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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

📅 November 9–13, 2026

📍 San Francisco · Silicon Valley

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.



14

COMPANY,
CAMPUS &
RESEARCH VISITS



20+

EXPERTS &
LEADERS



5

DAYS ACROSS THE
BAY AREA



4

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 01

Monday, November 9

Morning

TRANSFER **Transfer to venue**

9:00–10:30 AM

PROGRAM OPENING · PRESENTATION & Q&A

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

 [555 University Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301](#)

10:30–11:00 AM

TRANSFER **Transfer to Google**

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

GOOGLE DEEPMIND

Beyond the AI Hype: The Future of Artificial Intelligence

Explore how AI is evolving, the breakthroughs shaping its future, and the opportunities it creates for businesses and industries. The session will examine emerging trends, practical applications, and how leaders can prepare their organizations for an AI-driven future.

 Joana Carrasqueira — Compute Lead · Special Projects Lead, Google DeepMind

12:30–1:00 PM

TRANSFER **Transfer to Lunch**

1:00–2:00 PM

LUNCH

TELEFÈRIC BARCELONA · PALO ALTO

Lunch at Telefèric Barcelona

2:00–3:30 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, AI

 [555 University Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301](#)

3:30–4:00 PM	TRANSFER Transfer to Plug and Play
4:00–6:00 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.  <u>440 N Wolfe Rd, Sunnyvale, CA 94085</u>
6:00–6:30 PM	TRANSFER Transfer to Dinner
6:30–8:00 PM	WELCOME DINNER TAVERNA Welcome Dinner at Taverna  <u>800 Emerson St, Palo Alto, CA 94301, United States</u>
8:00 PM	TRANSFER Return to hotel

Tuesday, November 10

Morning

9:00–10:00 AM

TRANSFER **Transfer to Andreessen Horowitz**

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 — 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

 [414 Mason St, 8th Floor, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94102](#)

12:00–12:30 PM

TRANSFER **Transfer to Lunch**

12:30–1:30 PM

LUNCH

DELAROSA · YERBA BUENA

Lunch in SF

 [37 Yerba Buena Ln, San Francisco](#)

1:30–2:00 PM

TRANSFER **Transfer to venue**

2:00–3:30 PM

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

 [414 Mason St, 8th Floor, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94102](#)

3:30–4:00 PM

TRANSFER **Transfer to Amazon**

4:00–5:00 PM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

AMAZON WEB SERVICES

AI at Scale: Transforming Business, Innovation & Decision-Making

Explore how Amazon leverages AI to drive innovation, improve business operations, and enable smarter decision-making at scale. The session will highlight practical AI applications, emerging opportunities, and how organizations can turn AI investments into measurable business value.

 Raj Menon — Customer Success Leader · Agentic & AI-First GTM, AWS

 [525 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94105](#)

5:00 PM

TRANSFER **Return to hotel**

Wednesday, November 11

Morning

9:00 AM–12:00 PM

TRANSFER **Transfer to BlackRock**

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

 [400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105](#)

12:00–1:00 PM

LUNCH

BLACKROCK

Lunch

1:00–5:00 PM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

BLACKROCK

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

- ◆ 3. Investment lifecycle in private markets
- ◆ 4. Practical use cases demonstrating AI implementation
- ◆ Closing & next steps

 [400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105](#)

5:00 PM

TRANSFER **Return to hotel**

Thursday, November 12

Morning

9:00–10:00 AM

TRANSFER **Transfer to Kindred Ventures**

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](#)

10:00–10:30 AM

TRANSFER **Transfer to Carta**

10:30 AM–12:00 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 — Fund Partnerships

Nicole Canas — EA Team Manager · Senior Executive Assistant to CRO

Michael Aldridge — Global Commercial Lead, LP Portfolio Analytics

 [333 Bush Street, Suite 2300, San Francisco, CA 94104](#)

12:00–12:30 PM

TRANSFER **Transfer to Lunch**

12:30–1:30 PM

LUNCH

Lunch · TBD

1:30–2:30 PM

TRANSFER **Transfer to Intel**

2:30–4:00 PM

COMPANY VISIT · PRESENTATION & Q&A

INTEL

Technology, Market Trends & the Future of Innovation

An executive-level discussion exploring the evolving technology landscape, key industry trends, and the opportunities and challenges shaping the future of technology and investment.

 John Pitzer — Corporate Vice President, Treasurer and Investor Relations, Intel

 [2200 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054](#)

4:00 PM

TRANSFER **Return to hotel**

Friday, November 13

9:30–10:30 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](#)

11:00 AM–12:00 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 — Venture Capital · Go-to-Market Leader

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](#)

12:00–12:30 PM

TRANSFER **Transfer to Lunch**

12:30–1:30 PM

LUNCH

RISE WOODFIRE PIZZA & ROTISSERIE

Lunch at Rise Woodfire

1:30–2:00 PM

TRANSFER **Transfer to Nvidia**

2:00–3:30 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](#)

3:30 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

Google DeepMind
FRONTIER AI

Adobe
BIG TECH

Plug and Play
ECOSYSTEM

**Andreessen
Horowitz**
VENTURE CAPITAL

Plaid
FINTECH

**Amazon Web
Services**
BIG TECH

BlackRock
INSTITUTIONAL
INVESTOR

Kindred Ventures
VENTURE CAPITAL

Carta
FINTECH

Intel
BIG TECH

Lux Capital
VENTURE CAPITAL

Celesta Capital
VENTURE CAPITAL

NVIDIA
BIG TECH

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.

GOOGLE DEEPMIND

· DAY 1

Joana Carrasqueira

Compute Lead · Special Projects Lead

Joana Carrasqueira is a Member of Technical Staff and Compute Lead at Google DeepMind, where she previously served as Head of Developer Relations, helping developers build with Gemini, Google AI Studio and Gemma. She began her career as a pharmaceutical scientist before moving into AI.

ADOBE · DAY 1

Chantal Cox

Director of Product, 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.

A16Z · DAY 2

Kevin Deeth

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.

PLAID · DAY 2

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.



AMAZON WEB SERVICES

· DAY 2

Raj Menon

Customer Success Leader ·
Agentic & AI-First GTM

Raj Menon is a Customer Success Leader for Agentic & AI-First GTM 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.



KINDRED VENTURES

· DAY 4

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 4

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.



CARTA · DAY 4

Rita Astoor

Fund Partnerships

Rita Astoor leads Fund Partnerships at Carta, working with venture capital and private equity firms. 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 4

Nicole Canas

EA Team Manager · Senior
Executive Assistant to CRO

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 4

Michael Aldridge

Global Commercial Lead, LP
Portfolio Analytics

Michael Aldridge is Global Commercial Lead for LP Portfolio Analytics at Carta, driving the global commercial strategy for the product. He was previously co-founder, President and Chief Revenue Officer of Accelelex, acquired by Carta.



INTEL · DAY 4

John Pitzer

Corporate Vice President,
Treasurer and Investor
Relations

John Pitzer is Corporate Vice President, Treasurer and head of Investor Relations at Intel Corporation, a role he has held since 2022. He previously spent many years at Credit Suisse, where he was Global Head of Technology Research, leading senior technology analysts across the US, Europe, Japan, Asia and India. He holds a BS from Harvard University.



LUX CAPITAL

· DAY 5

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).



CELESTA CAPITAL

· DAY 5

Robin Clewley

Venture Capital · Go-to-Market
Leader

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

CELESTA CAPITAL

· DAY 5

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 5

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 5

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 5

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.

NVIDIA · DAY 5**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.

ACCOMMODATION

Where you'll stay

HOTEL 1 · PALO ALTO

Sheraton Palo Alto

HOTEL 2 · PALO ALTO

The Westin Palo Alto



ADDRESS

625 El Camino Real

Palo Alto, CA 94301, United States



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 · November 9–13

In November, San Francisco is usually cool at 15–18°C (59–64°F), while Palo Alto and Santa Clara are slightly warmer at 18–20°C (64–68°F).

Mornings and evenings can be cool, so bring a light layer.



Time difference

Pacific Standard Time (UTC–8 in November). 10 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



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