



Florida Alternative Investment Association’s “Meeting of the Americas”

Symposium to Focus on Latin/Caribbean Region’s Capital Flow Imbalances

MIAMI (September 22, 2017) – The Florida Alternative Investment Association (FLAIA), a statewide organization of some of the nation’s leading hedge fund, private equity, direct investment operators and money managers, will focus on capital imbalances in the Latin America/Caribbean region during its annual “Meeting of the Americas” event on October 19.

“Meeting of the Americas is all about building new relationships, refreshing existing relationships and sharing information to enable capital flows,” said Michael Corcelli, Founder and Chairman of FLAIA. “In 2017, we find ourselves on the cusp of the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Catastrophic storms and other disasters have stricken the region. There is no better time to explore the imbalance of capital flows in the region.”

The meeting will take place from 10 a.m. through 7 p.m. at the Miami offices of Akerman LLP, Florida’s largest law firm, at 98 SE 7th St., #1100 within the newly built Brickell City Centre mall.

As with all FLAIA events, “Meeting of the Americas” will bring together investors, allocators and fund managers from around the United States, Latin America, and Canada. They will discuss investment opportunities, debate the substantive issues, and provide perspectives on exchanges, broker-dealers and other trading venues that facilitate capital flows.

“Geography still plays an important role in global commerce in today’s digital economy,” Corcelli said. “We at the Florida Alternative Investment Association recognize our place on the map, our cultural strengths and want to expand our role connecting North America and Latin America.”

The day’s agenda will include discussions on the state of private equity, hedge funds, private equity, real estate, impact investing and alternative investments. The presentations will occur in the following order:

- An overview of the region as seen from the vantage points of Hedge Funds, Private Equity and Real Estate. It will be presented by Leopold Peavy, Head of Investor Products at Preqin, a global data and intelligence firm for the alternative asset industry.

- What Do Family Offices Really Want? A view of manager's concerns and perspectives on direct investing, hedge funds and private equity in the Americas.
Moderated by Geoff Marcus of SPRK Investor Network, a panel discussion will feature Steve Malloy of PharmaRolly, Brett Hickey of Star Mountain Capital, Craig Edelstein of The Frost Group and David McCombie of McCombie Group.
- Mercury Capital Advisors, a worldwide capital raising and investment advisory firm, will offer a presentation by George Lucaci, Partner & Senior Advisor at the firm.
- Impact Investing in the Americas: A growing market, will be discussed by a panel led by Theresa Gusman of Endurance LLC.
Panelists include Tara Kenney of Boston Common Asset Management; Keith Costello of First Green Bank; Tim Albright of Summit Partners and Fabiana Estrada of Accion.
- Fund Structuring in the Americas will focus on legal, tax and offshore jurisdiction choices.
Maurice Berkower of Berkower LLC will lead a panel including Michael Kelley of Akerman LLP; Scott Woods of KPMG and William McEnroe of Fund Tax Services.
- Hedge Fund & Private Equity Across the Americas – an Alternative Investment Focus, will conclude the day's session.
The discussion will focus on strategies and challenges for hedge funds, quantitative trading, foreign investor involvement and geopolitical risks. Rainford Knight of the Florida Institute of Finance will moderate the panel. Panelists will include Oscar Decotelli of DXA Investments; John Malloy of RWC Partners; William Jacoby of Grand Central Automotive Partners and Nanette Aguirre of Greenberg Traurig.

A cocktail and networking reception sponsored by Triad Securities will follow the presentations. Sponsorship opportunities are available. If interested, please contact brian@flaia.org or danielle@flaia.org.

For more information or to register for the conference, please [click here](#).

ABOUT FLORIDA ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION

Founded in 2007, the Florida Alternative Investment Association (*formerly South Florida Hedge Fund Managers*) is an exclusive not-for-profit trade association, dedicated to informing and uniting the growing population of Florida's Alternative Investment cluster.

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