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US Edition 2026

THE RITZ-CARLTON

Bachelor Gulch, Beaver Creek, CO

September 21-23, 2026

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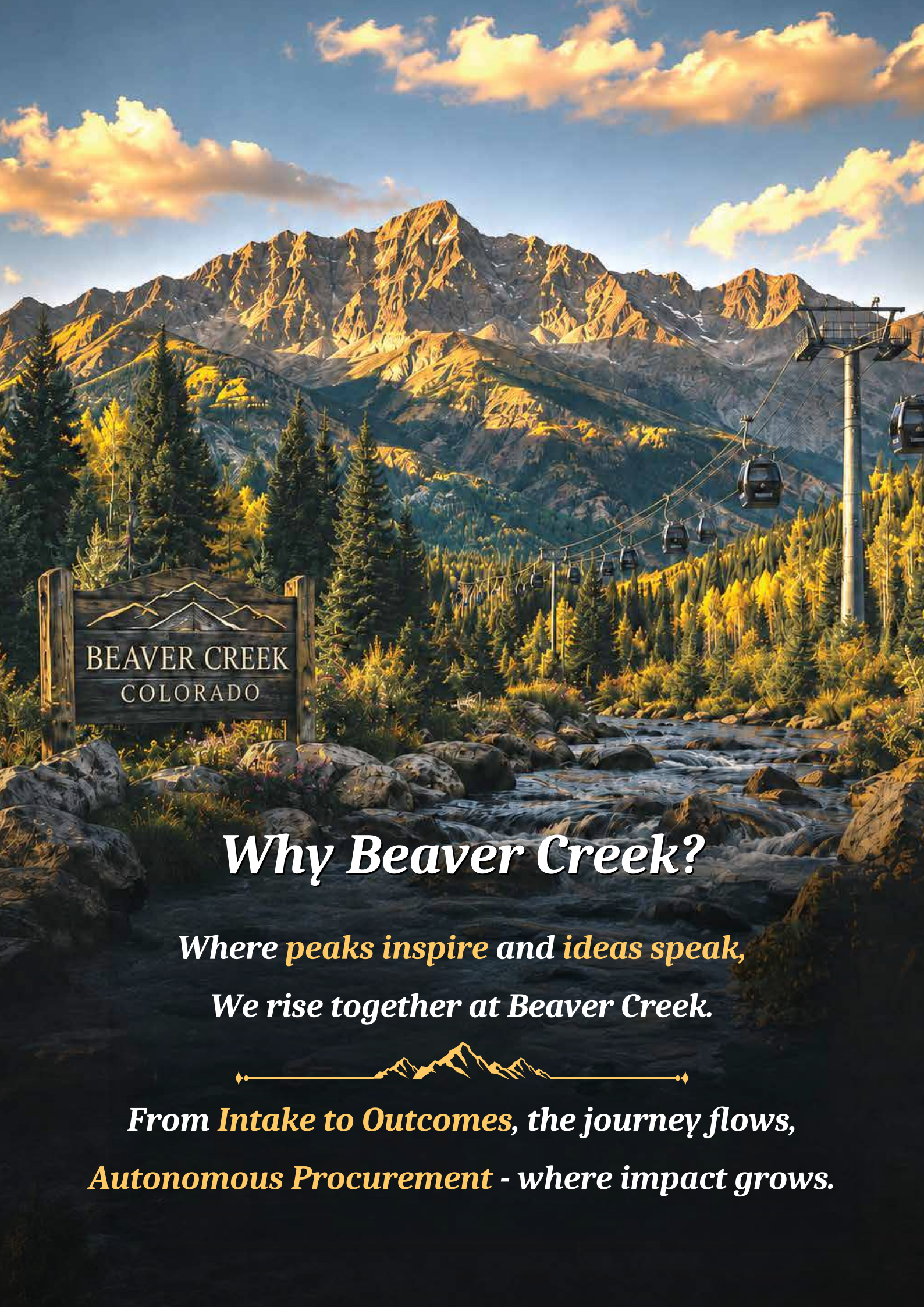

Why Beaver Creek?

Where peaks inspire and ideas speak,

We rise together at Beaver Creek.

From Intake to Outcomes, the journey flows,

Autonomous Procurement - where impact grows.

THE VENUES

The Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch, Beaver Creek, CO

September 21-23, 2026. All Conference Sessions, Networking and Accommodation.

Set high in the Colorado Rockies at Beaver Creek, The Ritz-Carlton is a mountain retreat in the grand tradition, all timber, stone and open fire. Warm, unhurried, and quietly spectacular, the perfect backdrop for Horizon US 2026.



Spruce Saddle Lodge, Beaver Creek, CO

September 22, 2026. Gala Awards Night and Dinner.

Reached by an evening gondola ride up the mountain, Spruce Saddle Lodge looks out over the valley below. Dinner on the mountaintop, and a night that salutes the leaders driving real change in procurement.



DAY 1

September 21, 2026

Arrivals & Curtain Raiser

The doors open wide.
Step in, let the journey begin.

September 21, 2026

Conference Registration

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Delegate Bonding

Hat Decorating Activity

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

An unforgettable icebreaker on land that was working ranch country long before it became a resort. Each delegate receives a cowboy hat to decorate, guided by a local artisan.

Welcome Reception Dinner

Cocktail Western: Boots, jacket and your new hat.

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Each delegate walks away wearing a one-of-a-kind hat,
then heads straight into the Welcome Reception.



DAY 2

September 22, 2026

The Grand Stage

The journey,
session by session.

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The Grand Stage

September 22, 2026

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM: NETWORKING BREAKFAST

STAGE OPEN

- 8:30 AM - 8:45 AM

Welcome Address & Horizon at a Glance

The emcee sets the tone for the conference, welcoming delegates to the mountains and orienting them to the keynotes, customer stories, live demos, and networking, all built around one theme: the Agentic AI shift in procurement.

Emcee: ***Kevin Wilbur,*** *Director at Zycus*

ANALYST VERDICT

- 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM

Expanding the Horizon: Agentic AI in Procurement and Why It Matters

An expert advice on the Agentic AI shift in procurement - what is changing, why it matters now, and what leaders should be watching as the market moves forward.

Speaker: ***Alex Brady,*** *Director Analyst at Gartner*

CEO VISION

- 9:15 AM - 9:45 AM

Beyond S2P: Autonomous Procurement from Intake-to-Outcomes

A look at the next chapter beyond traditional Source-to-Pay: a move toward Autonomous Procurement, where Agentic AI connects intake, execution and outcomes across the procurement journey.

Speaker: ***Aatish Dedhia****, Founder & CEO at Zycus*

CUSTOMER SCALE

- 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

Many Businesses, One Procurement: TKC Holdings' Journey from Intake to Outcomes

A look at how procurement across multiple businesses can be brought into a more unified journey - from the front door of intake through to measurable outcomes.

Speaker: ***Ben Cutting,*** *Senior Director of Supply Chain & Transportation at TKC Holdings, Inc.*

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM: NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

LIVE DEMO

- 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Merlin Agentic Platform in Action: Intake, Autonomous Negotiation, Autonomous Sourcing & Beyond

See Agentic AI in action across the procurement journey - from intelligent intake and autonomous sourcing to negotiation and beyond, brought to life through real procurement scenarios.

Speakers: ***Bikash Mohanty,*** *VP Product Strategy & Solutions Engineering at Zycus*
Devika Sanil, *Lead Solutions Consulting at Zycus*

CUSTOMER GAME CHANGER

- 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Paul Hastings Modernizes S2P: Merlin Intake as the Game Changer

A look at an S2P transformation journey where Merlin Intake is the game changer simplifying the procurement front door, strengthening control and improving the path to outcomes.

Speaker: ***Ann-Marie McCarthy,*** *Head of Global Procurement at Paul Hastings, LLP.*

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: NETWORKING LUNCH

ANALYST FACE-OFF

- 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

The Analyst Showdown: Predictions for Procurement 2027

Three leading analysts. One stage. Zero hedging. A fast-paced showdown on the Agentic AI predictions set to reshape procurement in 2027.

Speakers: ***Chris Sawchuk,*** *Principal & Global Procurement Advisory Practice Leader at The Hackett Group*

Patrick Reymann, *Research Director, Procurement Applications & Agents at IDC*

Andrew Bartolini, *Founder & Chief Research Officer at Ardent Partners*

TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY

- 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Broadridge's S2P Transformation: Foundation, Influence and What Comes Next

A look at Broadridge's Source-to-Pay transformation journey, the foundations that enabled progress, and the role of strategic partnership in driving impact.

Panelists: ***Frederic Khalil,*** *Chief Procurement & Real Estate Officer at Broadridge Financial Solutions*

Niki St Pierre, *Founder & CEO at NSP & Company*

Moderator: ***Ron Pascuzzi ,*** *Chief Customer Officer at Zycus*

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

- 2:00 PM - 2:05 PM

The Boardroom Ask at HAP: How Procurement Became a Driver of Profitability

A boardroom-level view of procurement's impact - moving beyond savings and efficiency toward a bigger business mandate: contributing directly to profitability.

Featuring: ***Steven Linville,*** *Vice President and Corporate Controller at Health Alliance Plan (HAP)*

CUSTOMER PANEL

- 2:05 PM - 2:35 PM

Procurement Leaders on Transformation Delivered and Agentic AI in View

A candid discussion on where transformation is delivering value today, what has been learned along the way, and how Agentic AI is beginning to reshape the priorities ahead.

Panelists: ***Vidhi Shethia****, Manager Procurement COE at Panasonic North America*

Terran Segura*, Sr. Director of Procurement at HOLT Group*

Abbie Eastman*, Director of Procurement at Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)*

Moderator: ***Amanda Prochaska****, Founder and Chief Wonder Officer at Wonder Services*

2:35 PM - 3:00 PM: NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

INNOVATION IN ACTION

- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Focused Networking & Live Merlin Agentic AI Demos

Dedicated time for pre-scheduled meetings around specific priorities and use cases, alongside live Merlin Agentic AI demos across key procurement capabilities.

Innovation Pods: ***Braden Robinson,*** *Lead Solutions Consultant at Zycus*

Devika Sanil, *Lead Solutions Consultant at Zycus*

Ronit Wadhwa, *Lead Solutions Consultant at Zycus*

BY INVITE

- 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Agentic AI Council (Members Only)

An exclusive, closed-door session reserved for Zycus' Agentic AI Council members, senior procurement executives and experts at the forefront of Agentic AI strategy. In a confidential roundtable setting, members exchange perspectives, challenge assumptions, and directly influence the vision for what comes next.

Chair: ***Aatish Dedhia,*** *Founder & CEO at Zycus*



September 22, 2026

EVENING

Gala Awards & Dinner

Spruce Saddle Lodge

6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

An ascent through the alpine night,
Celebrating procurement's finest at new heights.

5:00 PM to 5:30 PM
Relax & get ready

Theme: Alpine Ascent
Dress code: **Alpine Formal**

5:30 PM
Departure from the hotel

5:45 PM
Gondola Ride to the venue

DAY 3

September 23, 2026

The Final Act

Rise and close strong.
The sessions that tie it all together.

DAY 3

Nature Hike

Led by Aatish Dedhia, Founder & CEO, Zycus

September 23, 2026 (6:30 AM - 7:30 AM)

A guided hike through the aspen and pine of Bachelor Gulch

Meet at the Fireside Bar Terrace, 6:20 AM

RESERVE SPOT



WHAT TO WEAR:

Weather-appropriate athletic clothing and sturdy closed-toe shoes.

WHAT THE HIKE REVEALS:

Sweeping views across the Rockies, framed by aspen groves, wildflowers and local wildlife, reveal the valley's journey from ranch land to resort, with the chance of a wildlife encounter along the way.

DAY 3

The Final Act

September 23, 2026

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM: NETWORKING BREAKFAST

BACK ONSTAGE

- 8:30 AM - 8:40 AM

Final Day Welcome & Highlights

A quick-fire recap of the standout moments from the last two days and key highlights of a power-packed morning, including expert insights, customer stories, and panel discussions. The energy continues and the conversations get real.

Emcee: ***Kevin Wilbur,*** *Director at Zycus*

ANALYST LENS

- 8:40 AM - 9:10 AM

From Negotiation to Realization: Master The Three Cs To Close Contract Value Gap

A practical framework for closing the gap between contracted value and realized value and how autonomous capabilities can help identify, prevent and recover value leakage.

Speaker: ***Alla Valente,*** *Principal Analyst at Forrester*

PANEL INSIGHTS

- 9:10 AM - 9:40 AM

From S2P Selection to Autonomous Procurement: Setting the Course for an Agentic Future

A discussion on the technology decisions shaping modern S2P - what matters when choosing the right platform today, and how those choices evolve as procurement moves toward a more agentic and autonomous future.

Panelists: ***Nathan Hemmer,*** *Sr. Corp. Director at Fortive*

Mariaelena Gonzalez, *Vice President Strategic Projects at Confie*

Purvee Kondal, *Chief Procurement Officer and Founder & Board Member at PortlyAI*

Moderator: ***Debbie Fogel-Monnissen,*** *Interim Chief Executive Officer at Institute for Supply Management (ISM)*

SPOTLIGHT ADDRESS

- 9:40 AM - 9:50 AM

SHOW ME THE MONEY: From Procurement Decisions to Financial Outcomes

A provocative look at the connection between procurement decisions and financial outcomes and how procurement can turn better decisions into stronger business performance.

Speaker: ***Terry Clune,*** *Founder / Chairman at TransferMate Global Payments*

THE REVEAL

- 9:50 AM - 10:05 AM

CPONext Launch & Agentic AI Quest Winners' Announcement

The curtain lifts. Zycus launches CPONext US 2026 and crowns the Agentic AI Quest winners, the teams proving that agentic procurement isn't coming, it's here.

Presenter: ***Shekhar Varma,*** *President at Zycus*

Experts: ***Omid Ghamami,*** *President at Procurement and Supply Chain Management (PSCM) Institute*

Purvee Kondal, *Chief Procurement Officer and Founder & Board Member at PortlyAI*

ECOSYSTEM EXCHANGE

- 10:05 AM - 10:35 AM

Ecosystem Beyond S2P: Building a Seamless Procurement with Best-in-Class Network

A panel on how consulting and ecosystem expertise helps organizations move beyond S2P, building the capability, culture, and connected network needed to make procurement transformation stick.

Panelists: ***Suei-Keat (S.K.) Wong,*** *Partner at Infosys Portland*

Brian Krupnik, *Senior Manager, Consulting Services at EY*

Kaitlyn Roche, *Associate Partner, Supply Chain, Procurement + Manufacturing Transformation at IBM*

Nick Hughes, *Senior Vice President - Global Head of Partnership and Alliances at Eftsure*

Moderator: ***Omid Ghamami,*** *President at Procurement and Supply Chain Management (PSCM) Institute*

10:35 AM - 10:50 AM: NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

- 10:50 AM - 12:00 PM

Focused Networking & Live Merlin Agentic AI Demos

Dedicated time for pre-scheduled meetings built entirely around your organization's priorities and use cases. And step onto the demo floor, where Merlin Agentic AI pods run live across Merlin Intake, Autonomous Negotiation, Autonomous Sourcing and beyond. No slides, no pitches, just answers.

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Devika Sanil, *Lead Solutions Consultant at Zycus*

Ronit Wadhwa, *Lead Solutions Consultant at Zycus*

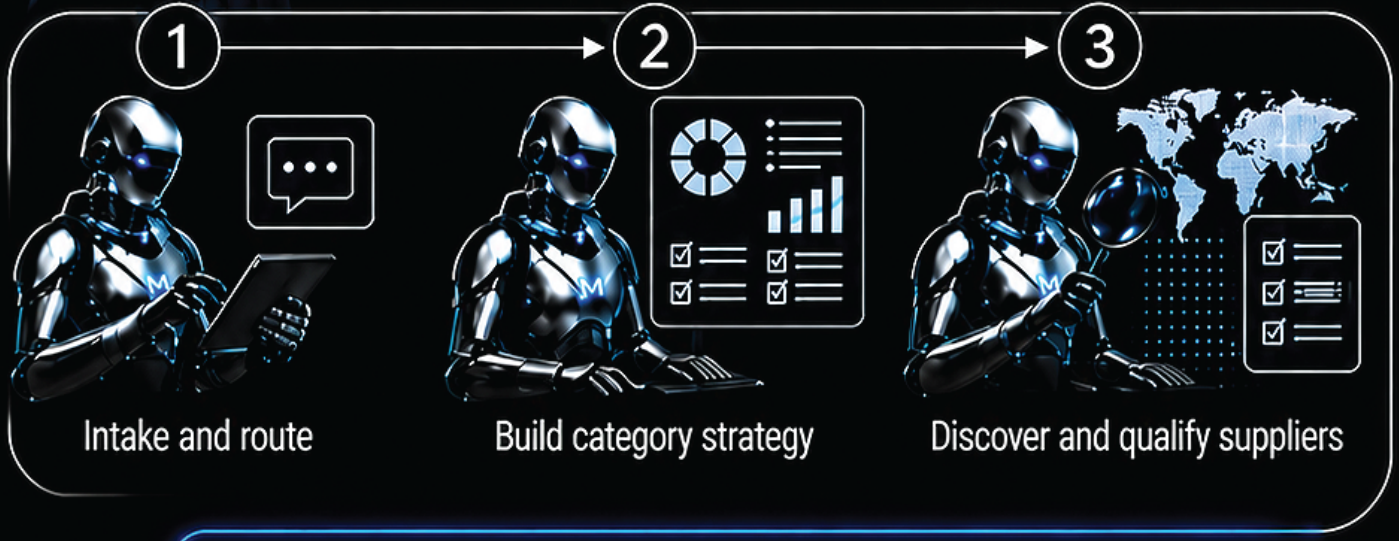
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: GRAB & GO LUNCH

Merlin Autonomous Sourcing (MAS)



Master Strategic Spend

STRATEGIC FLOW



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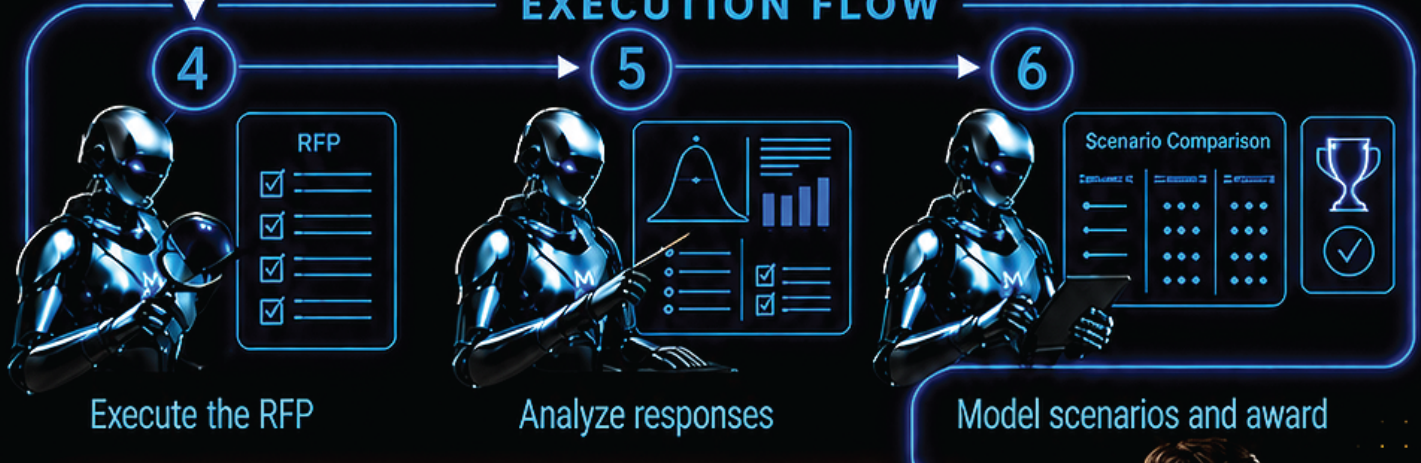

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AUTONOMOUS PROCUREMENT from Intake to Outcomes