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

About SECA

The Swiss Private Equity and Corporate Finance Association (SECA) offers a series of training sessions for professionals interested in private equity to grow their competencies.

We offer members and non-members **nine (independent) training sessions** designed for a wide audience. **Newcomers** can build their knowledge thanks to synthetic and practical modules directly from private equity experts. **More established professionals**, in finance, banking, insurance and pension funds, as well as account managers and middle and back-office staff, can deepen their knowledge.

The majority of the sessions are accredited by VSV-ASG and Cicero. Sessions are offered in **English** and are held **online**. For more details, please visit our website.

Program

Module 1: Private markets in a nutshell

Wednesday, 12 March 2025, 09:00-13:00

Speaker: Cyril Demaria, SECA

Module 2: Financial due diligence

Monday, 17 March 2025, 14:00-18:00

Speaker: Vincent Luescher &
Frank Minder, PwC

Module 3: Valuing private companies

Monday, 24 March 2025, 09:00-13:00

Speaker: Yanik Costa, Capitalmind
Investec

Module 4: Management package

Wednesday, 26 March 2025, 09:00-13:00

Speakers: Andreas Becker,
Mario Kumschick & Matthias Trautmann,
Baker & McKenzie

Module 5: Shareholder's agreement

Monday, 31 March 2025, 09:00-13:00

Speakers: Manuel Meyer & Martin Frey,
Baker & McKenzie

Module 6: Raising a private equity fund: theory and practice

Monday, 12 May 2025, 09:00-13:00

Speaker: David Rolfo, Mirabaud Asset
Management (Suisse) SA

Module 7: Private equity for middle and back office

Friday, 16 May 2025, 09:00 -13:00

Speaker: Xavier Parain, Lemanik Asset
Management S.A.

Module 8: Introduction to sustainability in private equity

Wednesday, 11 June 2025, 09:00-13:00

Speaker: Emmanuel Parmentier, Indefi

Module 9: Board membership

Monday, 16 June 2025, 09:00-13:00

Speakers: Manuel Meyer & Martin Frey,
Baker & McKenzie

Get Together and handover certificates

Thursday, 3 July 2025, evening, Zurich

Speakers



Andreas Becker, Senior Associate, Baker McKenzie

Andreas is a member of the Firm's Employment and Dispute Resolution Practice Group. He focuses on labor and employment law as well as general contract law matters, advising domestic and international clients in all aspects of employment-related issues, including social security, pensions, executive relocations, transactions/restructurings, collective and individual dismissals and compensation plans. He also represents clients in court, notably in employment disputes.



Yanik Costa, Director, Capitalmind Investec

Yanik is responsible for the management and execution of M&A transactions at Capitalmind Investec with a special focus on healthcare services. He has worked in Corporate Finance and Advisory since 2013; previous to his current position at Capitalmind Investec he worked as a valuation and financial modelling specialist in the advisory department of PwC. Yanik is a CFA charterholder and graduated from the University of Zurich.



Dr. Cyril Demaria, Consultant, SECA

Affiliate Professor at EDHEC, Cyril Demaria was Partner in charge of private markets at Wellershoff & Partners and Head of private markets research at UBS's CIO. Founder of venture capital funds, he is an expert for the European Commission, SECA, France Invest, LPEA and Invest Europe. He holds a PhD from the University of St. Gallen and Master's degrees in law, geopolitics and management. He authored "Introduction to Private Equity, Debt and Real Assets" (3rd ed., 2020, Wiley).



Martin Frey, Of Counsel, Baker McKenzie

Martin Frey's practice covers private equity (including venture capital and buyouts), mergers, acquisitions and corporate restructurings, with an emphasis on cross-border transactions. He also advises domestic and international clients on general corporate and tax law matters.



Mario Kumschick, Of Counsel, Baker McKenzie

Mario joined Baker McKenzie's Zurich office in 2004 and is a member of the Firm's Global Tax and Real Estate practice groups. Mario has broad experience on all tax matters, both corporate and individual tax. He focuses his practice on corporate tax planning for domestic and multinational companies, cross-border business restructuring, real estate transactions. He advises Swiss and multinational companies on all tax aspects of reorganizations and M&A transactions. He also advises clients on equity compensation programs.



Vincent Luescher, Director, PwC

Vincent Luescher is a Deals Director in PwC's Transaction Services team in Zurich. He has been working for over 13 years in PwC's Deals teams, both in Switzerland and North America. Vincent supports Private Equity and Corporate clients in M&A transactions, with a strong focus on financial due diligence, particularly in the Technology, Media and Telecommunications sectors. Vincent is a Chartered Financial Analyst and is a graduate of the University of St-Gallen.



Frank Minder, Partner, PwC

Frank Minder is a Deals Partner and leads PwC's Transaction Services team in Zurich. He has more than 20 years of audit, business & consulting experience. Frank is supporting Corporate and Private Equity clients in M&A transactions and focuses on buy- and sell-side due diligence projects. Frank is a Swiss Certified Public Accountant and holds a Master's degree in Business Administration of the University of Zurich.



Dr. Manuel Meyer, Partner, Baker McKenzie

Manuel Meyer advises national and international investors such as multinationals private equity and venture funds on investments in Swiss-based companies, reorganization of acquired businesses and development of investment and ownership structures. He was rewarded for his dedicated work with the Client Choice Award for M&A Switzerland 2017.



Xavier Parain, CEO Lemanik Asset Management S.A.

Xavier Parain is CEO at Lemanik Asset Management S.A. He has worked in asset management since 1996, notably for Fundrock, Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch, Lazard Frères and Blackfin Capital Partners. He was also head of asset management at the French regulator (AMF) from 2011 to 2019. He is a graduate of the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Techniques Avancées and the Ecole Polytechnique de Paris.



Emmanuel Parmentier, Managing Partner, Indefi

Emmanuel Parmentier is the Managing Partner at Indefi Sustainable Finance, where he has been delivering strategic advice to asset owners and managers since 2007. A recognized thought leader in sustainable investing, he regularly publishes insightful articles and is a sought-after speaker at industry events. Emmanuel holds an engineering degree from École Centrale Paris and Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingenieros Industriales).



David Rolfo, Private equity & real estate product specialist, Mirabaud

David Rolfo is the Private Equity & Real Estate specialist for Mirabaud Asset Management. He is responsible for coordinating and promoting the private equity activities of the firm. He has worked in private equity since 2015 where he specialised in raising funds at Capstone Partners, a firm specialised in fundraising. He is a graduate of HEC Lausanne.



Dr. Matthias Trautmann, Partner, Baker McKenzie

Dr. Matthias Trautmann is a partner in Baker McKenzie's Mergers & Acquisitions Practice Group in Zurich. Matthias' practice focuses on mergers & acquisitions, LBO and venture capital transactions and corporate reorganizations. He regularly advises Swiss and multinational clients on domestic and cross-border transactions (sell and buy-side), general corporate and commercial law matters and other ancillary areas of law.

Logistics

For the online sessions, an access link will be provided to the participants. Training sessions are not recorded and are held under the Chatham House Rule to facilitate discussions and enable free exchange of information. Certificates of attendance will be handed out at the Get Together at the end of the training sessions on 3 July 2025.

Training dates

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Participants

25 max / 5 min

Fees

Fees	non-members / CHF	SECA members / CHF
Full rate	450 per training	300 per training
Additional participant from the same company	250 per training	150 per training
Cycle of five or more courses	Reduction of 10%**	Reduction of 10%**
Student / Young SECA	Reduction of 50%*	Reduction of 50%*
Active member of the partner organizations VSV-ASG or ASWM	Reduction of 15%*	

* Discounts are not cumulative.

** The cumulative discount will be deducted from the invoice for the fifth booked module and subsequent ones.

Registration

Register on our website www.seca.ch/events/. Registrations will be closed as soon as the maximum number of participants (25) is reached and/or seven working days before the training date.

Terms and Conditions

If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the program manager may cancel the course or postpone it to a later date. In this case, the participants will be informed immediately after the registration deadline and the fees will be refunded. The registration fee is due as soon as the course is confirmed. Payment must be made in advance of the session.

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