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The **20th Annual AVCJ Private Equity & Venture Forum – Australia & New Zealand** successfully took place in Sydney and online on 7-9 March. The event brought together over 720 private market professionals including 280+ LPs representing 400+ different organisations from 26 geographies.

The conference, which focused on managing portfolios, and finding deals and exits at a time of global macroeconomic and political instability kicked off with a keynote presentation from Damien Webb, Deputy Chief Investment Officer and Head of International at Aware Super.

The forum also featured leading executives from Brookfield, IFM Investors, NZ Super Fund, Australian Retirement Trust, Quadrant Private Equity Future Fund, Permira, Pacific Equity Partners and Ares Management speaking on a number of well-researched topics including the impact of macro conditions on deal making, fundraising and portfolio management, the rise of private wealth as LPs and long-term implications of democratising access to alternatives, climate change, decarbonisation and the roadmap to a net zero portfolio, how to ride out a downturn and find opportunities amid crises, the strategies LPs are employing for manager selection and portfolio balancing and the outlook for VC in Australia over the next 12 months.

The AVCJ Australia and New Zealand Forum returns to Sydney in March 2024.

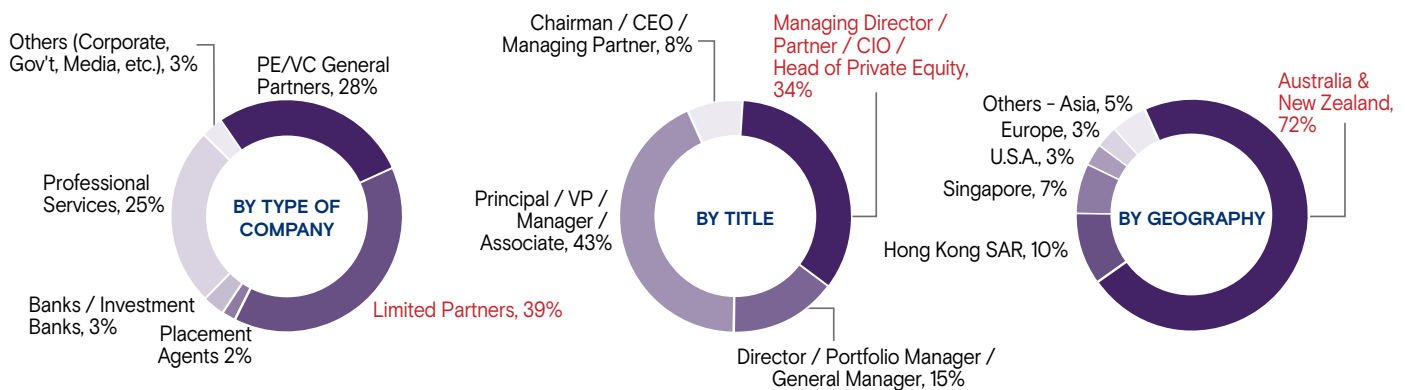


2023 DELEGATE COMPOSITION

- Attended by **280+** limited partners from Australia and overseas

- **59** speakers

- Over **720+** participants from **26** geographies and **400+** companies



Media Coverage

Testimonials

THE AUSTRALIAN

Private equity firms brace themselves for tough times
Previous downturns have taught private equity firms more about handling recessions.

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Pacific Equity Partners director Shannon Wolfers says that the three things have been learned for private equity firms from the global...



Amart Furniture firing for Quadrant after shrinking size of stores
The successful Australian-based private equity firm Quadrant made efforts to cut costs to its furniture business during the pandemic.

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Quadrant private equity partner Marcus Darville says the private equity firm moved swiftly when it came to cutting costs in its furniture...



*To read the full article, please go to The Australian Website

“ AVCJ is the pre-eminent private equity event in Australasia. As a platform for wide ranging industry debate as well a way to network with existing relationships and create new ones. ”

Simon Kinzett, Senior Director, **PERMIRA**

“ Thank you to Asian Venture Capital Journal (AVCJ) for hosting our Deputy CIO and Head of International Damien Webb as keynote presenter for your conference. We were honoured to be invited to share our perspectives on the opportunities in the private markets and private equity space. ”

AWARE SUPER

“ Great insights from the industry veterans panel at Asian Venture Capital Journal (AVCJ) conference in #Sydney yesterday - featuring Potentum Partners Co-Founder Steve Byrom. We enjoyed catching up with peers and sharing our learnings from 20+ years of PE in Australasia. ”

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“ I always have a great time with the BDO in Australia #corporatefinance team, but last night was particularly special with the 2023 Annual Australian Investment Council and Asian Venture Capital Journal (AVCJ) Gala Dinner.

Well done to the organisers for such a wonderful evening and loved seeing the almost 500 representatives across Australia's private capital space gathered in one room. ”

Lisa Qu, Communications Manager, **BDO**

Doug Bell, Senior Investment Strategist, **NZ SUPER FUND**

Speakers



Keynote Speaker



- **Damien Webb**
Deputy Chief Investment Officer and Head of International
AWARE SUPER

Gala Dinner Speaker

- **Jo Masters**
Chief Economist
BARRENJOEY CAPITAL PARTNERS

Limited Partners

- **Serge Allaire**, Head of Private Equity, **CBUS**
- **Doug Bell**, Senior Investment Strategist, **NZ SUPER FUND**
- **Steve Byrom**, Founding Partner, **POTENTUM PARTNERS**
- **Fred Chung**, Partner & Head of Credit Underwriting, Private Credit, **ADAMS STREET PARTNERS**
- **Doug Coulter**, Partner, Head of Private Equity, Asia-Pacific, **LGT CAPITAL PARTNERS**
- **Pamela Fung**, Executive Director, **MORGAN STANLEY ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT PARTNERS**
- **Gillian Gordon**, Head of Alternative Investments & Responsible Investing, **JBWERE**
- **Alicia Gregory**, Deputy Chief Investment Officer, Private Markets, **FUTURE FUND**
- **Ben Hart**, Partner & Head of Investor Relations (Asia), **ADAMS STREET PARTNERS**
- **Paul Heath**, Founding Partner and Chief Executive Officer, **KODA CAPITAL**
- **James Lilico**, Senior Portfolio Manager, **AUSTRALIAN RETIREMENT TRUST**
- **Michael Lukin**, Managing Partner, **ROC PARTNERS**
- **Tom Macfadyen**, Associate Portfolio Manager, **AWARE SUPER**
- **Rune Munk**, Partner, **COLLER CAPITAL**
- **Jenny Newmarch**, Senior Portfolio Manager and Head of Private Equity, **AWARE SUPER**
- **Marina Pasika**, Head of Private Equity, **REST**
- **Martin Randall**, Head of Alternatives, **LGT CRESTONE**
- **Sam Robinson**, Managing Partner, **NORTH-EAST PRIVATE EQUITY ASIA**
- **Suzanne Tavill**, Global Head of Responsible Investment, Partner, **STEPSTONE**
- **Kathryn Young**, Head of Investments, **CAMBOOYA**

Senior Industry Professionals

- **Tim Burroughs**, Managing Editor, **ASIAN VENTURE CAPITAL JOURNAL**
- **James Cameron**, Partner, **AIRTREE VENTURES**
- **Edwin Chan**, Managing Director, Head of Asia, Head of Client Solutions APAC, **ICAPITAL**
- **Shane Chesson**, Partner, **OPENSOURCE VENTURES**
- **Steven Ciobo**, Managing Director, **STONEPEAK**
- **Alistair Coleman**, Founder and Managing Partner, **FOLKLORE**
- **Nicholas Combes**, Mergers & Acquisitions Partner, **KPMG**
- **Marcus Darville**, Managing Partner, **QUADRANT PRIVATE EQUITY**
- **Peter Graf**, Managing Director & Head of Direct Lending AU/NZ, **ARES MANAGEMENT**
- **Adrian Kerley**, Executive Director, Private Equity, **IFM INVESTORS**
- **Simon Kinzett**, Senior Director, **PERMIRA**
- **Rob Koczkar**, Managing Director, **ADAMANTEM CAPITAL**
- **Matthew Koertge**, Managing Partner, **TELSTRA VENTURES**
- **Brian Lau**, Managing Director, **SHAWKWEI & PARTNERS**
- **Chris Leahy**, Managing Director, **BLACKPEAK**
- **Leila Lee**, Head of Distribution, **SQUARE PEG CAPITAL**
- **Nicholas Macksey**, Partner, **BPEA EQT**
- **Edwina Matthew**, Investment Director, Sustainable Investments, APAC, **WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT**
- **Annabelle Mooney**, Managing Director, Head of Corporate Client Banking, Australia and New Zealand, **J.P. MORGAN**
- **Natasha Morris**, Managing Director, Responsibility and Impact, **ADAMANTEM CAPITAL**
- **Kelly Morton**, Founder, **SKYE CAPITAL ADVISORY**
- **Tony Moussa**, Partner Debt Advisory, **KPMG**
- **Simon Pillar**, Managing Director, **PACIFIC EQUITY PARTNERS**
- **Carl Prins**, Co-Founder and CEO, **PATHZERO**
- **Nick Sammut**, Senior Vice President, **INVESTMENTS, BROOKFIELD**
- **Jeremy Samuel**, Managing Director, **ANACACIA CAPITAL**
- **Timo Schmid**, Managing Director, **ALVAREZ & MARSAL**
- **Marcus Simpson**, Founder, **PMGS GLOBAL**
- **Neil Stanford**, Principal Advisor – Venture Capital, **BREAKTHROUGH VICTORIA**
- **Matthew Turner**, Managing Director & Head of Australian Senior Debt, **ICG**
- **Julie Vasadi**, Director, Head of ESG Due Diligence Transaction Services, **KPMG AUSTRALIA**
- **James Viles**, Partner, **BAIN & COMPANY**
- **John White**, Partner, **NEXT CAPITAL**
- **Peter Wiggs**, Founding Partner, **ARCHER CAPITAL**
- **David Wilson**, Partner and Co-Head of Credit, **17CAPITAL**
- **Shannon Wolfers**, Managing Director – Buyout and Secure Assets, **PACIFIC EQUITY PARTNERS**
- **Xiaying Zhang**, Director of Private Investments, **WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT**



Delegate Companies

- 17Capital
- 1946 Private Capital
- 333 Capital
- A22 Private Capital
- Aceana Group
- Activus Investment Advisors
- Adamantem Capital
- Adams Street Partners
- Agnition
- Aircservices Australia
- AirTree Ventures
- AJIS
- Alberts
- Albourne Partners
- Alchemist Capital Partners
- Allegro Funds
- Allen Partners
- Allens
- Allens Linklaters
- AlphaSights
- Alpinvest Partners
- Alvarez & Marsal
- Always Here
- Amaniki GmbH
- Amazon Web Services
- amciaa Advisors
- American Equity Investment Life Insurance
- Amicaa Advisors
- AMP
- Anacacia Capital
- ANZ
- Aozora Bank
- Apex Group
- Apollo Global Management
- Arch Advisors
- Archer Capital
- Arendt & Medernach
- Ares Management
- Artesian Capital Management
- Asia Alternatives
- Audant Investments
- Audax Private Equity
- Australian Government Future Fund
- Australian Investment Council
- Australian Retirement Trust
- AustralianSuper
- Avic
- Aware Super
- Axiom Asia Private Capital
- B Capital Group
- Bailador Investment Management
- Bailador Technology Investments
- Bain & Company
- Baker & McKenzie
- Bank of China
- Banque Cantonale de Geneve
- Bard
- Barrenjoey Capital Partners
- BDO
- Bessemer Trust
- Bintang Capital Partners
- Blackbird Ventures
- BlackRock
- Blackstone
- BMA
- BMYG Financial Group
- BPEA EQT
- Breakthrough Victoria
- Brookfield Asset Management
- Brooklands Capital Strategies
- BT Financial Group
- BTV Group
- Business France
- Buttress Investments
- Cambooya
- Cambridge Associates
- Campbell Lutyens
- Canstruct
- Capital Gateway Investments
- CBA
- Cbus
- CD&R
- CFS
- Challenger Life
- Chiratae Ventures India Advisors
- Chorus One
- Citco Fund Services
- CITIC Capital Holdings
- Clayton Utz
- CMO Syndicate
- Colinton Capital Partners
- Collier Capital
- Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation
- Complex Capital
- Constant Innovation
- Continuity Capital Partners
- Cool Japan Fund
- Copabella Investments
- Corner Capital
- Corpay
- Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- Cowealth Partners
- Cranleigh Partners
- Credit Suisse
- Crescent Capital Partners
- CVC Capital Partners
- Daher Investment Management
- Daiwa Capital Markets
- Dealcierge
- DealPro Australia
- Deloitte
- delphai
- Deutsche Bank AG
- Development Bank of Japan
- DIF Capital Partners
- DigitalBridge
- Domain Holdings
- DR Capital
- Dreamoro
- Drummond Capital Partners
- Dyal Capital Partners
- Eaton Partners – A Stifel Company
- Egy Investments
- Empire Capital
- Empire Holdings Worldwide
- Epsilon Direct Lending
- EQT
- ERM
- Escala Partners
- Eurazeo Investment Management
- EY
- Family Foundation
- FC Capital
- Fidante
- Fingerprint for Success
- First Bond Capital
- First Capital Global Management
- FIS
- Flexstone Partners
- Flying Fox Ventures
- Folklore Ventures
- Fortis Capital Management
- Fortitude Investment Partners
- Four Hats Capital
- Frontier Advisors
- FTI Consulting
- Fund Genesis
- Funds SA
- Future Fund
- Genesis Capital
- Global Loan Agency Services
- Glow Capital Partners
- Goldman Sachs
- Goldman Sachs Asset Management
- Great Eagle Holdings
- GreenMount
- GSFM
- Guidepoint Australia
- Guidepoint Global
- GVP
- Han Kun Law Offices
- HarbourVest Partners
- Headline VC
- Henslow Partners
- HESTA
- HQ Capital
- HRL Morrison & Co
- HT Capital
- HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
- iCapital
- ICG
- IFC Asset Management
- IFM Investors
- Independent Reserve
- Indies Capital
- Indite Ventures
- Intertrust Australia
- ioinsure
- Ion Pacific
- IP Group Australia
- IQ EQ
- JANA Investment Advisers
- Japan-China Capital Partners
- JBWere
- JCN Int'l
- JJ Ryan Consulting
- Johnson Winter & Slattery
- JP Morgan Asset Management
- JPC Family Office
- Kejora Ventures
- Keppel Capital
- KKR
- Koda Capital
- Korea Development Bank
- KPMG
- Kumpulan Wang Persaraan
- Latham & Watkins
- launchlink communications
- Lemanik Asset Management
- Lennoxgrove Capital
- Leos
- Lexington Partners
- LGT Capital Partners
- LGT Crestone
- Lincoln International
- Linklaters
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- Liverpool Partners
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- Lone Star Asia-Pacific Acquisitions
- M&G
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- Maybank Investment Banking
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- Metrics Credit Partners
- MGR
- Milford
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- Minchin Moore Private Wealth
- Minderero Foundation
- Mine Super
- MinterEllison
- Mirae Asset Securities
- Miras Investment
- Mizuho Securities
- MLC Private Equity
- Monument Group
- Moray & Agnew Lawyers
- Morgan Stanley Alternative Investment Partners
- MUFGBank
- Murphy Family Office
- Mutual Trust
- Myer Family Investments
- Naos Asset Management
- Natixis Investment Managers
- Netwealth
- Neuberger Berman
- Next Capital
- NextGen Ventures
- NGS Super
- NightOwl Financial Services
- Nine Entertainment Group
- Nissay Asset Management Corporation
- Noksha Capital
- Norinchukin Australia
- North-East Private Equity
- Northern Trust Corp
- Northleaf Capital
- Norton Rose Fulbright Australia
- Novo Holdings
- NRMA Motoring & Services
- NZ Super Fund
- NZA Equity
- NZTE
- Office of the Coordinator-General
- Omera Partners
- OMERS
- OneVentures
- Ontra
- Openspace Ventures
- OPTrust Private Markets Group
- Out & Seek
- Pacific Century Group
- Pacific Equity Partners
- Pacific Road Capital Management
- Paddington St Finance
- Pantheon Ventures
- Paperclip Partners
- Parc Capital
- Partners Group
- Pathzero
- Paul Ramsay Foundation
- Pavilion Capital
- PayIQ Executive Pay
- Pereim
- Perennial Investment Partners
- Permira
- Perpetual
- PETRONAS
- Pictet Alternative Advisors
- Pioneer Generation
- PKF Corporate Finance
- PlayfairTan
- PMGS Global
- POBA
- Polar 993
- Potentia Capital
- Potentia Fund 1
- Potentum Partners
- PPCAT Vietnam
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Prime Value Asset Management
- Principle Advisory Services
- Public Officials Benefit Association
- QBE Insurance
- QIC
- QM
- Quadrant Private Equity
- Rangitira Investments
- Real Asset Management
- Redbridge Capital
- Reddy Group
- Resource Capital Funds
- responsAbility Investments AG
- Rest
- Revolution Asset Management
- ROC Partners
- Rothschild & Co
- Royal Morgan Fund Management
- RSM
- SBI Capital
- Scale Facilitation
- Scarcity Partners
- Schroders Capital
- SDG
- SEB
- Seidler Equity
- SESAMm
- Shaw & Partners
- ShawKwei & Partners
- Shinhan Bank
- Shinhan Investment Bank
- Shun Hing Capital
- SimCorp
- Simple AI
- Simpson Grierson
- SinoAm Capital
- Skye Capital Advisory
- Soda
- Southern Cross
- Spirit Super
- Spring Capital
- Square Peg Capital
- SS&C Intralinks
- Standard Chartered Bank
- Star Capital
- Startup Galaxy
- Stealth VC
- StepStone Group
- Stoic Venture Capital
- Stonepeak
- Strategic Year Holdings
- Sudarskis & Partners
- Suite2Go Consulting
- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
- Sumitomo Mitsui Finance & Leasing
- Sumitomo Mitsui Trust
- TA Associates Management
- Tanarra Capital
- Tasman Capital Partners
- Telstra Super
- Telstra Ventures
- TEN13 Management
- Teneo Holdings
- The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust
- Third Bridge
- Thomson Geer
- Thrive Alternatives
- Tiger Financial Group
- TMF Group
- Tokio Marine
- Topcon Corporation
- Transdole Investment Corporate
- Tripple
- TritonLake
- UBS Asset Management
- Uniting Financial Services
- UrbanChain Group
- Vantage Asset Management
- Vero
- Vertex Venture Holdings
- Victor Smorgon Partners
- Virescent Ventures
- Vision Invest
- Vista Equity Partners
- Walsh Bay Partners
- Wang Family Office
- Wellington Management
- Westpac Banking Corporate
- Westpac Institutional Bank
- William Buck Family Office
- Willis Towers Watson
- Wilshire
- Wilson Asset Management
- Wilson Family Office
- Wilson Investments
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