

Lecture Focuses on Development

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio -- A Dec. 7 breakfast lecture will provide information on how the Youngstown/Warren area is emerging as an attractive market for private equity investments and how current market conditions are affecting the funding landscape for emerging growth companies. The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Metroplex.

Hosting the event are Credit Suisse, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber and the Youngstown Business Incubator. Discussion will include the \$102 million [Ohio PERS/Credit Suisse Ohio-Midwest Fund](#) and private equity investment opportunities in the Youngstown/Warren area and northeast Ohio.

Presentations also include how a company can build value through various stages of growth, whether it be seeking venture capital, knowing if it is a buyout investment candidate or seeking buyout firms; and how small- and mid-sized businesses can succeed and grow in the Mahoning Valley.

Panel members include Melford Carter, in-state investment specialist at Credit Suisse; Reid Dulberger, chamber executive vice president; Julie Smith, chief development officer, Youngstown Business Incubator; Ray Leach, chief executive officer of JumpStart; and Jack Nestor, vice president, The Riverside Co.

Attendance at the Ohio-Midwest Fund Breakfast Lecture is free, but space may be limited. To register, visit [JumpStart](#) and click on "All Events."

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