

South Korea at the Crossroads

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Speakers

Opening Remarks



Byoung Hwan Kim

Chairman, Korea's Financial Services Commission

Mr. Kim held positions of Director General for Economic Policy Bureau at the Ministry of Economy and Finance, and Secretary to the President for Economy and Finance at the Office of the President before assuming the role of the 14th First Vice Minister of Economy and Finance at the Ministry of Economy and Finance.

He also has experience working as Policy Analysis Officer at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and Special Advisor at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

He is currently serving as the 10th Chairman of the FSC.

Global Investors' Outlook on Korea and the World



Hoon Lee

CIO, Korea Investment Corporation

Hoon Lee is Chief Investment Officer of Korea Investment Corporation. Previously, Mr. Lee served as the head of KIC's Investment Strategy & Innovation Division and Public Market Division. Since joining KIC in 2014, he has also led the Asset Allocation Group, Investment Strategy Group and Research Group. Prior to KIC, Mr. Lee worked as an equity analyst at Korea Investment Securities, Woori Investment Securities and Samsung Securities and as a portfolio manager at Macquarie-IMM asset management and Daewoo Capital Management. Mr. Lee has a B.A. in economics from Sogang University and an MBA from the University of California at Berkeley. He is a CFA charterholder.



Timothy Reese

CEO & CIO, Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System

Timothy A. Reese is a successful senior executive and former Pennsylvania State Treasurer, with 30 years of senior management, operations, and institutional finance experience within the public treasury, pension administration, and investments sectors.

Since November 2020, he has served as the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System which administers more than 1,060 pension plans, serves 20,000 members, and has assets of more than \$3.5 billion. Mr. Reese is the recipient of the 2024 Industry Innovation CIO Award for Public Defined Benefit under \$25B. Prior to leading PMRS, Mr. Reese was the founder and chief executive officer of Forge Intellectual Capital, a firm that provides strategy and advice to managers, asset gatherers, and chief financial officers in the private and public finance industry.

From 2015 to 2017, Mr. Reese served as the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and was the investment chair with direct responsibility for a \$20 billion investment portfolio.

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Taewon (Brian) Yang

Executive Vice President, Korea Investment Holdings

Taewon (Brian) Yang serves as Executive Vice President at Korea Investment Holdings (KIH), where he leads the Investment Strategy Office. He brings extensive experience from senior leadership roles, including Senior Managing Director at Samsung Asset Management, where he oversaw strategic investment, liability-driven investing (LDI), alternative investments, and global business development.

Prior to Samsung Asset Management, he held key positions at Samsung Life Insurance, directing asset allocation, variable insurance business, and strategic investments. He also spent 14 years at BlackRock, holding roles as Head of Applied Research in Fixed Income and Senior Fixed Income Risk Manager.

He holds a PhD, MS, and BS in Electrical Engineering from Seoul National University and an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.



Moderator

Robin Hu

Chair of Asia, Milken Institute; Advisor Senior Director, Temasek

Robin Hu is the Asia Chair of the Milken Institute. He currently serves as the Vice Chairman Asia at Temasek, a Singapore headquartered global investment firm. Prior to Temasek, Robin was CEO of Hong Kong listed English language Daily The South China Morning Post Group where he led the group's transformation into a digital centric media platform that led to its subsequent divestiture. Robin has worked and lived in multiple cities in Asia, including Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Beijing, and Shanghai, spanning multiple industries such as IT, Internet, media, finance, and government. He is a member of the international advisory council of London based think tank Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum (OMFIF), as well as Bank of Singapore CIO Global Advisory Council. In January 2023, Robin was made Singapore's Non-Resident Ambassador to Timor Leste ahead of its ascension to full membership of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Korea on the Horizon: Evolving Business and Investment Landscape



Samuel Kim

Chairman & Group CEO, Retail HQ for Lotte Retail Group

Samuel Sanghyun Kim (Sam Kim) is the Vice Chairman and Group CEO of Lotte Retail, #1 diversified retail company in Korea. Lotte Retail has \$40B annual sales across Lotte Dept. Stores, Shopping Malls, Lotte Mart & Supermarkets, LotteOn ecommerce, TV Home shopping, HiMart appliance stores, as well as fashion retail businesses, including JV with Uniqlo, Muji and others, operating primarily in Korea and Southeast Asia.

Sam was recruited to Lotte in 2022 to lead retail transformation by strengthening financial and operational discipline, as well as new strategic and digital investments, and developing high performance organization.

Sam currently serves as the Chairman of the Strengthening Service Industry Competitiveness Committee of Federation of Korean Industries (FKI) and Chairman of the Wharton Alumni Association of Korea.



JP Lee

CEO, SBVA

JP has enjoyed a distinguished career as both a technology entrepreneur and investor. In May 2015, he joined SoftBank Ventures Korea and was appointed the CEO and Managing Partner of SoftBank Ventures Asia in 2018. In June 2023, SoftBank Ventures Asia transitioned its majority shareholder from SoftBank Group to The Edgeof and was officially renamed SBVA in February 2024. JP currently serves as the CEO of The Edgeof, and the CEO & Managing Partner of SBVA.

Under JP's leadership, SBVA's AUM (assets under management) has grown to exceed \$2 billion in 2023, reflecting steady growth since he joined SoftBank Ventures Korea in 2015. Before joining SoftBank Ventures Asia, JP founded Evixar, a web-based remote-control platform for PCs, which was acquired by a public company in 2004. He subsequently joined GOM TV, the largest internet video service in Korea, as the Director of Global Business Development.

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John B. Quinn

Executive Chairman & Founding Partner, Quinn Emanuel
Urquhart & Sullivan LLP

John B. Quinn is the Founding and Managing Partner of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP, a 1000 lawyer firm which is the largest in the world devoted to business litigation. In polls John has been named the “most famous practicing lawyer in the world” at large law firms and the firm has been named the “most feared” firm in the world. Since its foundation in 1986, John and his partners have built an institution which The Wall Street Journal has termed a “global litigation powerhouse.” The firm has recovered over \$70 billion for plaintiffs and has won comparable results for defendants. The firm has recently been engaged to represent Ukraine in proceedings against Russia before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg arising from the invasion of Ukraine.



Moderator

Richard Ditzio

CEO, Milken Institute

Richard Ditzio is the CEO of the Milken Institute, responsible for all pillars and departments across the organization’s global footprint. Under his leadership, the Institute expanded its staff and programmatic work to Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Latin America. He joined the Institute after a 25-year career in banking, most recently serving as CEO of Citi Private Bank. Prior to that, Ditzio ran the North American UHNW practice for the bank, leading 24 offices across the United States and Canada.

In these roles, he counseled clients on issues such as business succession, philanthropy, and the challenges of raising children amid great affluence. His work on UHNW families, DEI, corporate leadership, and philanthropy has been widely profiled in media outlets, including the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Lifestyles, CNBC, and Reuters, and he speaks around the world on these topics.

Asset Owners & Family Offices: Unlocking Opportunities in Korea & Beyond (Invite only)



Roxanne Davies

CEO, PCH

Roxanne is a senior family office executive with over three decades of experience in managing multi-asset investment portfolios and privately controlled operational businesses. Her expertise encompasses managing global asset portfolios, overseeing M&A activities, complex family succession issues, as well as extensive experience seeding and allocating within the alternative asset industry. She has been instrumental in developing numerous prominent names in both private equity and hedge funds.

During her career, she has also served in senior positions in leading banks, hedge funds, and private equity firms. An expert in risk, she collaborated with a prominent figure in the investment world and leading scholars to innovate risk management techniques that have inspired academic research. Additionally, she has advised and beta-tested models for a foundational data analytical firm established in partnership between notable figures in the finance industry.



Joon Oh

General Partner, Atinum Ventures

Joon Oh serves as General Partner and CFO of Atinum Ventures in Singapore, a spin-off manager from Atinum Partners, South Korea's oldest and first independent family office. His responsibilities include overseeing VC direct investments as well as VC fund-of-fund strategies with active co-investing with GP partners. Joon holds multiple board positions for Atinum's portfolio companies. Prior to joining Atinum, Joon was a structured finance banker at Daiwa Capital Markets in Seoul. He also started his career at Deloitte in New York. Joon holds a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Lehigh University.

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Jenni Risku

Partner & Director, Click Ventures Single Family Office

Jenni Risku is the Partner and Director for Click Ventures Single Family Office, a Singapore and Hong Kong based, first-generation Single-Family Office (SFO) with a passion to invest in emerging seed-stage VC funds globally. Prior to this, Click Ventures operated close to a decade as an early stage and top performing venture capital firm, founded by Carman Chan in Hong Kong

Prior to Click Ventures, Jenni founded Women in Tech Asia - an impact and event platform, partnering with National Research Foundation under the Prime Minister's Office Singapore, 50+ tech MNCs and partners including Google, Microsoft, Facebook, Amazon, UN Women, TEDx, etc, and its annual events brought together 4,000+ delegates from 30+ countries in Singapore.

Jenni is Founding Partner of the Innovation and Sustainability Alliance (IxSA), former co-chair of Nordic Female Business Angel Network NFBAN - member of European Business Angel Network.



Michael Wee

Managing Director of Investments, California Endowment

Michael Wee is the Managing Director of Investments at the California Endowment, a foundation focused on health equity, and manages all aspects of investing the endowment's \$4 billion of assets. Before joining TCE, he was at Nomura as the co-head of the principal strategies division in New York where he managed investment portfolios across equities, credit, currencies, and commodities for the proprietary trading desk. Prior to Nomura, he served as a portfolio manager, analyst, and strategist at Soros Fund Management. He managed multiple portfolios and investments for the \$28 billion family office of George Soros across discretionary macro, public and private fund investments as well as direct principal investments. Michael holds a BS in Business Administration from UC Berkeley and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

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Moderator

Vincent Park

Partner & COO, IRONGREY

Vincent Park is an investor and tech enthusiast navigating between the nuanced blend of the Western and Eastern cultures, rooted in his upbringing across different countries. His two decades of experience in the finance and investment industry has helped him build a strong network in Asia, the US, and Europe. He works today as partner and COO of IRONGREY, a single family office based in Korea, whose sponsor family is linked to one of the largest domestic steel making groups. He oversees a diversified portfolio of more than a hundred assets across different sectors and geographies. Prior to this position, Vincent worked for Korean securities firms including Hana Daetoo Securities and started his career at BNP Paribas in France. He holds a master's degree in international commerce from Seoul National University and a bachelor's degree in international business from Ecole Supérieure du Commerce Extérieur. He is a member of the Kauffman Fellows (class 29).

Closing Remarks



Jongku Choi

Korea's Ambassador for International Finance Cooperation

Mr. Choi JongKu was appointed Special Presidential Envoy and Ambassador for International Financial Cooperation in December, 2024. Commencing his public service career in 1982, Mr. Choi accumulated decades of extensive experiences in public service. Mr. Choi served as Chairman of Financial Services Commission(FSC) from July 2017 to September 2019, First Senior Deputy Governor of the Financial Supervisory Service (FSS) from April 2013 to December 2014 and Deputy Minister for International Affairs at the Ministry of Strategy and Finance (MOSF) from April 2011 to April 2013. Also, Mr. Choi was the Chairman & President of the Export-Import Bank of Korea(KEXIM) from March 2017 to July 2017 and President & CEO of the Seoul Guarantee Insurance (SGI) from January 2016 to February 2017. Currently, he is a special senior advisor at Yoon & Yang LLC where his area of expertise is finance and capital markets.