative Finance. He is a Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA).



Marine Duverger
Principal, Client Portfolio Management (Apollo Global Management)

Marine Duverger works with wealth clients across EMEA on private credit strategies at Apollo. She previously held senior roles at Citi Global Wealth and H2O Asset Management, focusing on investment solutions and client advisory.



Roman Egger
Managing Director, Head of DACH Private Wealth Distribution (Coller Capital)

Roman Egger is Managing Director and Head of DACH Private Wealth Distribution at Coller Capital, based in Zurich. He leads the firm's private wealth distribution across Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Prior to joining Coller Capital, Roman was a Managing Director in the Client Solutions Group at Goldman Sachs Asset Management. He is a CAIA charterholder.



Julia Lundström
Head Client Solutions France & Benelux (iCapital)

Julia Lundström is a Senior Vice President at iCapital, leading Client Solutions and coverage for France & Benelux from Zurich. She focuses on expanding access to private equity, private credit and alternative strategies for wealth managers and institutional clients across EMEA. She previously held senior investor relations and distribution roles at Evoco and Lombard Odier.



John Plassard
Partner, Head Investment Strategy (Cité Gestion)

John Plassard brings over 25 years of experience in financial markets. Since 2025, he has served at Cité Gestion, leveraging his expertise in macroeconomic analysis, central bank policy and global markets, developed at Mirabaud, Louis Capital Markets and Exane BNP Paribas.



Martin Progin
Director Private Debt - Portfolio & Risk Management (StepStone Group)

Martin Progin is Director on the Private Debt team at StepStone Group in Zurich, focusing on co-investments, fund investments and secondaries. He previously served as Head of Alternative Investments at Fribourg Cantonal Bank. He holds an MA in Banking & Finance from the University of St. Gallen and is a CFA and CAIA charterholder.



Jean-Christophe Rochat
CIO (Banque Heritage)

Jean-Christophe Rochat has been Chief Investment Officer at Banque Heritage since 2019. He oversees the Group's investment strategy and asset management activities, bringing extensive experience developed at Lombard Odier and Banque Heritage.