

From Now to New: Seizing Future Opportunities

A future focused platform for informed Investors

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Though COVID accelerated changes in how we work, live, and consume, many profound shifts were already underway prior to the pandemic. The hunt for returns must navigate exciting new terrain as multiple new growth hubs are emerging across different sectors and regions. Novel technologies and actors are transforming financial markets, business models and asset classes and the next wave of advanced digitalization and automation is driving potential in areas as diverse as supply chains and genomics. GenZ is entering the workforce and markets with an unprecedented capacity to make their choices count. Lenders and regulators are joining activists to focus on sustainability and impact investment, and more investors are following fast.

We are at a watershed moment for sectors that are thriving today and those that will thrive tomorrow, this is a “from Now to New” moment for investors to spot and seize future opportunities.

In this context, the Investopia Summit is where the world’s most ambitious visionaries, leaders, and investors gather to create a Future Economies ecosystem. They will share their latest thinking on the future investment outlook and opportunities for the next 5-10 years across four areas that will critically shape the future:

The shifting global geo-economic landscape, which will explore how global growth hubs are shifting, how globalization is changing and what it means for cross-border investment.

The search for a sustainable alpha, which will look at ESG, but also how to tap into underserved groups and impact investing.

Future technologies in key sectors, such as the applications of AI and quantum computing, the Metaverse, and digital assets and currencies.

The future 3.5 billion dialogues, throughout the day, the Future 3.5 Billion dialogues will engage participants with exclusive insights into latest market developments, economic reforms and investment opportunities in various markets and regions, from Eurasia to Asia, Africa and Latin America.



Leading figures from the global investment community will set out their vision in headline plenaries, thematic sessions focused on opportunities in “Now and New” growth sectors – what do they mean for investment and business globally, and how can the UAE investment community leverage its strengths to capitalize on future growth trajectories? In addition to exclusive executive meetings hosted by global, regional and local institutions.

Investopia is a UAE-based platform that connects the global and Emirati investment community around future investment opportunities. It is an ecosystem that draws on the dynamic and imaginative spirit of the UAE but reaches far beyond. It is designed for those wishing to benefit from the UAE’s unique future-focused economy and its position as an investment hub for some of the fastest growing markets in the world, from Africa to Central and East Asia.

We invite you to join this growing community and become part of the future at our Investopia Summit. Engage with the latest thinking on the global investment opportunities and trends ahead. Enjoy unparalleled access to key global stakeholders and growth leaders in the UAE and expand your thinking and network at this one-day summit.

Key Speakers include:

- H.E. Makhtar Diop, Managing Director of the IFC
- H.E. Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados
- H.E. Abdulla BinTouq, UAE Minister of Economy
- H.E. Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, UAE Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and Managing Director and Group CEO of ADNOC
- Lord Gerald Grimstone of Boscobel Kt, UK Minister of Investment
- Lord Barker of Battle, Chairman of EN+ and former UK Minister of State for Energy and Climate Change
- Mr. Larry Fink, Founder, Chairman & CEO of BlackRock
- H.E. Khaldoon Al Mubarak, Managing Director and Group CEO of Mubadala
- H.E. Mohammed Al Shorafa, Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development
- H.E. Luigi Di Maio – Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy
- Ms. Lieve Mostrey, CEO of Euroclear
- H.E. Tarek Amer, Governor of the Central Bank of Egypt
- Mr. Ferid Belhaj, MENA VP for the World Bank
- Mr. Ashish Koshy, CEO of G42 Healthcare
- Mr. Alain Bejjani, CEO of Majid Al Futtaim Holding

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Track 1: The Geo-Economic Landscape

- **Welcome Address by H.E. Abdullah bin Touq Al Marri, UAE Minister of Economy, 9.30-9.45 (Plenary)**
- **From Now to New: The Global Investment Outlook 2025, 9.45-10.45 (Plenary)**
 - Join a conversation with global leaders on the investment outlook for the coming years and the opportunities as industries and regions respond to technological, economic, behavioral and demographic shifts.
- **Globalization reshaped: The Implications for Investors, 11.00-12.00 (Panel)**
 - Globalization is moving into a new era. While cross-border digital flows are set to grow exponentially, the world is also becoming more multipolar and the engines of growth more diverse. Geopolitical competition is playing an ever-greater role across industries, affecting trade as well as global cooperation on standards and licenses to operate. How might these forces impact investors and markets? Which sectors are most exposed and what signals should investors watch?
- **From Now to New: The Emerging Market Outlook, 17.15-18.00 (Plenary)**
 - With a multi-speed post-COVID recovery underway, what are some of the risks that investors will see in emerging markets? How the current inflation surge and potential interest rate raises impact financial stability in emerging markets? What new opportunities have emerged from the pandemic in emerging markets?

Track 2: In Search for a Sustainable Alpha

- **The UAE Investment Outlook: Investing in the next 50, 12.30-13.15 (Plenary)**
 - A young nation that just turned 50, the UAE is emerging from the COVID pandemic more rapidly and more vibrantly than other economies. The government and other stakeholders are committed to supporting a diversified, forward-looking economy and to strengthening its positioning as a global investment and innovation hub. What are the opportunities for businesses and investors? What are the most vibrant industry sectors and large-scale projects promising financial return in the UAE? How can the UAE serve as a platform for international investment?
- **Ready for 2030 and beyond: Future-proofing Investment, 13.15-13.45 (Plenary)**
 - Join a conversation with Larry Fink and leading global investors on the principles that will reshape global investment over the next decade
- **Empowerment through Finance, 14.45-15.45 (Panel)**
 - The global demographic shifts underway hold the potential to both rapidly expand the opportunities for investment and returns: From the inclusion of underserved groups across the increasingly young and female purchasing power in emerging markets to more and more women founders and investors. How can investors capitalize on these trends? Which sectors and regions are particularly promising?
- **Sustainable Finance driving global Transformation, 16.00-17.00 (Panel)**
 - The investor community is not short of global challenges to impact with its investment strategies: From climate change and energy transition to social outcomes and governance standards, regulators and lenders increasingly integrate ESG into financial reporting directives. However, return on ESG investment often remains lackluster. Where does the high return on investment opportunities lie? What are the latest trends shaping sustainable finance and green investing? How can they drive the long-term transformation of whole industry sectors?
- **Not a Luxury: Investing in the creative Industries, 16.00-17.00 (Panel)**
 - The global luxury goods market is expected to continue growing at more than 5% CAGR over the next three years, with the largest segment being luxury fashion among it. As such, the sector is intrinsically linked with creativity and new visions of the future as well. What developments are going to shape investment in these sectors going forward? How might creativity form a competitive edge of the future economy?

Track 3: Exploring Technology Implications

- **Decrypting the Future of Fintech and digital Assets, 11.00-12.00 (Panel)**
 - Ultra-high speed AI trading and blockchain technologies, but also rising cybersecurity risks and unconventional financial services platforms are pushing blue chip banks to make huge investments in the next generation of fintech. What are the most forward-looking technologies the industry should watch? What regulatory shifts do investors need to prepare for? How sustainable is the boom in the NFT market and to what extent is the emergence of the Central Bank Digital Currency evidence to long-term asset shifts?
- **The Metaverse: The next big Thing for Investors?, 14.45-15.45 (Panel)**
 - For many the Metaverse is more than the future of the internet and gaming: It has the potential to reshape digital goods and services and to become the new backbone of core business and customer applications. Who and what will shape the emergence of the Metaverse? How might you turn the Metaverse into an enterprise platform? What do investors need to consider before investing in what could be the next big thing, or just a new toy?
- **From Agriculture to Agritech, 14.45-15.15 (Panel)**
 - Dietary changes, concerns about food security and novel technologies are reconfiguring agrifood systems. From the use of blockchain for crop inventories, contracts and improved traceability to animal protein alternatives and new farming techniques, opportunities are opening up in new products and markets. What are the most promising technologies and viable investment opportunities in the sector?
- **From Healthcare to Healthtech, 15.25-15.55 (Panel)**
 - AI is already accelerating science and health solutions, predicting protein folds critical to programming DNA and speeding up medical imagery analysis to detect disease. Health systems are ripe for a rethink driven by digitalization, new tools and new approaches to disease prevention and treatment. What are the most promising technologies and viable investment opportunities in the sector?
- **Hitting the next Frontier: Quantum Computing, 16.00-16.30 (Panel)**
 - According to latest reports, spending on quantum computing will surge from \$260M in 2020 to \$9.1B by 2030 moving it from laboratory to mainstream production at speed. How might enterprises and investors start thinking about quantum today? What will commercial applications of this computing power look like? What are the interdependent technologies and investment opportunities that will grow alongside?

Track 4: Executive Meeting Series

- **Inside Abu Dhabi: Revolutionizing AgTech, Clean Energy & Healthcare, 11.00-12.00**
 - Abu Dhabi has nurtured a supportive business environment, unparalleled connectivity and infrastructure as well as an entrepreneurial mindset that presents investors with plentiful growth opportunities. Seeking to address global challenges such as agriculture and food security, healthcare and biopharma as well as clean energy, the country is increasingly producing globally exportable innovation. Similarly in ICT and fintech. What opportunities for partnership and impact will shape the investment landscape of the country over the next years?
- **Inside a Region reshaping Fintech: Meet the Founders of top Middle Eastern Ventures, 14.45-15.45**
 - Consumer adoption of fintech has grown rapidly over the past few years and is only expected to further increase as technology and services evolve. Beyond classical financial services, tech start-ups from the MENA region reshape crypto and NFT markets all the way to eCommerce solutions for SMEs. What can investors learn from some of the most promising (fin)tech ventures from the region? What market developments do they need to apprehend and might be able to bank on?
- **Inside a Continent taking-off: Meet the Founders of top African Ventures, 16.00-17.00**
 - Within the first few months of the last year, four new unicorns emerged in Africa and, on average, it took them less than four years to reach a USD 1b valuation. Overall, the start-up scene of the continent is accelerating and particularly active in the (fin)tech sector. How are the founders and their ventures transforming financial services, online marketplaces and supply chains? What do investors need to know about this vibrant market?

Track 5: Future 3.5 Billion

- The Future 3.5 Billion dialogues will provide participants with exclusive insights into latest market developments, economic reforms and investment opportunities in various markets and regions, from Africa to Asia and Eurasia.

Side Activities

- **Gala Dinner on the 27th of March 2022**
 - VIP dinner designed exclusively for Investopia guests
 - Location: ICD Brookfield, DIFC