



AGENDA

Fifth Annual Private Equity Guide for Manufacturers

March 19, 2026 –Hosted at Nelson Mullins, Atlanta, GA

- 2:00 PM **Welcome**
Michael Hollingsworth, Managing Partner Atlanta, Nelson Mullins
- 2:05 PM **“The Value of Private Equity” a Fireside Chat**
Bob Nardelli, Founder & CEO, XLR-8
Eric Neas, Partner, Manufacturing & Distribution, Aprio LLP
- 2:50 PM **“Built to Sell: Optimizing for Financial Buyers”**
Discussion Leader: Katelyn Fredericks, Partner, Nelson Mullins
- Bill Dupee, M&A Advisor, EBITDA & Financial Due Diligence Specialist, Aprio
 - Brian Galison, Partner, Nelson Mullins
 - Roger Wilson, Managing Director Corporate Finance, Truist
- 3:35 – 3:50 PM **Networking Break**
- 3:50 PM **“Manufacturers & Distributors with Private Equity Experience”**
Discussion Leader: Eric Saxon, SVP, Truist
- Jack Conway, President, Atlanta Gear Works
 - Matt Robida, SVP Corporate Development, Resonetics
 - Sara Shockley, CFO, Ubique Group
 - Rob Hathy, CEO, Engleman’s Bakery
- 4:35 PM **“Deal or No Deal? Unlocking the PE Perspective”**
Discussion Leader: Michael Hollingsworth, Managing Partner Atlanta, Nelson Mullins
- Alex Mammen, Managing Partner, Heritage Growth Partners
 - Ellis Prince, Advisor, Msouth Equity Partners
 - Tim Templeton, Advisory Business Development, Trivest Partners
- 5:20 - 6:30 PM **Networking on the Terrace**
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