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FAMILY OFFICE ROUND TABLE

THE CONVERGENCE OF CAPITAL

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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SWFI FORT UAE took place in the United Arab Emirates, uniting global family offices in a dialogue on wealth's transformative power. Anchored in the theme of "The Convergence of Capital," the event explored how financial resources, when combined with vision and purpose, can drive sustainability, innovation, and global impact. Against the backdrop of the UAE's dynamic economy, the gathering fostered collaboration among investors, policymakers, and thought leaders to shape a future where wealth serves as a catalyst for progress—advancing industries, communities, and the planet.

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**SWFI FORT
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12, 13, 14 NOVEMBER 2024**
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**SWFI FORT NORTH
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FEBRUARY 2025**

DUBAI

WITH PROFOUND GRATITUDE



Dear Fellow Architects of a Prosperous Future,

It is with immense pride, gratitude, and humility that I present this coffee table book, commemorating the resounding success of **SWFI FORT UAE 2025**. This landmark gathering in the United Arab Emirates has once again reaffirmed the power of wealth, vision, and collaboration in shaping a future of abundance.

At the heart of **SWFI FORT UAE 2025** was a shared commitment to **The Convergence of Capital**—a theme that embodies the collective strength of family offices, sovereign wealth funds, policymakers, and global leaders in driving meaningful change. Over three transformative days, we explored how capital, when aligned with purpose, can fuel innovation, sustainability, and global prosperity. From groundbreaking discussions on emerging technologies like AI to deep dives into wealth preservation, philanthropy, and economic resilience, this gathering became a beacon of forward-thinking leadership.

A highlight of **SWFI FORT UAE 2025** was the presentation of the **GOOD FELLOWS awards**—honoring visionaries whose contributions transcend industries, geographies, and generations. These awards stand as a testament to those who dare to innovate, challenge conventions, and lead with purpose. They remind us of our responsibility to ensure that the flames of progress, endurance, and impact continue to burn bright.

This coffee table book serves as more than a record of the event; it is a reflection of the partnerships forged, the insights exchanged, and the collective resolve to redefine wealth as a force for good. It stands as a guiding light on our journey to building a future rich with opportunity, inclusion, and sustainability.

I extend my deepest appreciation to each of you who participated with such passion and dedication. Your presence, engagement, and visionary thinking have been instrumental in making **SWFI FORT UAE 2025** an extraordinary success.

With Gratitude,

Lakshmi Narayanan

Chairman

Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI)®

WITH DEEP APPRECIATION



Dear Esteemed Delegates and Honored Guests,

On behalf of the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI), our co-hosts, and esteemed partners, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your presence at **SWFI FORT UAE 2025**. Your participation has been instrumental in making this gathering a landmark event in our shared journey towards a future defined by prosperity and innovation.

This year, SWFI FORT UAE brought together global leaders, policymakers, family offices, and sovereign wealth funds under the visionary theme **'The Convergence of Capital'**. The event served as a platform for meaningful discussions, groundbreaking ideas, and transformative collaborations aimed at harnessing wealth as a catalyst for sustainable growth and impact.

The insights shared by our distinguished speakers, panelists, and industry pioneers spanned the spectrum of finance, technology, policy, and philanthropy—underscoring the power of capital when guided by vision and purpose. From AI-driven innovations to the evolving role of family offices in shaping global economies, every conversation was a step toward redefining the future of wealth.

As always, SWFI FORT UAE was also a stage to honor excellence through the **GOOD FELLOWS Awards**, celebrating individuals who have left an indelible mark on their respective fields and communities. These awards are a testament to the remarkable contributions of leaders who drive change and inspire the next generation.

This coffee table book captures the essence of our time together—the ideas exchanged, the relationships forged, and the collective commitment to a future of abundance. We invite you to relive these moments and carry forward the momentum we've built at SWFI FORT UAE 2025.

Thank you for being part of this extraordinary event. We look forward to continuing this journey with you in the years ahead.

Edward Longhurst-Pierce

Chief Executive Officer - Events
Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI)

ALL ABOUT SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND INSTITUTE[®]

S H A P I N G G L O B A L P R O S P E R I T Y

The Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI)[®] stands as an esteemed and influential organization, playing a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of global prosperity. With a well-earned reputation in the industry of sovereign wealth funds (SWFs) and other asset owners, SWFI[®] has emerged as a trusted information source for professionals, policymakers, and leaders worldwide.

Recognized as the foremost authority on SWFs, SWFI[®] has pioneered research excellence, providing invaluable publications, such as the Sovereign Wealth Quarterly. Other components of research include investor surveys, reports, and data-driven analysis. Our core product used by professionals is the SWFI[®] Subscription which enables all of our research at your fingertips.

With meticulous attention to detail, the institute explores the intricacies of SWF investment strategies, asset allocation patterns, and governance practices, by enriching the intellectual landscape and facilitating informed decision-making. SWFI's[®] commitment to knowledge exchange is exemplified through curated conferences, seminars, and training programs. SWFI Family Once Round Table (FORT) series is the flagship conference series of SWFI[®].

Our platform links industry luminaries, policymakers, and allocators of capital from across the globe. A highlight of SWFI's endeavors includes the annual unveiling of the "SWFI100" ranking, a comprehensive compilation that showcases the largest SWFs, based on their assets under management (AUM).





This influential ranking serves as a vital reference for investors, researchers, and industry stakeholders, providing a panoramic view of the industry's growth and evolution.

Transparency and good governance are foundational principles championed by SWFI®. The institute tirelessly advocates for increased disclosure and accountability standards within SWFs. It also nurtures an environment of trust and integrity in sovereign wealth management. By promoting best practices and adherence to international standards, SWFI® enhances the credibility and impact of SWFs on the global economy.

As we reflect on the recent SWFI FORT event that happened in London, we acknowledge the profound contributions of SWFI® to this respected event. The institute's expertise, dedication, and commitment to excellence have greatly enriched the conference's intellectual discourse, elevating the stature of SWFI FORT as a premier platform for advancing economic empowerment.

SWFI® embodies a legacy of knowledge, collaboration, and responsible wealth management. As we look to the future, SWFI's® continued endeavors will undoubtedly shape the trajectory of global prosperity, inspiring generations to come.

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OF **FINANCE** WITH EXPERTISE
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FACTS AND FIGURES

Numbers speak for themselves.

18 years in business - we are the oldest, largest, and most trustworthily in

HOSTED **76+ EVENTS**
SUCCESSFULLY GLOBALLY

OUR RELATIONSHIP IN NUMBERS

140

SOVEREIGN WEALTH
FUNDS

9,600

ENDOWMENTS

3,600

FAMILY OFFICES

1500

FOUNDATIONS

13,500

INSTITUTIONAL ADVISORS,
CITY FUNDS, PENSION FUNDS,
ASSET ALLOCATORS.

20,000+

LISTED COMPANIES IN
THE U.S

\$50+

TRILLION AUM
MANAGED BY GLOBAL
ASSET MANAGERS

100+

MEMBERS GLOBAL INSTITUTIONS
OF \$5 BILLION+ AUM

PUBLISHED 50+ PRINT AND E-MAGAZINES

LAUNCHED 15+ TRANSPARENCY INDICES

20+ ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

CONNECTED 10,000+ ASSET MANAGERS

THE CONVERGENCE
OF **CAPITAL**

INTRODUCTION TO



SWFI FORT
FAMILY OFFICE ROUND TABLE

PRESERVING LEGACY. PROMOTING PROSPERITY.

LINK, LEARN, LEAD

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SWFI Family Office Round Table Global Events foster collaboration, share knowledge, and create strategies among the world's leading families behind the family offices, policymakers, and influencers in conjunction with the greatest investment minds of sovereign wealth funds, pension, endowments, allocators, and asset managers to link, learn, and lead.



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OF **CAPITAL**



ROCKS

are the cornerstone of SWFI Family Office Round Table (FORT) Events, providing the essential structure to its beliefs and practices.



RELATIONSHIP & RECOGNITION

- Foundation for collaboration
- Mutual trust and respect
- Sustainability and growth of wealth



OPPORTUNITY & OUTREACH

- Broaden horizons
- Get exposed to new opportunities
- Harness combined potential



CAPITAL & COLLABORATION

- Amplify impact by merging resources
- Harness finance to drive meaningful change
- Help in shaping a vibrant world



KNOWLEDGE AND KICKSTART

- Powering progress through insights
- Collective insights for holistic growth
- Pooling experiences to navigate the challenge



SYNERGY & SUSTAINABILITY

- Build amplified power in unity
- Pool strengths for greater outcomes
- Foster sustainable collaborative ecosystems

THE CONVERGENCE OF CAPITAL:

UNITING WEALTH, VISION,
AND IMPACT

The Convergence of Capital served as the cornerstone of SWFI FORT UAE 2025, bringing together global wealth leaders to align financial power with purpose. Throughout the event, this theme guided discussions on leveraging capital for sustainable growth, innovation, and global impact. Sovereign wealth funds, family offices, and institutional investors collaborated to explore how wealth could drive transformative change—whether through pioneering technology, social impact investments, or strategic policy advancements. By fostering meaningful partnerships and aligning financial strategies with long-term vision, The Convergence of Capital shaped a future where wealth became a catalyst for progress, resilience, and shared prosperity.



THREE CITIES, ONE VISION

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF
GLOBAL WEALTH

SWFI FORT UAE 2025 unfolded across the dynamic cities of Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, and Dubai, each embodying a unique facet of the UAE's vision for the future. From Abu Dhabi's legacy of sovereign wealth leadership to Sharjah's cultural and economic innovation, and Dubai's status as a global financial hub, these cities provided the perfect backdrop for meaningful discussions, strategic collaborations, and transformative investments. Together, they showcased the UAE's commitment to shaping a future of abundance and prosperity.

OUR MISSION: RELATIONSHIP CAPITAL

We help you build your most valuable asset by creating tangible opportunities to network, influence and navigate investment environments.

HOW WE DO THIS:

PEOPLE, PLACE, PLATFORM, PURPOSE

We unite decision-makers from across our global network to create carefully curated environments designed to foster relationships that create lasting value and engender change.

CORE EVENT ELEMENTS

03 DAY POWER-PACKED EVENT

01 COMMON THEME

200 SELECTIVE INVITED GUESTS

07 ILLUMINATING PANEL DISCUSSIONS

01 PIONEERING START-UP PITCH

10 NETWORKING SESSIONS

03 GOOD FELLOWS AWARD RECOGNITIONS

02 TRILLION USD AUM HALL



29 JANUARY 2025

THE CONVERGENCE OF CHANGE:

SAUDI ARABIA'S ECONOMIC EVOLUTION:
OPPORTUNITIES FOR GLOBAL INVESTORS

SWFI FORT



GOOD FELLOWS INITIATIVE

Initiated by SWFI, the Global Order Of Outstanding Disruptors (GOOD) Fellows is a non-profit endeavor and a tribute to the 'Modern Greats of Wealth', the audacious and visionary individuals who, through innovation, integrity, and commitment, are redefining the narrative of wealth.



**Thought Leadership In
The Global Wealth Landscape**



**Knowledge Exchange
Among The Brightest Minds**



**Responsible & Sustainable
Wealth Practices**



**Positive Social Impact Through
Conversations**



GOOD FELLOWS

GOOD

talks

CONVERSATIONS THAT INSPIRE

WHERE WEALTH AND
WISDOM CONVERGE TO
INSPIRE CHANGE

Within the larger frame of the GOOD Fellows Initiative, GOOD Talks emerges as a critical component. Here, thought leaders in global wealth gather to share a series of ideas, insights, and future visions.

GOOD Talks function as a meeting point for recognized leaders to discuss their depth of knowledge and expertise. It's more than just conversation—it's a shared experience that explores innovation, ethics, and societal impact.

Reminiscent of TED Talks but with a unique focus, GOOD Talks looks at the true nature of wealth, from its responsibilities to society to its potential for transformation. Each discussion is guided by SWFI Chairman Mr. Lakshmi Narayanan and officers an intimate 15-minute view into the lives, aspirations, and insights of our speakers.

Moreover, GOOD Talks extend beyond physical boundaries, reaching a global audience through various media platforms. The initiative aims to influence global awareness and attitudes, inviting everyone to participate in this resurgence of thought.





GOOD FELLOWS AWARDS

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN
GLOBAL WEALTH

In a landscape filled with exceptional talents, the GOOD Fellow Awards serve as a guide toward these outstanding individuals. The awards shine a light on the pioneers leading the charge in global wealth management.

WHAT ARE THE GOOD FELLOW AWARDS?

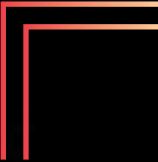
They are more than just commendations. The awards are an acknowledgment of a pathway marked by ingenuity, ethics, and societal influence. The GOOD Fellow Awards celebrate individuals taking active roles in responsible wealth management and investment.

THE SELECTION:

This prestigious award demands a rigorous process. Nominees are evaluated based on innovation, sustainability, leadership, philanthropy, and societal contribution. The final decision is made by a respected group of industry veterans and experts, representing the principles of the GOOD Fellows Awards champion.

THANK YOU
TO THE
GOOD
FELLOWS





Dear GOOD Fellows, Esteemed Innovators, and Guardians of Tradition,
I am excited to announce that the Global Wealth Conference in London exceeded all expectations. As Chairman of the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI), I am filled with pride as I reflect on this monumental event. Your active participation and leadership were key to our success.

This coffee table book is more than a collection of memories; it captures the ideas and alliances formed during our time together. Over three dynamic days, we gathered diverse perspectives and innovative approaches, highlighted by the GOOD FELLOWS Awards. These awards represent our commitment to excellence and impactful leadership.

Our mission goes beyond accumulating wealth; we aim to create a legacy that inspires change and fosters progress. The GOOD FELLOWS Awards reflect this commitment, emphasizing integrity, dedication, and service.

As you browse this book, may the insights and reflections guide and inspire our future endeavors. This book is dedicated to you, the visionaries who understand the importance of global leadership and strive for the greater good.

With deep appreciation and respect,

Lakshmi Narayanan

CHAIRMAN

SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND INSTITUTE (SWFI)



GOOD FELLOWS

GOOD FELLOW AWARD WINNERS OF THE PAST

AWARD WINNERS AT GWC 2023



LORD MEGHNAD DESAI



VIVEK ANAND OBEROI



JITENDRA BISSESSUR



MATTHEW HURN OBE



LORD MAYOR NICHOLAS
LYONS



DAVID PAPAZIAN



H. E. UDAYA
INDRARATHNA



ABDUREHMAN EID
TAHIR

AWARD WINNERS AT SWFI FORT NORTH AMERICA 2023



FANNY M. CORNEJO



JEFF HOFFMAN



CANDICE BEAUMONT



CHRISTINA WING

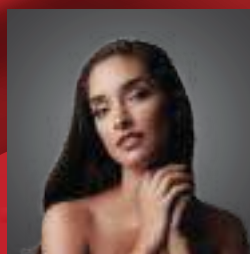


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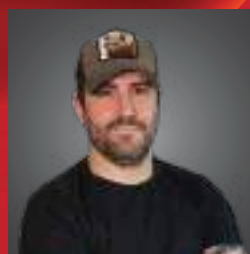


JACKIE SIEGEL

AWARD WINNERS AT NORTH AMERICA BLOCKCHAIN SUMMIT 2023



ALEJANDRA GUAJARDO



PETER MCCORMACK



AHMED BIN SULAYEM



SANDRO SALSANO



H.R.H PRINCE EBRAHIM
SANYANG



HIS HOLINESS
BRAHMAVIHARI SWAMI

AWARD WINNERS AT GWC 2024



H.E. DR NAYEF FALAH
AL-HAJRAF



DR. JEN JONES



DAVID PITT-WATSON



RUSTON SMITH



BARONESS KAY
SWINBURNE

GOOD FELLOW
AWARD WINNERS
AT SWFI FORT UAE 2025



RT HON SIR
BRANDON LEWIS CBE

Frederick The Great Medal (1757)



H.E. SHEIKH FAHIM
BIN SULTAN BIN
KHALID AL QASIMI

King George VI Medal (1757)





DAY ONE
JANUARY 21, 2025

ABU DHABI

A GRAND BEGINNING

AT MANARAT AL SAADIYAT

The first day of SWFI FORT UAE 2025 unfolded against the backdrop of Abu Dhabi's premier hub for innovation—Manarat Al Saadiyat. Translating to 'Place of Enlightenment,' this venue perfectly embodied our mission of fostering global dialogue, groundbreaking ideas, and transformative leadership.

As the world's foremost visionaries, sovereign wealth leaders, and innovators converged, Day 1 set the stage for insightful discussions, pioneering start-up showcases, and powerful networking opportunities. With an agenda designed to shape the future of finance, investment, and governance, the day was filled with unparalleled collaboration and inspiration.

Together, we embarked on a journey where legacy met the future.

REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENT

The event commenced with a warm welcome as attendees arrived, registered, and connected over refreshments. It was a moment of anticipation and networking, setting the stage for insightful discussions and meaningful collaborations throughout the summit.





ENGAGE - EMPOWER
To Build Relationship Capital



OPENING ADDRESS:

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS AND NEW AGE WEALTH

BY LAKSHMI NARAYANAN, CHAIRMAN, SWFI;

MANAGING PARTNER, PATEL FAMILY OFFICE

Lakshmi Narayanan delivered an insightful opening address, exploring the evolving landscape of real estate investments and the future of new-age wealth. He highlighted key trends, opportunities, and the role of strategic capital in shaping the next era of financial growth.

SESSION 1

DIGITAL ASSETS: NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO UNLOCK LIQUIDITY, MONETISE ASSETS AND FUEL ECONOMIC GROWTH



PANELISTS

MIGUEL KUDRY,
Chief Executive Officer and
Co-Founder, L1



MARCEL KASUMOVICH,
Deputy Chief Investment Officer,
Coinbase Asset Management



SIMON O'BRIEN,
Executive Director - Markets,
Abu Dhabi Global Market



DR SAMEER AL ANSARI,
Chief Executive Officer,
RAK Digital Assets Oasis



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Chairman of the Board &
Non-Executive Director, Apex UAE,
Bahrain, Israel & India



DR SURAJ REDDY,
Co-founder, Voyage Capital



MODERATOR:
KOKILA ALAGH,
Founder, KARM; Member,
Fintech Working Group,
Arab Monetary Fund



DIGITAL ASSETS: NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO UNLOCK LIQUIDITY, MONETISE ASSETS AND FUEL ECONOMIC GROWTH



Miguel Kutzky,
Chief Executive Officer
Swift Group



Simon O'Brien,
Chief Executive Officer
Swift Group, Global Market



Marcel Keshmervich,
Chief Executive Officer
Swift Group, Europe



Dr. Samer Al Attar,
Chief Executive Officer
Swift Group, Middle East



Dr. Shashank Deshpande,
Chief Executive Officer
Swift Group, India



Dr. Suresh Datta,
Chief Executive Officer
Swift Group, Africa



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Chief Executive Officer
Swift Group, Africa





The first session of the conference explored how digital assets are reshaping investment strategies, with insights from industry leaders on macroeconomic impacts, regulatory shifts, and portfolio diversification. Panelists discussed the role of sovereign wealth funds, blockchain platforms, and payment systems in driving innovation, with a focus on the UAE's AED Stablecoin. Key topics included the evolving regulatory landscape, the impact of U.S. policies, and how digital assets unlock liquidity and mitigate risks in a rapidly changing financial ecosystem.



REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

Attendees gathered once again, seizing the opportunity to connect, exchange ideas, and build valuable relationships over refreshments, before the next session. This informal interaction fostered collaboration and set the tone for the engaging discussions ahead.



OPENING ADDRESS:

TRANSPARENCY & OBJECTIVITY, A NEW ERA IN THE GLOBAL SOVEREIGN RATING LANDSCAPE

REVATI KASTURE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,

CAREEDGE RATINGS; CHIEF EXECUTIVE,

CAREEDGE GLOBAL

Revati Kasture highlighted the transformative shift in sovereign ratings, emphasizing the critical role of transparency and objectivity. She discussed how these principles are shaping a more reliable global financial system, instilling investor confidence, and redefining the credibility of sovereign assessments.

SESSION 2

GLOBAL MACRO: THE IMPACT OF GEOPOLITICS AND ECONOMIC HEADWINDS



PANELISTS



KHURRAM SABIR,
Chief Risk Officer, General Pension
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DR ANISEH BASSIRI TABRIZI,
Senior Analyst, Control Risks;
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Private Department of
H.E. Sheikh Mohammed Bin
Khalid Al Nahyan



QAISAR ZAMAN,
Chief Investment Officer,
Rakiza Infrastructure Fund



DAVID MARSH CBE,
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Author, The Euro



MODERATOR:
ILIAS GEORGOPOULOS,
Global Head of Private and
Institutional Asset Owners,
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GLOBAL MACRO: THE IMPACT OF GEOPOLITICS AND ECONOMIC HEADWINDS



Mr. Ibrahim Salim
Chairman, Middle East
Investment Council, and
Managing Director, Middle East
Investment Council



Dr. Amritha Ravindran
Managing Director, Middle East
Investment Council, and
Managing Director, Middle East
Investment Council



Mr. Peter Brundage
Chairman, Middle East
Investment Council, and
Managing Director, Middle East
Investment Council



Dr. Ahmed Elmaghrabi
Managing Director, Middle East
Investment Council, and
Managing Director, Middle East
Investment Council



General Zeynep
Chairman, Middle East
Investment Council, and
Managing Director, Middle East
Investment Council



David Marsh
Chairman, Middle East
Investment Council, and
Managing Director, Middle East
Investment Council



Mr. Peter Brundage
Chairman, Middle East
Investment Council, and
Managing Director, Middle East
Investment Council



Amid political and economic instability, conflict, and climate change, asset owners face increasing challenges, with the 2024 elections affecting nearly half the global population. Despite uncertainties, long-term investment strategies provide flexibility for sustained planning. In the second session, panelists explored how asset owners respond to macroeconomic shifts, balance long-term objectives with short-term obligations, and implement risk management strategies across diverse markets and investor groups.

NETWORKING RECEPTION

As Day One concluded, attendees gathered for a lively networking reception, providing an opportunity to unwind, connect, and exchange insights from the day's discussions. Set in an engaging atmosphere, the reception fostered meaningful conversations, new partnerships, and valuable industry connections, reinforcing the collaborative spirit of the summit.





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SHAR

DAY TWO

JANUARY 22, 202

SHARJAH

PIONEERING OPPORTUNITIES AT

SHARJAH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

Day 2 of SWFI FORT UAE 2025 unfolded in Sharjah, a city renowned for its economic diversification and strategic global linkages. Hosted at the prestigious Sharjah Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the day spotlighted the emirate's evolving investment landscape and its role in shaping the future of global finance.

With a focus on the convergence of change, industry leaders, policymakers, and sovereign investors explored new avenues for collaboration, uncovering opportunities in infrastructure, technology, and sustainable growth. The discussions were fueled by Sharjah's commitment to innovation and cross-border partnerships, creating an engaging platform for meaningful dialogue and transformative investments.



REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

Delegates gathered for a morning of networking over refreshments, setting the stage for a day of insightful discussions and strategic collaborations.



WELCOME REMARKS BY OMAR AL MULLA

CHIEF EXECUTIVE,
OSOOL INVESTMENTS,
SHARJAH ASSET MANAGEMENT
HOLDING

Omar Al Mulla welcomed attendees, highlighting Sharjah's role in fostering investment growth and global economic partnerships.



OPENING ADDRESS BY LAKSHMI NARAYANAN

CHAIRMAN, SWFI;

MANAGING PARTNER,

PATEL FAMILY OFFICE

Lakshmi Narayanan outlined the future of wealth and sustainable investment, emphasizing innovation, resilience, and long-term value creation.



ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

TRADITION
MEETS
MODERNITY:
SHARJAH AS
A REGIONAL
LEADER
IN ECONOMIC
DIVERSIFICATION
& SUSTAINABILITY



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and Innovation Park



DENYS GRABCHAK,
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Perfometry;
AI Advisor to UAE Government



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EDWARD LONGHURST-PIERCE,
Chief Executive,
SWFI Global





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The Round Table Discussion highlighted Sharjah's rapid emergence as a prime investment hub, driven by its diverse economy spanning manufacturing, healthcare, and technology. Strategically positioned between Dubai and Abu Dhabi, it offers seamless global market access, supported by robust infrastructure for industrial and residential development. With investor-friendly policies, including tax exemptions, free zones, and favorable regulations, Sharjah continues to attract businesses. The emirate also prioritizes sustainability and cultural tourism, further enhancing its appeal. Key growth sectors include advanced healthcare, a thriving digital ecosystem for tech investors, and increasing investments in renewable energy and sustainable finance.



INAUGURAL CHARITY LUNCHEON

The **Inaugural Middle East Charity Luncheon** took place on January 22 in the Emirate of Sharjah, in collaboration with **Sharjah Asset Management Holding** and **The Big Heart Foundation**. The event brought together like-minded individuals to raise funds for the education sector, emphasizing the importance of charitable contributions in shaping future generations. Attendees engaged in discussions and networking opportunities, fostering meaningful connections to drive long-term, positive change in the region and beyond. The luncheon served as a platform for philanthropy, encouraging collective efforts to enhance educational access and impact.



REGISTRATION & NETWORKING RECEPTION

The event began with a dedicated hour for registration and networking, allowing guests to connect and engage with like-minded individuals. This reception provided an opportunity to interact with fellow attendees, including key stakeholders and philanthropists, setting the stage for meaningful discussions and collaborations in support of the charitable cause.



WELCOME REMARKS BY OMAR AL MULLA

Omar Al Mulla, Chief Executive of Osool Investments under Sharjah Asset Management Holding, delivered the welcome remarks. He introduced the purpose of the charity luncheon, highlighting the collaboration with The Big Heart Foundation, and emphasized the importance of supporting education-focused initiatives through philanthropic contributions.



OPENING ADDRESS BY ALYA AL MUSAIEBI

Alya Al Musaiebi, the Acting Deputy Director of The Big Heart foundation delivered a powerful address on education's role in breaking poverty cycles and driving development. She shared inspiring stories of impact and stressed the need for collaboration to bridge educational gaps. Her speech left the audience motivated to support inclusive education.







RT HON SIR BRANDON LEWIS CBE

FORMER LORD CHANCELLOR, SECRETARY OF STATE & BRITISH MP;
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VEON

GLOBAL LEADER
POLICY ARCHITECT
STRATEGIC VISIONARY

GOOD FELLOWS AWARD RECIPIENT, 2025
GOOD FELLOWS #2025

“Sir Brandon Lewis exemplifies leadership with integrity, vision, and dedication. His contributions to public service and governance continue to inspire those committed to creating meaningful change”

Lakshmi Narayanan,

CChairman, Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute;
Managing Partner, Patel Family Office

Sir Brandon Lewis served as Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice from September 6, 2022, to October 25, 2022. Prior to that, he was Secretary of State for Northern Ireland from February 13, 2020, to July 7, 2022. His earlier roles include Minister of State for Security and Deputy for EU Exit and No Deal Preparation (July 2019 – February 2020), Minister without Portfolio (January 2018 – July 2019), and Minister of State for Immigration (June 2017 – January 2018).

Between September 2012 and July 2014, he served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Communities and Local Government, followed by a role as Minister of State for Housing and Planning from July 2014 to July 2016. Elected as the Conservative MP for Great Yarmouth in 2010, Sir Brandon Lewis was honored with a CBE for political and public service in September 2019.

Sir Brandon holds a BSc in Economics and an LLB (Hons) in Law from the University of Buckingham and an LLM in Commercial Law from King's College London. A qualified barrister and company director, Sir Brandon was active in several all-party parliamentary groups focused on enterprise zones, local growth, and local government. He co-chaired a group on coastal erosion and continues working with MPs representing coastal towns. Before entering government, he served over 10 years on Brentwood Borough Council, including five years as leader.





FREDERICK THE GREAT MEDAL (1757)

Issued to: Pte. W. Thomas 1/Yorks

The Monarch of Prussia (1740 - 1786)

Date of Original Medal Issuance: The medal was first instituted in 1758.

Medal Number: #1089 Original Medal

In the grand narrative of European history, there stands a testament to courage and victory, a medal minted not for the multitude but for the valiant and victorious. This token of distinction was the Frederick the Great Medal, a prestigious recognition conferred upon those who exemplified exceptional leadership and bravery during the Battle of Rossbach in 1757.

Today, as we navigate the complex and ever-changing terrain of the global wealth landscape, the principles enshrined in this historic medal continue to inspire the GOOD Fellows initiative.

The Frederick the Great Medal, a tangible symbol of triumph, bore the profile of Frederick the Great, often inscribed with "Fredericus D.G. Rex" ("Frederick by the Grace of God, King"). Each detail on the medal reflects the indomitable spirit and strategic brilliance that defined one of history's most remarkable victories.



This emblem of perseverance and resilience mirrors the dedication of the GOOD Fellows in forging pathways to sustainable wealth management. Just as the Frederick the Great Medal commemorated valor and determination in the face of adversity, the GOOD Fellow Awards recognize steadfast service and innovation in the challenging arena of global wealth.

Thus, the resonance of the GOOD Fellows Awards transcends time, weaving together the past, present, and future in a unified pursuit of excellence and service. It is a tribute to the enduring spirit of courage and achievement exemplified by the Frederick the Great Medal.

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Lakshmi Narayanan
Chairman, Sovereign Wealth Fund
Edward Longhurst-Pierce
CEO, Sovereign Wealth Fund

London, 23 February 2025

Dear Lakshmi and Edward,

I hope this note finds you well. I would like to express my gratitude for inviting me to take part in the SWFI Fort UAE conference 2025, and for recognising me with the GOOD Award whilst at the conference.

I found the panel discussions both interesting and informative, with the speakers hugely insightful and knowledgeable in their fields. The panel I participated in was very enjoyable and it was a wonderful opportunity to be able to engage with so many industry leaders and influential decision-makers.

It was also a huge honour to receive the GOOD award, and I very much enjoyed our fireside discussion.

Congratulations on bringing together the sovereign wealth and investment sectors for a hugely successful conference, and I look forward to working with you again in the future.

Yours,



Rt Hon Sir Brandon Lewis CBE
Member of the Board of Directors

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DAY THREE

JANUARY 23, 2025

DUBAI

THE CONVERGENCE OF CULTURES -

DUBAI AS A GLOBAL FAMILY

OFFICE HUB

Day 3 of SWFI FORT UAE 2025 unfolded at the iconic Etihad Museum in Dubai, a site symbolizing unity, leadership, and long-term vision. As a rising global hub for family offices, Dubai showcased its strategic role in shaping the future of wealth management, intergenerational prosperity, and financial innovation.

With a focus on cultural convergence and economic leadership, the day brought together global investors, policymakers, and industry pioneers to explore Dubai's dynamic ecosystem. Discussions revolved around wealth preservation, legacy planning, and the city's evolving financial landscape, reinforcing Dubai's position as a premier destination for family offices and sovereign investment.

REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENT

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OPENING REMARKS BY LAKSHMI NARAYANAN

The third day of the conference commenced with Lakshmi Narayanan delivering the opening remarks, setting the stage for a transformative dialogue on Dubai's role as a global family office hub. As a distinguished leader in finance and innovation, he highlighted the importance of cultural convergence, strategic investments, and long-term wealth preservation in an evolving global landscape.

His address underscored Dubai's commitment to fostering an ecosystem that empowers family offices, sovereign investors, and financial pioneers. With a forward-looking perspective, he emphasized the city's unique ability to bridge tradition and modernity, creating unparalleled opportunities for intergenerational wealth and sustainable economic growth.



PANEL DISCUSSION ONE

CO-INVESTMENT
LANDSCAPE:
RESOURCE
POOLING AND
ACCESS TO
UNIQUE
OPPORTUNITIES



PANELISTS



LIXIA ZHU,
Principal,
76Columbus Family Office



MOHAMED SEGHIR,
Chief Executive Officer,
HAYAH Insurance Company



MEHMET AKGUNAY,
Senior Investment Officer,
International Finance Corporation



HASNAE TALEB,
Managing Partner,
Mintiply Capital



MODERATOR:
MAAMEYAA KWAFO-AKOTO,
Partner,
A&O Sherman





The first panel discussion, Co-Investment Landscape: Resource Pooling and Access to Unique Opportunities, explored how collaborative investment strategies are reshaping the financial landscape. As family office investments grow more sophisticated, partnerships between investors offer cost-efficient benefits in low-interest environments. By combining expertise across industries and regions, both parties can achieve enhanced returns. The session highlighted portfolio diversification across private equity and venture capital—beyond tech and renewables, alternatives to fixed income—examining direct lending and structured credit, and cross-border real estate—focusing on high-growth destinations for data centers, logistics, and REITs.





H.E. SHEIKH FAHIM BIN SULTAN BIN KHAID AL QASIMI

CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS;
MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF SHARJAH

GLOBAL DIPLOMATIC LEADER
DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PIONEER
CULTURAL AMBASSADOR

GOOD FELLOWS AWARD RECIPIENT, 2025
GOOD FELLOWS #2025

“Sheikh Fahim’s visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to diplomacy, digital transformation, and economic development have positioned Sharjah as a global hub for innovation and cultural exchange. His strategic foresight continues to strengthen international partnerships and drive sustainable progress”

Lakshmi Narayanan,

Chairman, Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute;
Managing Partner, Patel Family Office

Sheikh Fahim Bin Sultan Bin Khalid Al Qasimi is the Chairman of the Department of Government Relations in Sharjah, where he plays a pivotal role in shaping the Emirate's global engagement. In collaboration with the UAE's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, his department works to strengthen Sharjah's international reputation, fostering diplomatic ties and strategic partnerships at both regional and global levels. A key initiative under his leadership is the Strategic Cities Program, which promotes cross-cultural and knowledge exchange while driving economic development through meaningful international relationships.

In addition to his diplomatic responsibilities, Sheikh Fahim chairs the Higher Committee for Digital Transformation of Sharjah, spearheading the Emirate's shift towards smart governance. His efforts focus on enhancing digital infrastructure and implementing advanced policies to elevate the quality and efficiency of government services, aligning with the UAE's broader vision for technological innovation.

Before taking on his current roles, Sheikh Fahim built a strong foundation in strategic advisory, foreign direct investment across Asia, and initiatives aimed at diversifying Gulf economies and improving regional competitiveness. His extensive work includes conducting policy development studies for various government entities, helping to shape strategies that drive sustainable economic growth across multiple sectors.

Sheikh Fahim holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Cambridge, reflecting his deep expertise in global affairs and governance. His leadership continues to position Sharjah as a forward-thinking Emirate, blending tradition with innovation to foster long-term progress.





KING GEORGE VI MEDAL (1757)

Issued to: A. Smith of the Devon Regiment for Service in Malaya

Date of Original Medal Issuance:

The medal was first instituted during or after the Malayan Emergency (1948–1960), a period of conflict between the British Military and communist insurgents in Malaya.

Medal Number: #22140177 Original Medal

In the grand narrative of British history, there stands a testament to service and resilience, a medal minted not for the multitude, but for the brave and steadfast. This token of distinction was the Service Medal of King George VI, a prestigious recognition conferred upon those who demonstrated exceptional dedication during the Malayan Emergency (1948–1960).

Today, as we navigate the intricate and ever-evolving landscape of global wealth, the principles enshrined in this historic medal continue to inspire the GOOD Fellows initiative.

The Service Medal of King George VI, a tangible symbol of commitment, bore a left-facing portrait of King George VI, encircled by the inscription "George VI King Emperor." Each detail of the medal reflects the unwavering loyalty and courage required to face a period of prolonged conflict and uncertainty.



This emblem of duty and perseverance mirrors the commitment of the GOOD Fellows in shaping sustainable wealth management solutions. Just as the Service Medal of King George VI commemorated steadfast service amidst adversity, the GOOD Fellow Awards honor relentless dedication and innovation in navigating the complexities of global wealth.

Thus, the resonance of the GOOD Fellows Awards transcends time, weaving together the past, present, and future in a unified pursuit of excellence and service. It is a tribute to the enduring spirit of loyalty, courage, and achievement exemplified by the Service Medal of King George VI.

H.E. Sheikh Fahim Bin S
Bin Khalid Al Qasimi,
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Department
Government
Executive





OPENING REMARKS BY RT HON BRANDON LEWIS CBE

Rt Hon Sir Brandon Lewis CBE, former Lord Chancellor, Secretary of State, and British MP, opened the second session with insights on policy, investment, and economic resilience. Now on Veon's Board of Directors, he highlighted global market dynamics and the role of strategic investments in shaping finance.



PANEL DISCUSSION TWO

FAMILY OFFICE 2030:
ALTERNATIVES,
TECHNOLOGY, AND
THE ROLE OF AI



PANELISTS



MOHAMMAD ALOTHMAN,
Group Chief Executive Officer,
Fujairah Holding (2018-24);
Founder, AI Tech Solutions



XAVIER MARCONNET,
Head of Core AI Equities,
Unigestion



SHABNAM MOHAMMAD,
Board Member,
Dubai Islamic Bank Pakistan;
Nominee Director, International
Finance Corporation



DR. SURAJ REDDY,
Co-founder,
Voyage Capital



MODERATOR:
DENYS GRABCHAK,
Founder & Chief Executive Officer,
Perfometry;
AI Advisor to UAE Government



FAMILY OFFICE 2030: ALTERNATIVES, TECHNOLOGY AND THE ROLE OF AI



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Dr. Suraj Reddy,
Co-founder,
Voyage Capital



Moderator:
Denys Grabchuk,
Founder & Chief Executive Officer,
Perfometa; AI Advisor, Investment



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NETWORKING LUNCH: CONVERSATIONS & CONNECTIONS

The networking lunch provided attendees with a valuable opportunity to connect, exchange insights, and build meaningful relationships in a relaxed setting. Conversations flowed over fine cuisine, fostering collaborations and discussions on the future of investment and wealth management.





PANEL DISCUSSION THREE

UNITED IN EMPATHY: ALIGNING FAMILY VALUES WITH STRATEGIC PHILANTHROPY



Moderator:
Dr. Celeste Cecil
Sovereign Wealth and
Sustainability



Prof. Winnie Pang
Director, Robert H. G. Carter for Asian
Family, Business and Family Office,
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology



Dr. Marco Bodellini
Senior Research Scientist,
University of Luxembourg;
ADA Chair in Financial Law – Inclusive Finance

SWFI FORUM



PANELISTS

SAFIA TMIRI,
Executive Director,
Alfanar Venture Philanthropy



NAILA FAROUKY,
Chief Executive Officer,
Arab Foundations Forum



PROF. WINNIE PENG,
Director, Roger King Center for Asian
Family Business and Family Office,
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology



DR. MARCO BODELLINI,
Senior Research Scientist,
University of Luxembourg;
ADA Chair in Financial Law – Inclusive Finance



MODERATOR:
DR. CELESTE CECILIA MOLES LO TURCO,
Sovereign Wealth Fund and
Sustainability Expert



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Senior Research Scientist,
University of Luxembourg
DA Chair in Finance

Cecilia Moles Lo Turco,
Wealth Fund and
ity Expert

The third panel discussion of the conference, "United in Empathy: Aligning Family Values with Strategic Philanthropy," explored how philanthropy and family-run foundations are integrating traditional values with modern impact investing to drive sustainable futures. The discussion highlighted how these organizations are pioneering investment products in education and healthcare while addressing global challenges. Experts examined emerging trends, best practices, and regulatory landscapes from the UAE to the wider GCC region. Key topics included the rise of strategic philanthropic models such as impact investing, micro-lending, and donor-advised funds, the role of tech-driven innovation in education investments, and the future of healthcare and biotechnology amid aging populations and advancing technology.



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REFRESHING CONNECTIONS: THE NETWORKING BREAK





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FAMILY OFFICE ROUND TABLE



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OPENING ADDRESS BY LAKSHMI NARAYANAN

Lakshmi Narayanan, Chairman of SWFI, set the stage for next session with an insightful address on how new-age wealth is shaping prediction markets. He explored the evolving role of technology, data, and alternative investments in forecasting financial trends, offering a forward-looking perspective on wealth management in a rapidly changing landscape.



PANEL DISCUSSION FOUR

GROWING PAINS:
GOVERNANCE,
SUCCESSION
PLANNING &
NEXT GEN
ENGAGEMENT



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PANELISTS

DR. ADIL ALZAROONI,
Chief Executive,
Al Zarooni Emirates
Investments



KHALID RASHID AL ZAYANI,
Honorary Chairman,
Al Zayani Investments



ILIAS GEORGOPOULOS,
Global Head of Private
and Institutional Asset
Owners, IQ-EQ



GILBERT NYATANYI,
Chief Executive Officer,
Agaciro Development Fund
(2020-23)



MODERATOR:
TEODORA ĆOSIĆ,
Partner, Expert Search;
Advisory Board Member,
Serbian-American Friendship Congress





GROWING PAINS: GOVERNANCE, SUCCESSION PLANNING AND NEXT GEN ENGAGEMENT



Dr. Adil Alzarooni,
Chief Executive,
Al Zarooni Emirates
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Khalid Rashid Al Zayani,
Honorary Chairman,
Al Zayani Investments



Ilias Georgopoulos,
Global Head of Private
and Institutional Asset
Owners, IQ-EQ



Gilbert Nyatanyi,
Chief Executive Officer,
Agaciro Development Fund
(2020-23)



The fourth session of the conference examined how family offices are evolving to tackle governance and investment challenges. It focused on ensuring the longevity of family-owned businesses through strategic decision-making and diversification. The discussion covered governance structures, succession planning for smooth transitions, and strategies to prepare the next generation for leadership.





CLOSING REMARKS & VOTE OF THANKS

As the conference came to a close, the final address reflected on key insights, celebrated meaningful discussions, and expressed gratitude to speakers, sponsors, and attendees for their invaluable contributions.



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SPEAKERS



LIN NOUEIHED
Managing Editor
Monify

Lin Noueihed is a veteran journalist with over 20 years of experience at Bloomberg and Reuters, covering geopolitics, economic crises, and energy transitions across MENA. Co-author of The Battle for the Arab Spring, she has reported from Beirut, Cairo, Tunis, and London, specializing in geopolitical risk and emerging economies.



DR. MARCO BODELLINI
Senior Research Scientist, University of Luxembourg; ADA Chair in Financial Law - Inclusive Finance

Marco Bodellini is a legal scholar specializing in banking regulation, financial markets, fintech, and sustainable finance. He has published extensively on financial law, advises public and private institutions, and serves on expert panels, including the European Parliament. A qualified lawyer, he consults on bank crisis management and financial stability.



DR. MOHAMED AL HEMAURY
Project Manager, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Hub; Head, Technology Transfer Office, University of Sharjah

Dr. Mohamed Al Hemaury has 20 years of expertise in research management, IP, and technology transfer, supporting 100+ researchers and 400+ patents. He specializes in AI, blockchain, and healthcare tech, advising startups and leading innovation initiatives. A frequent speaker, he helped establish the UAE's first Science & Innovation Park in 2016.



DR. SAMEER AL ANSARI
Chief Executive Officer
RAK Digital Assets Oasis

Dr. Al Ansari, a UK-qualified Chartered Accountant, has nearly 40 years of expertise in investment, leadership, and governance. He has held executive roles in sovereign wealth funds, private equity, and investment banking. A Fellow of ICAEW, he holds an Honorary Doctorate from Loughborough University and has served as an Oxford Saïd Business School fellow.



MARWAN ALICHLA
Director, Investment Promotion & Support
Sharjah FDI Office - Invest in Sharjah

Marwan Saleh Alichla progressed through key investment roles at Shurooq, becoming General Manager of Sharjah Investors Services Center (Saeed) in 2020. Previously, he worked in HR at du and Invest Bank. He holds an MBA from the University of Modern Sciences and Business Management degrees from HCT, Sharjah Men's College.



DR. BHASKAR DASGUPTA
Chairman of the Board & Non-Executive Director Apex UAE, Bahrain, Israel & India Boards

Dr. Bhaskar Dasgupta is a seasoned board member and business executive with expertise in regulatory engagement, banking, crypto, and asset management. He played a key role in Abu Dhabi's ADGM, expanding AUM and venture capital activities. He now advises family offices, startups, and regulated firms across MENA, India, and Europe.

SPEAKERS



DR. SURAJ REDDY
Co-founder
Voyage Capital

Dr. Suraj Reddy is a physician, strategic investor, and advocate for transparency in finance and medicine. With 20+ years of investment experience, he connects high-net-worth professionals with investor-friendly opportunities. As VP of Strategic Initiatives at Blue Star Radiology, he drives technological advancements while championing fairness in investment and healthcare.



DENYS GRABCHAK
Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Performetry;
AI Advisor to the UAE Government

Denys Grabchak, Co-Founder and CEO of Performetry, leads data-driven solutions for people and revenue analytics. With 15+ years in tech, he previously led Trust and Safety at Meta and managed Google Cloud’s operations. A Forbes Business Council contributor, he studied at Cambridge, Oxford, Edinburgh, and Eton.



KOKILA ALAGH
Founder, KARM; Member
Fintech Working Group, Arab Monetary Fund

Kokila Alagh is a corporate, commercial, and technology lawyer with 20+ years of experience in the UAE. Founder of KARM Legal Consultants, she specializes in fintech, blockchain, and digital transformation. A board member of MENA Fintech Association, she holds an LLM from Monash University and certifications from Harvard and Oxford.



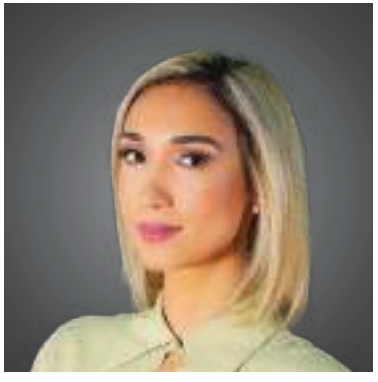
DR. CELESTE CECILIA MOLES LO TURCO
Sovereign Wealth Fund and
Sustainability Expert

Celeste, an economist with a PhD in political theory, supports governments in sustainability while balancing her passion for horseback riding. She competed in the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Endurance Cup 2022, embracing resilience, teamwork, and perseverance—lessons she now applies to her work in ESG, future technologies, and governance.



SALIM AL SHAAMI
Director of Government Relations and Digital Transformation, Sharjah
Research, Technology and Innovation Park

Salim Al Shaami is a digital transformation and ICT leader with expertise in AI and government service innovation. He has driven key national initiatives, enhancing public service efficiency in the UAE. A graduate of the American University of Sharjah, he specializes in IT service management, cybersecurity, and strategic technology integration.



TEODORA COSIC
Founding Partner, Expert Search; Advisory Board Member,
Serbian-American Friendship Congress

Teodora Ćosić is a Dubai-based executive advisor specializing in leadership development, executive recruitment, and strategic consulting across the Middle East and Central Eastern Europe. With expertise in B2B and B2G sales, she has led global projects and advises on government contracts. She also serves on the Serbian American Friendship Congress Advisory Board.

SPEAKERS



CLAUDIA PINTO
Philanthropy & Sustainability Advisor
Entrepreneur
Angel Investor

Claudia Pinto is a philanthropy and sustainability leader, advising HH Sheikh Marwan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Founder of the Empowering Women platform, she connects entrepreneurs with investors and government entities. A global speaker, board advisor, and angel investor, she champions innovation, social impact, and sustainable development worldwide.



MARCEL KASUMOVICH
Deputy CIO
Coinbase Asset Management

Marcel is the Deputy CIO of Coinbase Asset Management. He has extensive experience in the financial market spanning hedge funds, banking, and policy institutions.



H.E. MARIAM AL HAMMADI
Director General
The Big Heart Foundation

Her Excellency Mariam Al Hammadi, Director General of The Big Heart Foundation and Vice Chairperson of NAMA Women Advancement, has led humanitarian efforts impacting over 5 million people in 30+ countries. Committed to women's empowerment and sustainable development, she has championed projects in education, healthcare, and crisis relief worldwide.



MIGUEL KUDRY
CEO & Co-Founder,
L1

Miguel Kudry is the co-founder and CEO at L1 Advisors, the operating system for onchain wealth and asset management. Prior to that, he was VP of Product at Bitso, the largest crypto platform in LATAM. Miguel has built consumer-facing products used by over 10 million people globally, and he's been investing and building in crypto since 2016.



QAISAR ZAMAN
Chief Investment Officer
Rakiza Infrastructure Fund

Qaisar M. Zaman, Chief Investment Officer of Rakiza, has 30+ years of experience in investment banking and private equity. He has led \$35B+ in debt financing and \$7B in infrastructure investments across global markets. Formerly at Arcapita and JP Morgan, he holds an MBA from Arizona State University.



SIMON O'BRIEN
Executive Director - Markets
Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) of ADGM

Simon O'Brien leads the Markets Department at ADGM's Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA), overseeing market infrastructures, listings, and surveillance. He has spearheaded key initiatives, including ADGM's Virtual Asset regulatory framework and Spot Commodities framework. A member of FSRA's leadership committees, he also serves on IOSCO's Committee 2 on Secondary Markets.

SPEAKERS



GAURANG DESAI
Managing Director, Equiti Group;
Chairman, D2A2

Gaurang has 25+ years of experience in financial exchanges, market infrastructures, and regulation. A founding member and former CEO of Dubai Gold & Commodities Exchange (DGCX), he has established multiple regulated exchanges in MENA. He also served as an Advisor to the UAE's Securities & Commodities Authority (SCA).



DR. ANISEH BASSIRI TABRIZI
Senior Analyst, Control Risks;
Associate Fellow, Chatham House

Dr. Aniseh Bassiri Tabrizi, former Senior Research Fellow at RUSI, specializes in Middle East security, Iran-Iraq politics, radicalization, and drone proliferation. A King's College PhD, she has worked with LSE, NATO Defence College, ECFR, and Oxford Research Group, frequently contributing to global media and policy discussions.



REVATI KASTURE
Executive Director at CareEdge Ratings;
Chief Executive, CareEdge Global

Revati Kasture, Executive Director at CareEdge Ratings, oversees business growth in India, Africa, and Nepal. Appointed CEO of CareEdge Global IFSC in 2024, she has 25+ years of experience in ratings, policy, and strategy. A Chartered Accountant, she has led major industry initiatives and serves on multiple advisory boards.



RT HON SIR BRANDON LEWIS CBE
Former Lord Chancellor, Secretary of State & British MP;
Member of Board of Directors, Veon

Sir Brandon Lewis CBE, former Lord Chancellor, Justice Secretary, and Northern Ireland Secretary, served in multiple ministerial roles since 2012. A Conservative MP since 2010, he is a qualified barrister with a law and economics background. He led Brentwood Borough Council, co-chaired parliamentary groups, and is a marathon runner.



KHURRAM SABIR
Chief Risk Officer, General Pension and Social Security
Authority (GPSSA)

Khurram Sabir, Chief Risk Officer at GPSSA, Abu Dhabi, has held key roles at Waha Capital, First Abu Dhabi Bank, and NBAD. A CFA charterholder (2011), he excels in risk identification, investment strategies, auditing, and leadership, bringing deep expertise in financial management and governance.



DR. AHMED MANSOUR
Group CEO of The Private Department H.H.Sh. Mohamed Bin
Khalid Al Nahyan a

Dr. Ahmed Mansour is Group CEO of The Private Department H.H.Sh. Mohamed Bin Khalid Al Nahyan and CEO of KSH Investments. He has led major capital market programs, advised global financial firms, and held leadership roles at CIH Investment, Profit Consultancy, and EAM International Investments. He specializes in investment, strategy, and financial restructuring.

SPEAKERS



DAVID MARSH

**Chairman, OMFIF;
Author, The Euro**

David Marsh is Chairman, CEO, and Co-Founder of OMFIF. Previously, he held roles at Robert Fleming, Hawkpoint, and Droege. A former Financial Times editor, he is a visiting professor at Sheffield and King's College London. He has authored six books, with his seventh, *Can Europe Survive?*, releasing in 2025.



MAAMEYAA KWAFO-AKOTO

Partner, A&O Sherman

MaameYaa has 15+ years advising sovereign wealth funds, central banks, and institutions on investments. She specializes in asset management, public and private fund investments, co-investments, and financial regulations across all asset classes, including infrastructure and energy. She has worked with government entities in Riyadh (2017) and the UAE (2021).



ILIAS GEORGOPOULOS

**Global Head of Private and Institutional
Asset Owners, IQ-EQ**

Ilias, Global Head of Private and Institutional Asset Owners at IQ-EQ, has 27 years in financial services, holding senior roles across the U.S., EMEA, and APAC. Formerly CEO of Credit Suisse's third-party IFM, he also led at Alter Domus and RBC. Passionate about Mediterranean agriculture and nature's balance.



SHEIKH MOHAMMED AL-HARTHY

**CEO, Oman Food Investment Holding Co.
(Nitaj), Oman**

Mohammed Sulaiman Al-Harthi is CEO of Nitaj, Oman's government arm for food security. He holds master's degrees in Business Administration and Computer Engineering and a bachelor's in Electrical Engineering. Previously, he held leadership roles at Oman Environmental Services (be'ah), Shell Oman Marketing, and Omania E-Commerce.



OMAR AL MULLA

**Chief Executive, Osool Investments, Sharjah Asset
Management Holding**

Omar Al Mulla, Chief Executive of Osool Investments at Sharjah Asset Management Holding, oversees government investments in Sharjah. A Board Member at SCIDC, he focuses on strategic investments for economic growth. Committed to Sharjah's development under its 2020 Vision, he aims to create a lasting social and economic impact through global investments.



MAHER AL KAABI

Independent Board Member at Alserkal Group

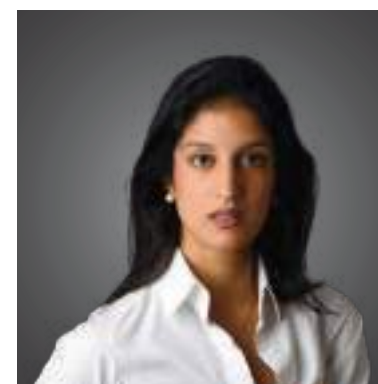
Maher Al Kaabi, a seasoned banker with 29+ years in banking and IT, is an advisor to Al Serkal Group and an Independent Board Member. Formerly Group Head of Islamic Banking at ENBD and Chief Risk Officer at Dubai Bank, he also held senior roles at Citigroup. He specializes in governance, risk, and digital transitions.

SPEAKERS



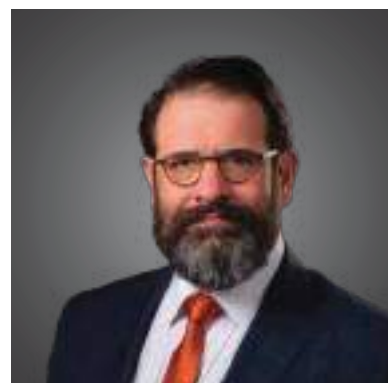
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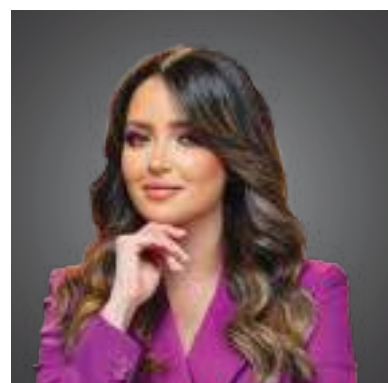
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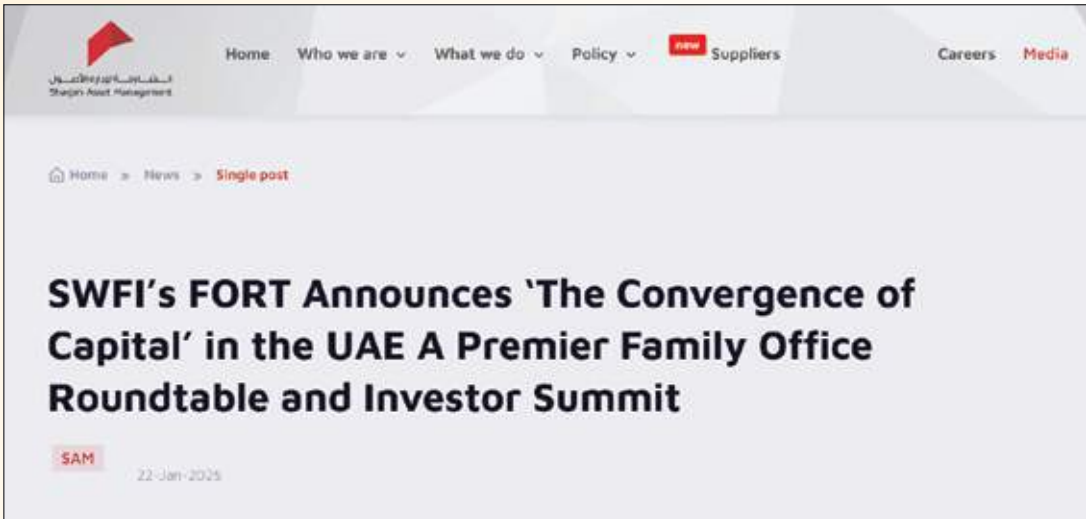
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