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## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

6:00-7:00pm: Cocktail Reception

7:00-9:00pm: Dinner/Program

9:00-9:30pm: Post Reception

## **AWARDS RECIPIENTS**

<b>Residence</b>	<b>Strategic Acquisitions Award</b>
<b>BuildOps</b>	<b>Industry Transformation Award</b>
<b>Allied Feather and Down Corporation</b>	<b>Global Award</b>
<b>Decron Properties</b>	<b>Family Legacy Award</b>
<b>Archer Jerky</b>	<b>Founder Award</b>
<b>RANAVAT</b>	<b>Innovation Award</b>
<b>NVE Experience Agency</b>	<b>Marketing Innovation Award</b>
<b>Repurpose</b>	<b>Green Award</b>
<b>L'AGENCE</b>	<b>Growth Award</b>
<b>Dave's Hot Chicken</b>	<b>Deal of the Year Award</b>
<b>Caldera Medical</b>	<b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b>

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# **Residence**

## **STRATEGIC ACQUISITIONS AWARD**

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## **INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATION AWARD**

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# ALLIED FEATHER + DOWN

## GLOBAL AWARD

In 1987, a small family company was formed with the vision to provide the highest quality, innovative and responsibly sourced down to outdoor and apparel brands. To this day we're still a family-run operation, growing from a 12,000 square foot warehouse to over 1 million square feet with facilities globally.

ALLIED has developed industry-wide standards and leading traceability programs, including the Responsible Down Standard which has become one of the largest animal welfare standard in the entire textile industry.

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# DECRON

## FAMILY LEGACY AWARD

Decron Properties is a multigenerational, family-owned real estate investment and operating company celebrating over 70 years of continuous ownership and stewardship. Founded by Holocaust survivor Jack M. Nagel, the firm has grown into a vertically integrated platform spanning acquisitions, asset management, development, capital markets, and property operations across multiple U.S. markets. Decron is defined by a people-first culture—treating residents, employees, partners, and lenders with integrity and long-term alignment. The company invests with a disciplined owner-operator mindset, defined by pride of ownership and ongoing investment in the quality of the resident experience at every community, and extends its legacy through deep philanthropic commitment and community impact. Led by three generations—Dr. Gitta Nagel (Gen 1), David Nagel (Gen 2), and Daniel Nagel (Gen 3)—Decron aspires to steward a legacy that lasts; grounded in values, strengthened by relationships, and carried forward for generations to come.



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## FOUNDER AWARD

Archer is one of the fastest-growing meat snack brands in the U.S., redefining the category with clean-label, high-protein snacks made from real ingredients, without any fillers or junk. Available in multiple snacking formats from mini meat sticks to jerky, Archer was founded in 2011 by Eugene Kang, who has since grown the business 35.9% year-over-year, significantly outpacing the category, with the brand now on track to exceed half a billion in sales in 2026. Available in more than 30,000 retail locations nationwide, Archer continues to expand its footprint and scale production to meet surging demand.

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RANAVAT

## INNOVATION AWARD

RANAVAT is a modern Ayurvedic beauty brand that bridges ancient Indian rituals with contemporary luxury. Founded by Michelle Ranavat, a first-generation Indian American, the brand reflects her background in engineering and the pharmaceutical industry. Established in 2017, RANAVAT became the first Ayurvedic skincare brand to launch at Sephora. Inspired by generations of beauty rituals, the brand creates high-performance formulations featuring ingredients like saffron, jasmine, and turmeric. Each product delivers visible results and a sensorial experience rooted in craftsmanship and storytelling. RANAVAT also donates 1% of proceeds to the Desai Foundation, supporting women and children through community programs.

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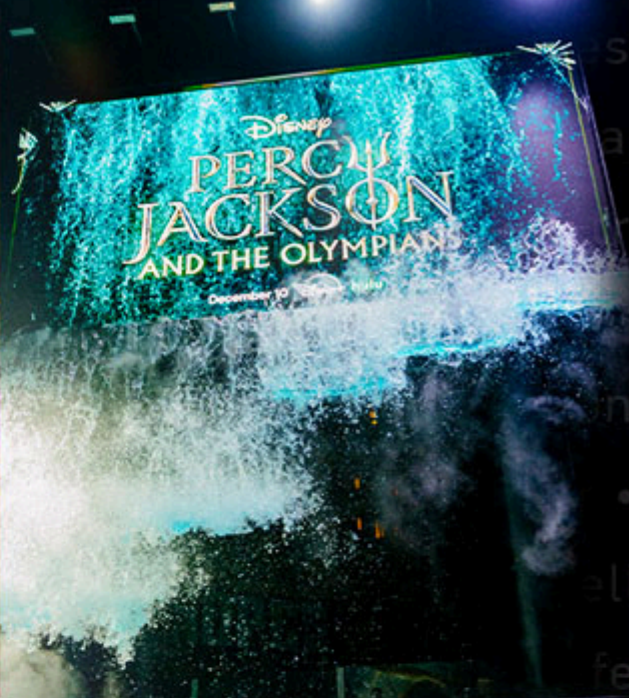


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# L'AGENCE

## GROWTH AWARD

L'AGENCE, founded in 2008 by Jeffrey Rudes, a pioneer in premium denim, is a globally recognized advanced contemporary brand inspired by Hollywood glamour and a French sensibility. As Founder, Creative Director, and Chairman, Rudes established and upholds the brand's creative and commercial foundation. Chief Executive Officer Jonny Saven brings over 30 years of experience scaling global brands and leading multi-channel growth across wholesale, retail, and e-commerce, and delivering strong profitability and premium exit multiples. Disciplined financial management and operational rigor has been maximized by Chief Financial Officer, Randy Vida, ensuring a strong foundation for sustainable global expansion. Fashion Director Tara Rudes Dann joined the brand in 2014, helping scale the business across categories, shaping its design direction, and reinforcing its position as a true lifestyle brand. Together, the leadership team drives continued growth and global expansion. L'AGENCE is a top-performing brand at the world's premier boutiques and department stores, with over 600 points of distribution in addition to 16 stand alone boutiques in the world's leading retail locations including Beverly Hills, Madison Avenue, Paris and Seoul.



# L'AGENCE

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## DEAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

Dave's Hot Chicken is one of the fastest-growing restaurant brands in the world, evolving from a parking lot pop-up in East Hollywood to a billion-dollar, globally expanding franchise in just seven years. Founded by four friends with a focus on bold flavors and uncompromising quality, Dave's built a cult following that translated into record-setting unit economics and rapid expansion. Its acquisition by Roark Capital at a \$1B valuation underscores not just its growth, but the strength of its brand, team, and disciplined approach to scaling without ever sacrificing the product.

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## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Caldera Medical is a privately held, bootstrapped medical device company with a mission to improve the quality of life for women and a vision to be the global leader in women's pelvic health. Operating in 74 countries, Caldera develops best-in-class devices treating stress urinary incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, polyps, and fibroids. Caldera operates the largest humanitarian program of any women's health company, having already treated approximately 600,000 women in underserved populations, with a goal to reach one million by 2028. Recent acquisitions of Atlantic Therapeutics, UVision360, and J&J's TVT portfolio reflect the company's remarkable growth, guided by its core values: Care, Create, Collaborate, and Challenge.



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**Joint Bookrunner**  
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December 2025



**\$1 Billion**  
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**Treasury Services**  
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October 2025



**\$7 Million**  
Senior Secured  
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**Sole Lender**  
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October 2025



**\$80 Million**  
Senior Secured  
Credit Facility

**Joint Lead Arranger**  
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**Treasury Services**  
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September 2025



**\$1.25 Billion**  
Senior Secured  
Credit Facilities

**Co-Documentation Agent**  
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September 2025



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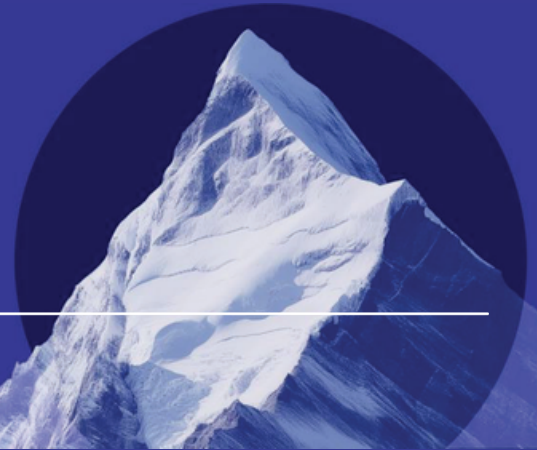
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May 21 - [Spring Tennis](#)

May 27 - [New & Prospective Member Breakfast](#)

June 3 - 4 - [Private Equity & Investment Banker Roundtable DealSource](#)

June 17 - [Midsummer Party \(NextGEN\)](#)

July 9 - [Summer Pickleball Social](#)

August 19 - [LA Uncorked](#)

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