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Food and Beverage Industry Updates 2026

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This episode of *PE Pathways* features a recording of a recent panel discussion during a private equity event sponsored by Troutman Pepper Locke and Alliant. Private Equity Partner Nanette Heide hosted the event, and the day featured a panel moderated by fellow Private Equity Partner Joe Kadlec. Panelists included Brian Choi, managing partner and CEO of the Food Institute; Sheemul Valecha, a managing director at BDO Capital Advisors; and Craig Dubitsky, founder and CEO of Happy Products. The panel discussed the state of the deal market for the food and beverage sector.

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