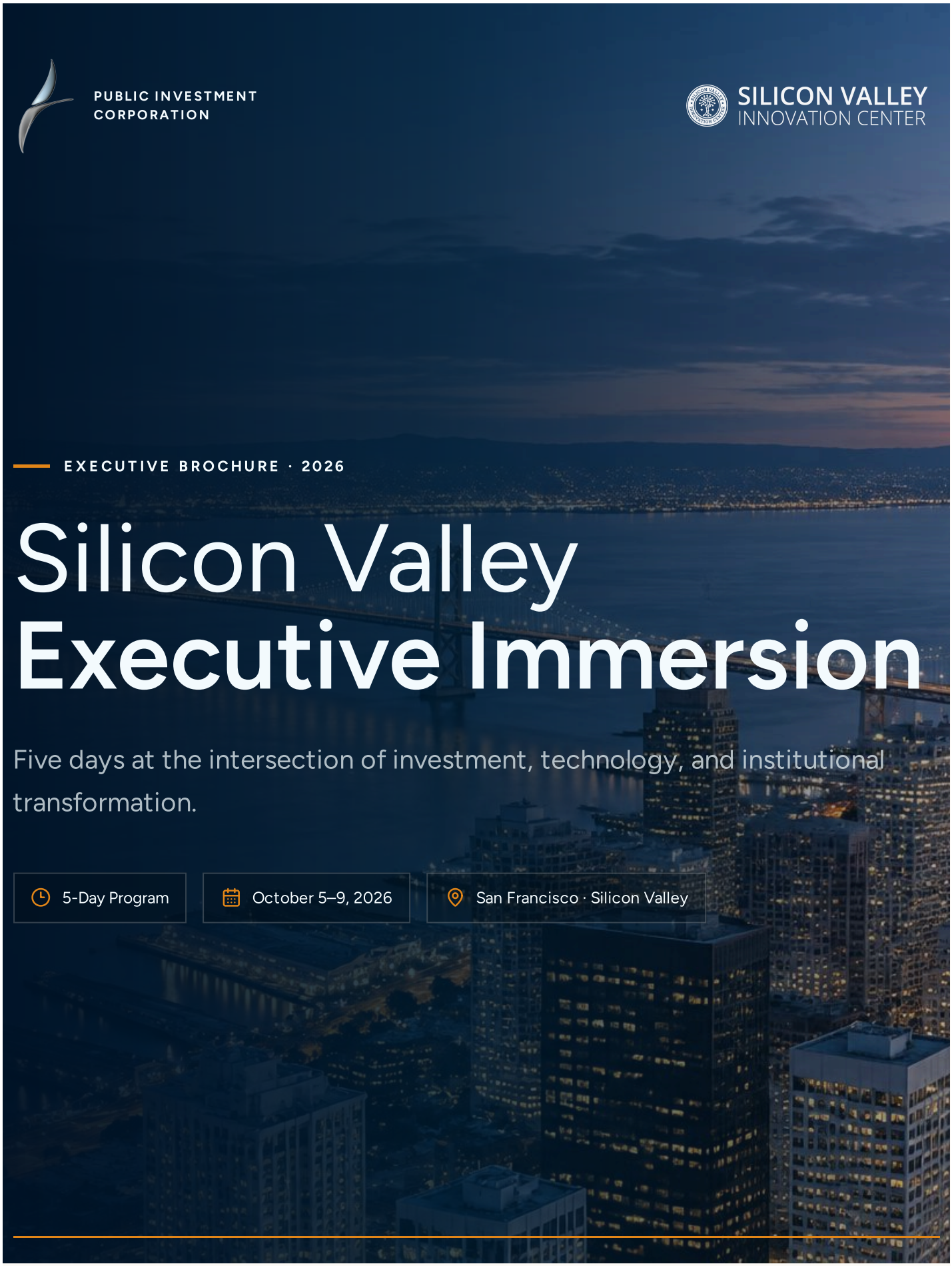


PUBLIC INVESTMENT CORPORATION

SILICON VALLEY INNOVATION CENTER

EXECUTIVE BROCHURE · 2026

Silicon Valley Executive Immersion

Five days at the intersection of investment, technology, and institutional transformation.

5-Day Program

October 5–9, 2026

San Francisco · Silicon Valley

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Where long-term capital meets **frontier innovation**

This executive immersion is designed for PIC leadership to examine how Silicon Valley's leading investors, technology companies, and research institutions are shaping the next era of institutional investment.

Across five focused days, the delegation will explore enterprise AI, private-market infrastructure, deep technology, innovation culture, and the operating systems that turn ambitious ideas into durable value.

Key themes

AI & Enterprise Transformation

Translate frontier AI into responsible, measurable impact across people, finance, workflows, and decisions.

Institutional & Private Markets

Examine how data, technology, and AI are changing investment research, operations, and portfolio visibility.

Frontier & Deep Tech Investing

Assess technical viability, defensibility, market timing, and long-term risk from earliest stage to commercial scale.

Innovation Culture & Execution

Learn how leading organizations build agile teams, ownership systems, and pathways from research to market.

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COMPANY, CAMPUS & RESEARCH VISITS	EXPERTS & LEADERS	DAYS ACROSS THE BAY AREA	STRATEGIC LEARNING THEMES

THE PROGRAM

Five curated days across the Bay Area's innovation economy

Five days of visits, sessions and conversations across San Francisco and the Peninsula.

DAY 00

Sunday, October 4

6:30 PM

WELCOME DINNER

TAVERNA

Welcome Dinner at Taverna

800 Emerson St, Palo Alto, CA 94301, United States

DAY 01

Monday, October 5

8:10 AM

HOTEL PICKUP

Pickup at The Westin Palo Alto

675 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301

8:20 AM

HOTEL PICKUP

Pickup at Sheraton Palo Alto

625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301

8:20–9:00 AM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Computer History Museum

9:00–10:00 AM

PROGRAM OPENING

SVIC

Welcome & Program Opening

Set the context for the week, align on key learning objectives, and connect the Silicon Valley experience to PIC's broader transformation priorities.

Vlas Lezin — COO, SVIC

1401 N Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View, CA 94043

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

PRESENTATION & Q&A

ADOBE

From Ideas to Impact: Building Agile, High-Performing Teams

Explore how high-performing teams use agile ways of working, collaboration, and accountability to move faster while maintaining quality at scale.

Chantal Cox — Director of Product Management, AI

Computer History Museum, Mountain View

12:00–1:30 PM

LUNCH & TOUR

Lunch and Computer History Museum Tour

1:30–2:00 PM

TRANSFER

Transfer to SRI International

2:00–3:30 PM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

SRI INTERNATIONAL

Applied Research and Lab-to-Market Translation

Discover how breakthrough research moves from the lab into commercial applications, new ventures, and scalable technologies.

Grit Denker — Senior Computer Scientist

Anirban Roy — Associate Director

Phil Porras — Program Director · SRI Fellow

333 Ravenswood Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025

3:30–4:00 PM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Plug and Play

4:00–5:30 PM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

PLUG AND PLAY

Innovation District Tour and Ecosystem Mapping

Engage with the Silicon Valley ecosystem through a structured tour of innovation hubs and research and enterprise clusters.

440 N Wolfe Rd, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

5:30 PM

TRANSFER

Return to hotel

DAY 02

Tuesday, October 6

7:30 AM

HOTEL PICKUP

Pickup at The Westin Palo Alto

675 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301

7:45 AM

HOTEL PICKUP

Pickup at Sheraton Palo Alto

625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301

7:45–9:00 AM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Andreessen Horowitz

9:00–10:00 AM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

A16Z

How Venture Firms Evaluate Technology at Scale

Learn how leading venture investors assess emerging technologies, market potential, defensibility, scalability, and long-term value.

Kevin Deeth — Partner, Capital Formation & Strategy

180 Townsend St, San Francisco, CA 94107

10:00–10:30 AM

TRANSFER

Transfer to venue

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

PRESENTATION & Q&A

Transforming Financial Institutions: Technology, Data, Risk & Decision-Making — AI, a rule, or a human — which one, for which job?

Examine how technology, data and AI are reshaping risk, compliance and decision-making inside financial institutions — and when to rely on a model, a rule, or human judgment.

Alexander (Sasha) Kipkalov — Ex Blend · LendingClub · Bridge Bank

201 Spear St, San Francisco, CA 94105

12:00–12:15 PM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Lunch

12:15–1:15 PM

LUNCH

DELAROSA · YERBA BUENA

Lunch in SF

37 Yerba Buena Ln, San Francisco

1:15–1:30 PM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Carta

1:30–3:30 PM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

CARTA

The Future of Private Markets: Data, Technology & Investment Operations

Examine how technology and better data are transforming private-market investing, portfolio visibility, reporting, valuations, and investment operations.

Rita Astoor — Senior Director, Funds Business Development

Nicole Canas — EA Team Manager · Senior Executive Assistant

Michael Aldridge — Senior Director of Sales

333 Bush Street, Suite 2300, San Francisco, CA 94104

3:30–4:00 PM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Kindred Ventures

4:00–6:00 PM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

KINDRED VENTURES

Identifying the Next Wave: Investing at the Earliest Stage

Understand how early-stage investors identify promising technologies and business models before they become mainstream and build conviction amid uncertainty.

Kanyi Maqubela — Managing Partner

Steve Jang — Founder & Managing Partner

735 Montgomery Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111

6:00 PM

TRANSFER

Return to hotel

DAY 03

Wednesday, October 7

8:10 AM

HOTEL PICKUP

Pickup at The Westin Palo Alto

675 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301

8:20 AM

HOTEL PICKUP

Pickup at Sheraton Palo Alto

625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301

8:20–9:00 AM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Lux Capital

9:00–10:00 AM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

LUX CAPITAL

Investing at the Frontier: Technology, Science & Long-Term Risk

Explore how investors evaluate frontier technologies and scientific breakthroughs where technical risk, market timing, and long-term uncertainty shape investment decisions.

Peter Hebert — Partner & Co-Founder, Lux Capital

1600 El Camino Real #290, Menlo Park, CA 94025

10:00–10:30 AM

TRANSFER

Transfer to venue

10:30–11:30 AM

PRESENTATION & Q&A

GOOGLE

Leading in the AI Era: Culture, Innovation & Business Transformation

Explore how leaders turn AI and technology investments into business impact while building a culture that supports innovation, adoption, and transformation at scale.

Aprajita Jain — Chief Brand & Creative Marketing Evangelist, Google

Riverpark Tower, 333 W San Carlos St, San Jose, CA 95110

11:30 AM–12:15 PM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Workday

12:15–1:00 PM

LUNCH

WORKDAY

Lunch at Workday

1:00–3:00 PM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

WORKDAY

AI-Driven Transformation: Rethinking Work, Decisions & Innovation

Examine how AI is reshaping people, finance, workflows, and decision-making—and what organizations need to successfully manage workforce and operational transformation.

Sophie Sharp — SVP, Strategic Operations

Max Wessel — SVP, Product

Jennifer Serrato — CTO, Platform

Aidan Mitchell — VP, Product Management

Chris Schott — Sr Principal, Solution Consultant

6110 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588

3:00–4:00 PM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Nvidia

4:00–5:30 PM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

NVIDIA

AI at Scale: Infrastructure, Innovation & Enterprise Transformation

See how NVIDIA's full-stack accelerated computing platform — from GPUs and networking to software — powers AI at scale, and how enterprises are turning that infrastructure into transformation.

Wei Xiao — Director of Developer Relations, NVIDIA

2788 San Tomas Expy, Santa Clara, CA 95051

5:30 PM

TRANSFER

Return to hotel

DAY 04

Thursday, October 8

8:00 AM

HOTEL PICKUP

Pickup at The Westin Palo Alto

675 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301

8:10 AM

HOTEL PICKUP

Pickup at Sheraton Palo Alto

625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301

8:10–8:40 AM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Google

9:00–10:00 AM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

GOOGLE

Building the Future of Digital Finance: Seamless Experiences, Identity & Trust

Explore how digital finance is evolving around seamless customer experiences, secure digital identity, and the trust that underpins them.

Alan Stapelberg — Group Product Manager, Google

Deepanker Saxena — Head of Document Verification, Socure

Gal Afgon — Product Manager, Google Payments Platform

Google Building 1395, 1395 Charleston Rd, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA

10:00–10:30 AM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Stanford University

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

PRESENTATION & Q&A

STANFORD HAI

The Future of Human-Centered AI: From Research to Responsible Enterprise Impact

Explore where AI is heading, its emerging capabilities and limitations, and how organizations can translate AI research into responsible real-world impact.

Ahmad Rushdi — Director of Industry Research Programs, Stanford HAI

Gates Computer Science Building, Room 105, 353 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford, CA 94305

12:00–12:15 PM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Lunch

12:15–1:00 PM

LUNCH

TELEFÈRIC BARCELONA · PALO ALTO

Lunch at Telefèric Barcelona

855 El Camino Real, Ste 130, Palo Alto, CA 94301

1:00–1:30 PM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Celesta Capital

1:30–3:30 PM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

CELESTA CAPITAL

Deep Tech Investing: From Technical Breakthrough to Commercial Scale

Learn how investors evaluate deep technologies across technical viability, commercialization, scalability, market timing, and long-term investment potential.

Robin Clewley — Partner

Anand Chandrasekaran — Managing Partner

Arun Kumar — Managing Partner

Michael Marks — Founding Managing Partner

Sriram Viswanathan — Founding Managing Partner

1850 Gateway Drive, Suite 450, San Mateo, CA 94404

3:30 PM

TRANSFER

Return to hotel

DAY 05

Friday, October 9

7:30 AM

HOTEL PICKUP

Pickup at The Westin Palo Alto

675 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301

7:45 AM

HOTEL PICKUP

Pickup at Sheraton Palo Alto

625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301

7:45–9:00 AM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Amazon

9:00–11:00 AM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

AMAZON WEB SERVICES

Culture Systems That Drive High Performance + Data

Explore how Amazon combines leadership principles, ownership, operating mechanisms, and data-driven decision-making to sustain speed and execution at scale.

Raj Menon — Senior Leader, Enterprise Customer Solutions

Gagan Brahmi — Senior Specialist Solutions Architect, Analytics

525 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

11:00–11:15 AM

TRANSFER

Transfer to BlackRock

11:15 AM–4:30 PM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

BLACKROCK

The Future of Institutional Investing: AI, Data & Private Markets

- Welcome
- 1. Future of asset management; AI's impact on the investing world
- 2. Digital assets and tokenization
- Lunch & Learn — Data & Technology Transformation
- 3. Investment lifecycle in private markets
- 4. Practical use cases demonstrating AI implementation
- Closing & next steps

4:30–5:00 PM

TRANSFER

Transfer to Plaid

5:00–6:00 PM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

PLAID

Fraud, Financial Crime, and Integrity Operations

Explore how data and technology can strengthen fraud detection, financial integrity, and risk controls while supporting seamless digital financial experiences.

Simran J. Singh — Head of Financial Institutions, Plaid

1098 Harrison St, San Francisco, CA 94103

6:00 PM

TRANSFER

Return to hotel

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

Where we're going

Hosts and partners spanning hyperscalers, frontier AI, fintech, academia and the venture ecosystem — opening their doors across the Bay Area.

Silicon Valley Innovation Center
ECOSYSTEM

Adobe
BIG TECH

SRI International
RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Plug and Play
ECOSYSTEM

Andreessen Horowitz
VENTURE CAPITAL

Plaid
FINTECH

Carta
FINTECH

Kindred Ventures
VENTURE CAPITAL

Lux Capital
VENTURE CAPITAL

Google
BIG TECH

Workday
BIG TECH

NVIDIA
BIG TECH

Stanford HAI
ACADEMIA

Celesta Capital
VENTURE CAPITAL

Amazon Web Services
BIG TECH

BlackRock
INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR

SPEAKERS & FACULTY

Voices of the week

Leading experts, researchers and executives hosting PIC within their organizations — each bringing a distinct perspective on how Silicon Valley invests, innovates and scales.



SVIC · DAY 1

Vlas Lezin

Chief Operating Officer

Vlas Lezin is COO of Silicon Valley Innovation Center, working across business, finance and technology to help executives shape strategy, build products and translate emerging technologies into practical growth.



Adobe ADOBE · DAY 1

Chantal Cox

Director of Product Management, AI

Chantal Cox is Director of Product Management for AI at Adobe, leading AI and agent strategies for image and video editing after product leadership roles at Meta, Amazon, Credit Karma and eBay.



SRI INTERNATIONAL · DAY 1

Grit Denker

Senior Computer Scientist

Dr. Grit Denker is a Senior Computer Scientist in SRI International's Computer Science Laboratory, where she co-leads the bRIGHT human-machine interaction program and has led DARPA-funded research since joining SRI in 1997, with expertise spanning human-machine interfaces, formal methods and distributed systems security.



SRI INTERNATIONAL · DAY 1

Anirban Roy

Associate Director

Anirban Roy is an AI researcher at SRI International working on advanced artificial intelligence, including neurosymbolic methods, large language models and multimodal vision-language systems.



SRI INTERNATIONAL · DAY 1

Phil Porras

Program Director · SRI Fellow

Phillip Porras is an SRI Fellow and program director leading the Internet Security Group in SRI's Computer Science Laboratory, where he has directed DARPA- and DHS-sponsored cybersecurity research since 1996 — spanning malware analysis, intrusion detection and resilient network defense — and is known for his work analyzing the Conficker worm.



A16Z · DAY 2

Kevin Deeth

Partner · Capital Formation and Strategy

Kevin Deeth is a partner at Andreessen Horowitz focused on capital formation, global partnerships and firm strategy for one of Silicon Valley's leading venture capital platforms.



GUEST SPEAKER

· DAY 2

Alexander (Sasha) Kipkalov

Ex Blend · LendingClub · Bridge Bank

Alexander "Sasha" Kipkalov is a financial-services executive who has held senior finance and risk roles across fintech and banking, including VP of Finance at Blend, the digital lending platform, and earlier positions at LendingClub and Bridge Bank. His published research on mortgage default risk measurement and economic capital underpins a career spent at the intersection of credit risk, data and decision-making in financial institutions.



CARTA

· DAY 2

Rita Astoor

Senior Director, Funds Business Development & Product Advisor

Rita Astoor is Senior Director of Funds Business Development & Product Advisor at Carta, leading the venture capital and private equity business development team. A former investment funds attorney at Latham & Watkins, she also teaches venture funds at UC Berkeley School of Law and holds a J.D. from NYU School of Law.



CARTA

· DAY 2

Nicole Canas

EA Team Manager · Senior Executive Assistant

Nicole Canas is EA Team Manager and Senior Executive Assistant to the CRO at Carta, bringing two decades of administrative leadership across high-growth technology companies, including prior roles at Carta and DocuSign.



CARTA

· DAY 2

Michael Aldridge

Senior Director of Sales

Michael Aldridge is Senior Director of Sales at Carta, driving the global commercial strategy for Carta's LP Portfolio Analytics. He was previously co-founder, President and Chief Revenue Officer of Accelex, acquired by Carta.



KINDRED VENTURES

· DAY 2

Kanyi Maqubela

Managing Partner

Kanyi Maqubela is Managing Partner at Kindred Ventures, investing across frontier technology, digital health and financial technology — with early involvement in companies like Upstart and Reddit. He is also co-founder of Heartbeat Health and a former Partner at Collaborative Fund.



KINDRED VENTURES

· DAY 2

Steve Jang

Founder & Managing Partner

Steve Jang is founder and managing partner of Kindred Ventures and a three-time Forbes Midas List investor. He was an early advisor and angel investor in Uber and has backed Coinbase, Poshmark, Postmates, Perplexity AI and more, after co-founding startups including imeem and SoundTracking.



LUX CAPITAL

· DAY 3

Peter Hebert

Partner & Co-Founder

Peter Hebert is co-founder and managing partner of Lux Capital, the firm he started in 2000 to back scientifically ambitious ventures across AI, robotics, healthcare and defense. He began his career in Lehman Brothers' top-ranked equity research group, and has led investments including Auris Health (acquired by Johnson & Johnson), Luxtera (acquired by Cisco) and Matterport (acquired by CoStar).



GOOGLE

· DAY 3

Aprajita Jain

Chief Brand & Creative Marketing Evangelist

Aprajita Jain is Google's Chief Brand & Creative Marketing Evangelist, working with global advertising partners and some of the world's most sophisticated CMOs to elevate their digital brand strategies. Across her 22-year career at Google she has expanded her work to thought leadership on creative strategy, brandformance and creativity in the age of AI.



WORKDAY

· DAY 3

Sophie Sharp

SVP, Strategic Operations

Sophie Sharp is SVP of Strategic Operations at Workday, leading a unified team spanning corporate strategy, innovation launch and the enterprise AI task force accelerating Workday's AI momentum for customers. In 21+ years she has held senior go-to-market and transformation roles at Workday, including SVP of Global Industries & Value Management.



WORKDAY · DAY 3

Max Wessel

SVP, Product

Max Wessel is SVP of Product at Workday, responsible for product vision, strategy and execution across Workday's applications portfolio. Previously CEO of Degreed and an Executive Vice President at SAP, he spent eight years on the faculty of the Stanford Graduate School of Business and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.



WORKDAY · DAY 3

Jennifer Serrato

CTO, Platform

Jennifer Serrato is Workday's Chief Technology Officer for Platform, leading large product and engineering teams including Workday Extend and Talent Product Engineering since joining in 2014. Before Workday she spent 13 years as a computer scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and holds an MBA in Technology Management and Strategy from UC Davis.



WORKDAY · DAY 3

Aidan Mitchell

VP, Product Management

Aidan Mitchell is VP of Product Management at Workday, leading the product managers behind the reporting and analytics tools at the core of Workday's HCM and Financial Management suite, and building a next-generation platform for analytic applications. A 31-year technology veteran, he earlier led the team that built and launched Workday Planning.



WORKDAY · DAY 3

Chris Schott

Sr Principal, Solution Consultant

Chris Schott is a Senior Principal Platform Strategist at Workday, partnering with global prospects and customers to demonstrate the value of the Workday platform through the lens of employee experience. Over a decade at Workday he has worked most frequently with hyper-growth startups and technology companies in Silicon Valley and the Bay Area.



NVIDIA · DAY 3

Wei Xiao

Director of Developer Relations

Wei Xiao is Director of Developer Relations at NVIDIA, leading the programs that help developers and enterprises build on NVIDIA's accelerated computing platform. His career spans deep-tech engineering and developer ecosystems, with prior work in high-performance computing and data-centric AI infrastructure.



GOOGLE · DAY 4

Alan Stapelberg

Group Product Manager

Alan Stapelberg is a Group Product Manager at Google, where he leads product work on digital payments and financial experiences — focusing on seamless user journeys, digital identity and the trust and safety foundations that make modern digital finance work at scale.



SOCURE · DAY 4

Deepanker Saxena

Head of Document Verification, Socure

Deepanker Saxena is Head of Document Verification at Socure, where he leads products that verify identity documents for banks, fintechs and public-sector programs — working at the intersection of digital identity, machine learning and fraud prevention.



GOOGLE · DAY 4

Gal Afgon

Product Manager, Google Payments Platform

Gal Afgon is a Product Manager on Google's Payments Platform, working on the payments infrastructure behind Google's products and helping partners deliver seamless, trusted payment experiences at global scale.



STANFORD UNIVERSITY · DAY 4

Tawab Fakhri

Senior Program Manager · Innovation Evangelist

A San Francisco Bay Area native, Tawab Fakhri is a senior program manager and innovation evangelist at Silicon Valley Innovation Center, where he has spent over a decade working across technology companies and startups — leading executive immersion programs and helping global organizations engage Silicon Valley's innovation ecosystem.



STANFORD HAI

· DAY 4

Ahmad Rushdi

Director of Industry Research Programs

Ahmad Rushdi, PhD, directs industry research programs at Stanford HAI, building collaborations between academia and industry around applied, human-centered artificial intelligence.



CELESTA CAPITAL

· DAY 4

Robin Clewley

Partner

Robin Clewley is a partner at Celesta Capital focused on investor relations and go-to-market strategy, drawing on more than two decades of leadership experience.



CELESTA CAPITAL

· DAY 4

Anand Chandrasekaran

Managing Partner

Anand Chandrasekaran is a managing partner at Celesta Capital. He previously co-founded and led Crescendo, an AI-first contact center company backed by General Catalyst, where he was also a partner, after two decades as a product leader at Meta (Messenger), Five9, Bharti Airtel and Snapdeal, and as founder of Aeroprise, acquired by BMC Software. He has backed more than 80 seed-stage companies and was named the top India–US corridor seed investor by HURUN three years running, with an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford.



CELESTA CAPITAL

· DAY 4

Arun Kumar

Managing Partner

Arun Kumar is a managing partner at Celesta Capital and former Chairman and CEO of KPMG in India, with senior experience in business leadership and public service.



CELESTA CAPITAL

· DAY 4

Michael Marks

Founding Managing Partner

Michael Marks is founding managing partner of Celesta Capital and has led and transformed technology companies for more than 40 years. He spent 13 years as CEO and then chairman of Flextronics, growing revenues from $150M to more than $25B, served as interim CEO at Tesla, was a founding partner of Riverwood Capital and a partner and senior advisor at KKR, and taught as an adjunct professor at Stanford Graduate School of Business.



CELESTA CAPITAL

· DAY 4

Sriram Viswanathan

Founding Managing Partner

Sriram Viswanathan is founding managing partner at Celesta Capital, bringing more than 30 years of technology operations and venture capital experience. He spent nearly 20 years at Intel in senior roles including VP of the Intel Architecture Group, VP of Intel Capital and GM of Intel's Incubation and Innovation Group, and previously founded IndusAge Partners, a cross-border firm investing across the US–India technology corridor. He serves on the advisory board of the India Semiconductor Mission and holds an MBA from UCLA Anderson.



AMAZON WEB SERVICES

· DAY 5

Raj Menon

Senior Leader, Enterprise Customer Solutions

Raj Menon is a Senior Leader of Enterprise Customer Solutions at AWS, where he helps enterprises move from AI experimentation to production-scale business impact. Across nearly 25 years in customer success and solutions leadership — including senior roles at AWS since 2020 and director positions at Actifio — he has focused on turning technology into measurable customer outcomes while growing people and teams.



AMAZON WEB SERVICES

· DAY 5

Gagan Brahmi

Senior Specialist Solutions Architect, Analytics

Gagan Brahmi is a Senior Specialist Solutions Architect for Analytics at Amazon Web Services, focused on big data and analytics with over 16 years of experience in IT consulting. He helps customers design and build highly scalable, performant and secure cloud solutions on AWS, with deep expertise in data lakes, the Hadoop and Spark ecosystem, and MPP databases such as Amazon Redshift, and is a regular speaker at AWS and open-source data conferences.



PLAID

· DAY 5

Simran J. Singh

Head of Financial Institutions

Simran J. Singh is Head of Financial Institutions at Plaid, where he leads the commercial side of Plaid's work with banks and financial institutions. He brings 15+ years scaling fintech infrastructure, with prior leadership roles at PayPal, Green Dot and Pagaya, an MBA from Wharton and a computer science and maths degree from IIT Delhi.

ACCOMMODATION

Where you'll stay

HOTEL 1 · PALO ALTO

Sheraton Palo Alto

ADDRESS

625 El Camino Real

Palo Alto, CA 94301, United States

HOTEL 2 · PALO ALTO

The Westin Palo Alto

ADDRESS

675 El Camino Real

Palo Alto, CA 94301, USA

AT BOTH HOTELS

- High-speed Wi-Fi
- Restaurant
- All-day café
- Fitness centre

"A Silicon Valley basecamp within easy reach of the campuses, funds and labs on the week's agenda."

TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

Travel guidelines & contacts

Weather · October 5–9

San Francisco is usually mild at 18–23°C (64–74°F), while Palo Alto and Mountain View are warmer at 24–25°C (75–77°F). Mornings and evenings can be cool, so bring a light layer.

Time difference

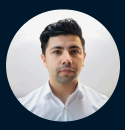
Pacific Daylight Time (UTC−7 in October). 9 hours behind Johannesburg / Pretoria (SAST, UTC+2).

IDs & dress code

- Have your ID ready for all company visits
- Business casual throughout
- No ties required
- Comfortable walking shoes

PROGRAM CONTACT

In case of need, reach out



SVIC · ON-SITE PROGRAM LEAD

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