

10th Annual INSEAD Asian Private Equity and Venture Capital Conference

The [10th Annual INSEAD Asian Private Equity and Venture Capital Conference](#) took place in Singapore on 7 and 8 November 2018. The conference attracted over 250 participants as well as 33 speakers from top firms in the industry including KKR Capstone, Baring PE, L Catterton, OMERS, 500 Startups and IFC.



"Is this the new normal?" was the overarching theme of the conference and the panels covered a wide range of topics from macroeconomic environment to VC investments in AI with the participation of private equity and venture capital funds, start-ups as well as LPs. Dean Illian Mihov opened the conference and questioned how long the global economic expansion can last. Sameer Sain, CEO of Everstone, shared his story as a PE professional and told that passion, perseverance and resilience are key to success in the PE industry.



Francois Aguerre, Co-head of Origination at Coller Capital, mentioned that the PE industry is expected to continue to outperform other asset classes despite potential swings in the business cycle. Todd Rupert, Venture Partner of Greenspring Associates, highlighted the rising importance of Chinese VC market.

The keynote speeches were followed by 7 panels over 2 days covering private equity and venture capital space in Asian context. These panels were:

- Macro environment: are we at the end of the cycle?
- Large buyouts in Asia: when are companies overvalued?
- Growing role of alternative investments: private debt, real estate and infrastructure
- How to launch a VC-backed enterprise in Southeast Asia: founders' approach to partnership with VCs
- Investing in AI start-ups: beyond the hype – risks and opportunities
- LPs' perspective on APAC PE and VC space
- Discovering product-market fit: an alternative approach to product development



Through this conference, IPEC opened some important debates faced by the private equity industry and delivered crucial insights via high profile industry veterans. We look forward to seeing you at the next IPEC conference which will take place on 23-24 May 2019 in Fontainebleau.

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