

A global boutique consultancy offering marketing, branding and communications services to the private equity industry





"Brackendale's superb team stood out to the judges for its multilingual and international edge, along with its multifaceted outlook. Of particular note are Brackendale's connections with LPs - much of the team's senior leaders have experience on the LP side or with GP investor relations. Also noteworthy is Brackendale's hands-on approach; the judges expressed how well the boutique offering supports small and mid-cap GPs."

FROM THE JUDGES PANEL OF THE DRAWDOWN AWARDS 2023











Introduction to Brackendale

Brackendale is a one-stopshop offering investor strategy, marketing, design and communications services to private equity houses across the globe.

Fay Margo, former financial journalist and ex IR manager, founded Brackendale Consulting in 2013 after working for a decade in the private equity industry.

We are multilingual and can translate financial documents from French, Spanish and Italian to English. Our services centre around four key components:









Client Experience

Fund managers



























































































Advisory firms



BlueLake Associates



















Reach Capital

Portfolio companies









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Meet the Brackendale Team



Fay Margo CEO

IR Manager at Cipio Partners, Journalist at The Economist, The FT Group, and Editor at Unquote and IR Magazine



Laura Shelley

Customer and hospitality experience at Dellan Consulting, Office Concierge, Firmdale Hotels



Guy Waller Senior Advisor

Business development at Certior Capital, Managing Director at Partners Group, Editor-in-Chief at Unquote



Janine Middleton

Portfolio CFO at fastgrowing businesses including Global Satellite Vu and large firms such as CMi2i



Nick Gordon Senior Consultant

Senior Associate at MJ Hudson and Senior Vice President at Campbell Lutyens



Gareth Morgan
Marketing Consultant

Senior Research Manager at The Sunday Times Fast Track, Senior Research Manager at Unquote, overseeing LP research



Angus Walker Marketing Consultant

Editorial Production at publications such as The Guardian, Evening Standard, Sunday Times, and The Telegraph



Alesha Cheah
PR & Marketing Manager
King's College London

King's College London Modern Language Advisor, Königspost Editor, and Designer



Zoé Gamet PR & Marketing Associate

Digital marketing at I'M NOT A BARISTA, specialised in communications



Archie Graves
PR & Marketing Associate

Social media at Lawyers for Net Zero, Research Assistant at BNP Paribas and Intelligent Ethics



Jonathan Pratt Operations Manager

Retail Programme Officer at Go-Ahead, managing Smart Ticketing and EMV technology projects



Jonathan Parker Graphic Design Director

30 years' experience, Art Director at IR Magazine, Corporate Secretary, and CorpComms



Cathy Schmitt Brookes Senior Designer

25 years' experience, Senior Designer at IR Magazine and Corporate Secretary



Lorna Coward Graphic Designer

Marketing Designer for Michael Brand Communications and Hurstpierpoint College

Why Brackendale?



Small team

Every one of our clients is extremely important to us and working with a small, focused business means the person you meet initially will always be your account manager. You won't be pitched to by the CEO and then have an intern working on your account. That's not how we work.



Journalist contacts

Our team includes former private equity correspondents from publications such as Unquote, Newsweek, Euromoney, The Financial Times Group and The Economist. This brings not only an unbeatable network of journalist contacts but helps us to know which angles to market in order to gain the desired coverage.



PE knowledge

We don't claim expertise across a broad spectrum of global industries; we live and breathe private equity. Our clients benefit from the highest level of industry expertise from consultants who have worked in PR and IR for private equity fund managers over many years.



Flexibility

We understand that all of our clients' needs are different and each has different goals. We will get to know your business and adapt our services to best meet your needs and we will use all our energy and passion to help you achieve your objectives.



One-stop-shop

Through our four key service areas you can benefit from using one dedicated agency for all of your marketing requirements. This means more efficient communication streams, better understanding of your business and more competitive pricing.



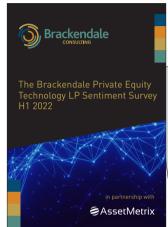
LP network

We also have a strong international LP network and regularly source their views for our private equity LP sentiment surveys, which are centred around topical investor trends.

Brackendale has teamed up with registered charity World Land Trust to help combat deforestation. We make a donation for a tree to be planted in tropical forests every time we issue an invoice to one of our clients. Our goal is to plant at least 200 trees in a 12-month period.



The Brackendale LP Sentiment Survey









and corporate governance issues has continued to rise throughout the pandemic but reports on the subject by buyout groups are still filled with greenwashing, whitewashing and superficial claims, according to institutional investors. Those were the findings of a survey from London-based advisor Brackendale Consulting [...],"

Brackendale produces biannual investor sentiment surveys, canvassing opinions from our broad network of 400+ LPs on topics that are pertinent to the private equity community. We then market these findings to the financial press internationally.

We have received significant media interest in our surveys, which have become well-known amongst private equity fund managers and investors alike. "Over a third of LPs track private equity fund managers on social media and around a quarter say social media has influenced their investment decisions, according to a survey by **Brackendale Consulting.**"



RealDeals

"According to Brackendale Consulting's Private Equity Social Media LP Sentiment Study 2021, 38 per cent of LPs are using social media to track investee funds and a further 29 per cent use it as part of the due diligence on potential new investee funds."

PRIVATE EQUITY NEWS



Brackendale will work with you to build you an effective PR strategy geared at delivering targeted news coverage to enhance investor perception, drive deal flow or increase general market awareness of your firm.

From deal announcements to one-on-one interviews, we can gain you column inches in industry-specific or mainstream news outlets in the UK, Europe and the US.

News Campaigns

Writing, editing and distributing press releases at regular intervals throughout the year on deals, exits, fundraising news, portfolio activity and people moves, proactively contacting journalists in our network to encourage interviews and media coverage.

Ongoing Coverage

Actively driving journalist coverage of client activities through a programme of targeted outreach to relevant journalists, with pre-defined key messages and content ideas. Additionally, our journalist contacts regularly approach us for interview subjects for specific articles they might be writing.

Ad Hoc PR Support

For clients with less regular PR needs or those wanting to try us out on a particular news item, we can work with you on a singular pre-agreed media campaign or announcement via press release.



We are working with Sullivan Street
Partners, a UK-based investment firm, to align key messaging across all platforms including website, social media, and press releases and gain strong coverage in mainstream and trade press.

Sullivan Street Partners – case study



Unquote reported on Zeina Bain's new appointment and put a spotlight on the company's future plans.

Managing Partner Zeina Bain was interviewed and featured in **PE Hub Europe**'s International Women's Day series and in a **Pitchbook** Q&A.

"The private equity environment has changed for women, said Bain, being a far cry from 20 years ago when dealmaking was for the golf course and networking for the shooting range."

PE Hub Europe

"...there has never been a better time for investors to be able to focus on the nuts and bolts."

Pitchbook



Interviews secured with publications including Bloomberg, 9fin, Pitchbook, PE Hub Europe, Private Equity International, Mergermarket, and Unquote.



We provide a range of marketing and communications support to HPE Growth, a pan-European growth equity fund specialising in digital technology investing.

HPE Growth - case study

HPE Collects €160 Million to Support Portfolio Company PPRO

The Wall Street Journal covered a secondaries transaction relating to an HPE portfolio company, with a focus on HPE's involvement.



HPE Growth Principal Ronald Kemmeren was selected from an entry form we submitted to be a **Private Equity News** Rising Star of Private Equity.

Organising speaking slots at leading industry conferences run by the likes of IPEM and Private Equity International.



Ghost writing blogs on behalf of the HPE Growth team on Medium.







We were mandated by Omnes Capital, a leading French private equity house, to gain media coverage on specific deal announcements and news items in the French and UK press.

Omnes Capital – case study

Le Monde published insight from a managing partner at Omnes on the French renewable energy market, following our involvement. We have also achieved regular exclusives in Les Echos on deal news.



Le modèle éolien français basé sur des aides d'Etat n'est pas durable.

Serge Savasta, Associé gérant du fonds d'investissement Omnes Capital

Le Monde, Tribune

Paris-based investor in private equity and infrastructure Omnes has acquired a controlling stake in the Irish solar PV developer Power Capital Renewable Energy (PCRE) for an undisclosed sum.

The Irish Times reported on Omnes' maiden investment in the Irish renewable energy market and the Sunday Telegraph reported on Omnes' wind farm activity, as part of the media campaigns we ran.

Serge Savasta, managing partner of Omnes, told The Sunday Telegraph that Brexit has had no bearing on the firm's planned move into the UK.

The Irish Times

The Sunday Telegraph



Regular, ongoing coverage in French and UK private equity trade publications, such as PE magazine, CF News, Capital Finance, Green Univers, Alt Assets, Unquote, Private Equity News, Real Deals, Private Equity Wire, Infrastructure Investor, and IJ Global.



We were mandated by Raymond James (formerly Cebile Capital), a leading placement agent and secondaries advisor, to maximise its media profile in the UK and the US, without issuing press releases on specific news items.

Raymond James PCA – case study







Regular speaking slots on CNBC, the BBC and Bloomberg.

"The pandemic really spurred private equity firms to evaluate continuation funds," said Sunaina Sinha Haldea, global head of private capital advisory at Raymond James.

Raymond James to Acquire Advisory Firm Cebile Capital

The deal gives Raymond James access to the sponsor-led secondary market

Sunaina spoke on City

AM's podcast DiverCity
about how to promote
diversity and inclusion in
leadership positions.



The Financial Times

WSJ Pro Private Equity

Regular ongoing coverage in the private equity trade press in the UK and the US such as Secondaries Investor, Alt Assets, Unquote, Private Equity News, Real Deals, Private Equity International, PE Hub, Private Equity Wire, and Buyouts.



We also partner with Raymond James' European Investment Banking division to maximise its media profile on a pan-European scale, without issuing press releases on specific items

Raymond James European Investment Banking – case study

"Bertie betrachtet das Bild europaweit. Seit er 2020 vom Wettbeweber Jefferies zu Raymond James kam, habe sich der Umsatz in etwa verdreifacht." Bertie said: "Inflation, the energy price market, and consumer spending pressure bring strong focus on current trading of the target which requires deeper due diligence."

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

Private Equity News



Real Deals did a profile on Allan Bertie, Raymond James' Head of European Investment Banking, discussing the market slowdown from June 2022 to February 2023.

Regular ongoing coverage in the private equity trade press in the UK and wider European publications, such as Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, PE Hub Europe, Real Deals, Handelszeitung, Private Equity News, Private Equity International, Unquote, and Mergermarket.



Sky9 Capital, a
Shanghai-based
venture capital fund,
mandated us to
manage PR for IPOs of
unicorns onto the
Nasdaq, as well as
gaining top tier media
coverage in Europe.

Sky9 Capital – case study

IPO media campaigns

Full media campaign surrounding the IPOs of Autonomous trucking firm **TuSimple** at \$8.5bn and consumer tech company **Smart Share Global** at \$2.3bn.

Chinese brands with the ability to go global are of particular interest to VCs, including Sky9 Capital. Founder Ron Cao speculates whether the international success of Shein can be replicated by a mid- to high-end brand. "Is something like Shein an anomaly or a trend for what's going to happen in the future? These are all questions that will be interesting to explore," he says.

Vogue Business



Sky9 Capital CEO Ron Cao spoke live on CNBC about the Chinese VC market.

China will become the biggest venture capital market in the world, according to Sky9 Capital founder and managing partner Ron Cao. The venture capital firm has been investing in start-ups in China since it was founded in 2016 and has helped grow several businesses in the country before listing them on stock exchanges in both the US and Asia.

CityWire



Interviews secured with publications including Technode, The Financial Times, VC Journal, Real Deals, Vogue Business and Citywire.

Interview interest from The Daily Telegraph, Bloomberg, Wired, and The Wall Street Journal.



Social Media

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Growing numbers of LP investors, along with other members of the private equity investment community, are using social media platforms to see what their investee funds are up to, and benchmark your activities with those of other fund managers.

It is becoming increasingly important to bolster your social media appeal and outreach to potential investors, target companies and stakeholders.

At Brackendale we are proficient at setting up and managing LinkedIn company accounts and posting regular industry- and sector-relevant updates with visually compelling graphics as well as providing monthly analytics.



■ECM



Brackendale specialises in producing professional marketing materials such as LP presentations, investor newsletters, PPMs, pitch books and investment teasers, in both English and French. We will advise on best practice for investor presentations based on direct feedback from LP investors themselves.

Investor Marketing



Pitch decks

We will help you to get the edge on your industry peers by advising on best practice for investor presentations based on direct feedback from LP investors themselves, and the 50+ presentations we have worked on already. We are experts in writing clear and concise financial copy and advising on structure and layout.

PPMs

Once potential investors have shown interest in your fund, it is vital that your PPM offers additional comfort while carefully balancing both compliance and marketing content in a clear, detailed and engaging manner. We have the experience and skills to write and produce tailor-made PPMs that will set you apart from your peers.





ESG reports

As Responsible Investment becomes less of a buzzword and more the norm, fund managers are becoming increasingly accountable to their investors in terms of demonstrating they have ethically-sound investment strategies. Brackendale is accomplished in writing and designing award-winning ESG reports for our PE clients.







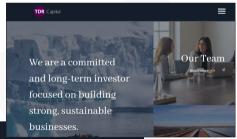
A pithy round-up of your company's activities on a regular basis will provide investors and other stakeholders with a more colourful picture of your firm. We can turn your highlights into a compelling but succinct newsletter which will capture the attention of your intended audience



Websites

Brackendale is skilled at advising on best practice for private equity websites. We have both written content and advised on the structure, layout and artwork for websites such as those of fund managers TDR Capital, executive search firm Norgay Partners and private equity placement agent Berchwood Partners.









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Graphic Design

Our graphic design services cover everything from investor pitch decks, PPMs and ESG reports, to social media images, advertisements, and creating logos and branding.









Case study

We worked alongside Qualium's fund administration team to review the structure and layout of its quarterly reports, before handing the contents over to our graphic design team for a full redesign using the professional design tool InDesign. We also refashioned the group's LP presentation in PowerPoint to ensure it would be in keeping with the fresh new look.







Case study

We worked with OMERS' Toronto and London offices on a variety of projects, including a beautifully designed compendium of infrastructure case studies. We also redesigned investor presentations for their private equity and infrastructure divisions, as well as designing investor teasers for the growth equity and venture divisions. Our investor marketing team provided content advice.







Case study

We collaborated with Swedish hedge fund manager Volt Capital Management AB to carry out the redesign of its investor pitchbook in PowerPoint. In doing so, we enhanced the cover page with a bolder use of the corporate colours, varying each chapter with a different image and colour to fit the theme, and balanced this with clear typography, streamlined charts, plus sharp infographics and icons.







Logo Design



new logo



old logo



new logo



old logo



REACHING NEW HEIGHTS TOGETHER

new logo



old logo



Investor Pitching

Once you have the perfect presentation in place, it's all about convincing the LPs to invest. If you cannot relay information in a compelling and convincing way, potential investors will look elsewhere. Having sat in countless investor meetings, we know what works and what doesn't. Brackendale offers online pitch training sessions to provide investment team members with the essential skillset to engage and impress investor audiences.







Keep to the point

What the sessions involve

We will begin by identifying perceived strengths, as well as weaknesses needing to be worked on, before carrying out a series of exercises designed to improve areas that require attention. This could involve defining key messages for fund managers who veer off topic, presenting without the deck for those who tend to read off the slides, speaking more slowly for those who rush, or doing an 'elevator pitch' if the LP only has 10 minutes to spare. We will also work on Q&A, carrying out role play exercises where we'll assume the persona of a fictitious potential investor, asking some unexpected questions deliberately designed to faze.



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