# 21. SECA Conference

Building Digital Infrastructure AI, Cloud, Data and Beyond

23 June 2025, Zurich SIX Convention Point

### A snapshot

**40+ Speakers** including academic and industry experts in AI, Cloud, Digital Infrastructure and Data Centers

**100+ Investors and Limited Partners** from Europe, North America, Asia and the Middle East

**250-300 Attendees** from Europe's leading private equity, venture capital, infrastructure and asset managers

**75% Attendees** at C-Suite, board, governance, academic or technology leadership levels

SECA

Swiss Private Equity & Corporate Finance Association Schweizerische Vereinigung für Unternehmensfinanzierung Association Suisse des Investisseurs en Capital et de Financement



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The SECA Conference is one of the biggest conference in Switzerland, which brings together the private equity, venture capital and corporate finance industries.

> Monday, 23 June 2025 08.30 - 17.30

SIX ConventionPoint Pfingstweidstrasse 110, Zurich





# SECA Conference Monday, 23 June 2025, 08.30 – 17.30

### 08.30 - 09.00: Registration / Networking / Welcome Coffee

	Room Auditorium / in English / Moderation John Cook
	Digital Transformation in the age of Al
	Moving away from the past and into the future inevitably involves <b>risks</b> , <b>challenges</b> , <b>creativity</b> and <b>hard work</b> . Problem solving through innovation has been the calling of today's educated class and the result is value creation beyond what was ever expected. This could not be more true than in the exploding world of <b>AI</b> , <b>digital infrastructure</b> and <b>data centers</b> . Both at the micro (CEO) level and at the macro (industry) level, leaders and entrepreneurs from healthcare to manufacturing, from politics to space strive to set new standards, achieve new highs and create value through their time and talent. How have the following leaders created value through innovation and problem solving to address today's global digital challenges?
09.00 -	John Cook, Moderator, Rock Lake Advisors
12.00	Maurice Pedergnana, SECA - Welcome Remarks
	Cameron Joyce, Head of Research Insights, Preqin
	<b>Dr. Charla Griffy-Brown</b> , Dean, Director General, ASU, Thunderbird School of Global Management: Leading Through the Digital Revolution in the Age of Al
	Jacques Darcy, Department Director Mandates, EIF: European Digital Outlook & Priorities
	Vivi Papassouli, Senior Head Mandates, EIF: European Digital Outlook & Priorities
	10.30 - Coffee Break
	lain Macdonald, Director, HKS Architects and Principal, Laboratory for Intensive Exploration: Designing Winning Data Centers
	Jan Mikolon, CTO, QuantumBasel: Quantum Computing for Digital Future

#### 12.00 - 13.00: Networking / Lunch

	Room Auditorium / in English / Moderation Prof. Dr. Angela Nicoara, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Head of IOT Innovation Lab
	Welcome & Introduction
13.00 –	Dr. Bernd Pfister, SECA Chairman & Managing Director, Paros Capital AG
14.30	Round Table: Global Perspectives - Digital Infrastructure Market Developments
	Ethem Azun, Head of Specialists, Europe Central, Amazon Web Services
	Rainer Zahradnik, Country Head, Tata Consultancy Services
	Jitesh Shetty, CEO, Credibl
	Raj Singh, Director, AIB; CEO Accredere AG

14.30 - 15.00: Break / Room Change

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#### **Global Investors Perspective**

Hear from top global investors about where capital is flowing in the digital infrastructure space. Learn what drives investment decisions across regions like Europe. India and the Middle Fast

Faraz Ahmad, Global Head of Energy, Thor Equities

**Vivi Papassouli,** Senior Head of Unit, EIF

**Ajay P. Singh,** Managing Partner, RootBridge Capital

**Oliver Spring,** CEO, QoreX Data Centers

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#### Room Link Patrick Keller, Rock Lake Advisors

#### The AI Shift: From Creation to Value Creation

Explore how AI is being used today and what's coming next. Experts will share real-world applications, innovations and the challenges of integrating AI at scale.

Anat Bar-Gera, World Economic Forum Al and Impact Council, Technology Investor

Debmalya Biswas, Executive Director, UBS AI COE

Livia Johnson-Dobocan, Director, Data & Practice Delivery, Avanade

Irina Koitz, Director Data Strategy & Intelligence, Johnson Controls

Andreas Urbanski, Co-Founder, Animatix (ex-Google Al)

#### Room Connect

Joerg Geier, Thunderbird School of Global Management

#### Innovation and Future Trends

Discover the breakthrough technologies shaping our digital future. From nanoelectronics to energy solutions, this panel highlights what's next in the data center pipeline.

Fredrik Bruhn, CEO, BruhnBruhn Innovation

Brian Bauer, Operations Director, KfG AG / NielsenIQ

Kai Gramke, CEO, EconSight

**Dantong Yang**, BD Executive, Cloud – Huawei

#### 16.00 - 16.30: Break

#### Room Auditorium David Ryce, Rock Lake Advisors

#### **Investment Structures**

Understand the different ways digital infrastructure projects are financed. Panelists will explain equity, debt, return strategies and how to align structure with investment goals.

**Dmitriy Antropov,** Head Infrastructure Partnerships, Partners Group

Gert-Jan Breukink, Principal, Real Estate Private Equity, StepStone Group

Jacques Darcy, Department Director, EIF

Michael Trübestein, RICS Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts

#### Room Link Javier Rivas, Rock Lake Advisors

#### Risk, Concerns and Solutions

Learn how to spot and manage common risks in digital infrastructure projects. Topics include construction issues, environment, insurance gaps and exit planning missteps.

**Stephen Griffin**, Director, ARUP Group

Patrick Herger, Director, Swiss Life Asset Managers – Infrastructure Investments

Fergal McGuinness, CEO, Ryerson Networks

Jason Rylands, Head of Security, Identity and Cloud Infra GTM, Europe Central, Amazon Web Services

#### Room Connect

John C. Davidson, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts

#### Data Center Investments

This LP and GP panel focuses on the balance between potential rewards and challenges in the data center sector. Discussing the real estate sector's role in data centers highlighting significant opportunities, while also addressing critical risks related to an investment.

Adrian Altenburger, Board Member, Belimo

Sven Schaltegger, Senior Portfolio Manager & Member of the Investment Committee UGA Real Estate, UBS AG

Michael Siefert, Managing Director, Madison International Realty

Zoltan Szelyes, Macro Real Estate AG

17.30 – 20.00: Apero & After-Conference Networking at SIX

## Speakers



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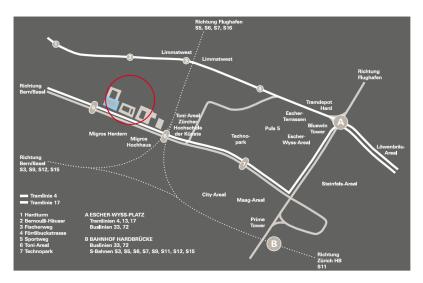
Irina Koitz 🖉



# Details of the Conference and Registration

#### The SECA conference will take place in the SIX ConventionPoint.

Monday, 23 June 2025, 08.30 - 20.00, Pfingstweidstrasse 110, CH-8005 Zurich



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- 2 participants for free
- 1 participant for free personal membership required
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# Registration

Please register until 13 June 2025 on our website www.seca.ch.

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