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2025 GLOBAL CONFERENCE

TOWARD A FLOURISHING FUTURE

EVENT RECAP REPORT

OVERVIEW

The Milken Institute Global Conference convened to tackle urgent challenges and realize exciting opportunities. Individuals with the capital and influence to change the world connected with those whose expertise and creativity are reinventing health, finance, business, technology, philanthropy, industry, and society.

The conference centered on the theme of *Toward a Flourishing Future* as we enter a period of collective determination and cautious optimism. At our flagship annual event, we gathered our diverse and forward-thinking community to tackle urgent issues and seize opportunities to collectively shape a more sustainable, equitable, and resilient future.

THE NEXT GLOBAL CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE
MAY 3–6, 2026



CONTENT AND SPEAKERS

The 2025 Milken Institute Global Conference featured 172 public sessions and 119 private roundtables and events, totaling nearly 300 opportunities to both elevate our community's thought leadership and make meaningful connections onsite. With more than 1,000 speakers participating in this year's flagship event, the perspectives featured on stage reflected the significant amount of expertise, resources, creativity, and innovation across the Milken Institute ecosystem. Of the more than 1,000 speakers that participated, 36 percent were women, 42 percent were first-time speakers at a Milken Institute event, and 22 percent hailed from regions outside of North America, including Asia, Africa, Europe, Oceania, the Middle East, and South America.

The Global Conference theme of *Toward a Flourishing Future* resonated across the four-day program, with sessions focused on timely topics such as global trade, artificial intelligence, climate resilience, and financial markets, with content underpinning what it means to build a meaningful life, including education, affordable housing, mental health, and financial wellness.





GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

More than 60 government officials and political leaders from 17 countries representing international, federal, state, and local levels participated in this year's conference across 50 public and private sessions. Topics of discussion included "AI's Horizon: Growth and Guardrails," "Balance Sheet: The US Government Budget and National Debt," "Business and the Global Economy: Driving Growth and Innovation," "Forging Global Alliances: Innovation and Strength in Modern Diplomacy," "Latin America: A New Era of Opportunity," "Learning Curves: Reimagining the State of American Education," "Rebuilding Communities After Disaster," "Rising Strong: Los Angeles' Path to Recovery," "Shifting the Paradigm for Health Care," and "US Economic Competitiveness in a Changing World."

Key government voices included US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent; Former First Lady of the United States Jill Biden; World Bank Group President Ajay Banga; Head of UAE Presidential Court's International Affairs Office and Group CEO of 2PointZero Mariam bint Mohammed AlMheiri; Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass; 14th Deputy Prime Minister of Luxembourg Xavier Bettel; Ambassador Nicole Bintner of Luxembourg; Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Tony Blair; Federal Communications Commission Chairman Brendan Carr; International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva; Inter-American Development Bank President Ilan Goldfajn; Hawaii Governor Josh Green; Brazilian Finance Minister Fernando Haddad; US Representative Darrell Issa of California; White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Director Michael Kratsios; 47th President of Ecuador Guillermo Lasso; Venezuelan Democratic Movement Leader María Corina

Machado; Ambassador Peter Mandelson of the United Kingdom; Chairman of Abu Dhabi Department of Health Mansoor Ibrahim Al Mansoori; 33rd President of Colombia Iván Duque Márquez; 55th Speaker of the US House of Representatives Kevin McCarthy; US Education Secretary Linda McMahon; California First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom; Ambassador Alejandro Oxenford of Argentina; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Mehmet Oz; President of Paraguay Santiago Peña; Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Acting Chair Caroline Pham; Federal Housing Finance Agency Director William Pulte; Ambassador Kevin Rudd of Australia; 54th Speaker of the US House of Representatives Paul Ryan; US Representative Bryan Steil of Wisconsin; Congressional Budget Office Director Phillip Swagel; German Federal Ministry of Finance State Secretary Heiko Thoms; and Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin.



HEALTH

Global Conference health programming included 10 public and 10 private sessions across a range of timely, relevant topics such as health data, cancer diagnostics, medical technologies, AI in health, biomedical innovation, food as health, chronic disease, obesity, supply chain resilience, longevity, private equity and patient care, caregiving, workforce resilience and risk mitigation, women's health, and more.

The opening health plenary began with a conversation with Former First Lady of the United States Jill Biden, chair of the newly launched Milken Institute Women's Health Network. The conversation continued with "In Service of a Healthier Tomorrow," a diverse panel of leaders including Gregory Case, president and CEO, Aon; Judy Faulkner, CEO and founder, Epic; Robert Ford, chairman and CEO, Abbott; Pablo Legorreta, founder and CEO, Royalty Pharma; and Ellen Sigal, chairperson and founder, Friends of Cancer Research. Participants also viewed a conversation with new CMS Administrator Mehmet Oz, who outlined his priorities for strengthening the nation's health programs.

The Milken Institute Women's Health Network will serve as a global collaborative to collate, elevate, and advance existing and new research and innovation efforts across the women's health ecosystem, which has been critically underfunded for decades.



FINANCE

Milken Institute Finance hosted 20 public sessions and 19 private sessions throughout the conference. A range of topics were covered, including the US economy, inclusive capitalism, lifetime financial security, critical minerals, financial technology, veterans' economic mobility, cryptocurrencies, global trade, strategic competitiveness, affordable housing, climate capital, small business innovation, AI and finance, and health innovation investment.

Leaders in finance included Wally Adeyemo, 15th US deputy secretary, US Department of the Treasury; Mariam bint Mohammed AlMheiri, group CEO, 2PointZero and chair, International Affairs Office, Presidential Court, United Arab Emirates; Dana Bezerra, president, Americas, CREO Syndicate; Mona Dexter, vice president, military and veteran affairs, Comcast; Dante Disparte, chief strategy officer and head of global policy and operations, Circle; Darrell Issa, US representative, California; Sylvia Kwan, CEO and chief investment officer, Ellevest; Peyton Manning, two-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback, five-time NFL MVP, member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame; Spider Marks, major general (ret.), Academy Securities; Matthew Oppenheimer, co-founder and CEO, Remitly; Caroline Pham, acting chairman, CFTC; William Pulte, director, Federal Housing Finance Agency; and David Rubenstein, co-founder and co-chairman, Carlyle.

The Milken Institute welcomed the HBCU Strategic Initiative and Fellowship Program cohort to Global Conference to attend a dynamic range of sessions and participate in a recognition ceremony after the two-part session of “The Intersection of Investment, Art, and Cultural Impact: A Conversation with Babyface and Sherrese Clarke” and “HBCUs: Advancing Legacy, Innovation, and Impact.”



PHILANTHROPY

Milken Institute Strategic Philanthropy gathered a multitude of participants to engage with eight public panels and 12 private sessions across corporate philanthropy, social impact, science and brain health, and FinTech innovation. Discussion topics covered how to strengthen communities, expand mental health solutions and funding for rare diseases, and collaborate with the private sector to prevent gun violence. Notable speakers included Bill Ready, Jeff T. Green, Mary Obelnicki, Francis Collins, John Palfrey, and C.D. Glin.

The Milken Institute and the Motsepe Foundation also announced the winner of the Milken-Motsepe Prize in FinTech, a \$2 million innovation award designed to reward companies working to expand access to capital and financial services for small businesses in emerging and frontier markets. The \$1 million grand prize was awarded to Verto, a business-to-business cross-border payments platform that eliminates intermediary fees, handles 49 currencies, and settles transactions quickly.

Milken Institute Strategic Philanthropy hosted its annual Community Dinner in conjunction with Global Conference, bringing together thought leaders, philanthropists, heads of foundations and corporate philanthropy, changemakers, and innovators. The celebratory evening focused on the importance of building, nurturing, and strengthening communities through philanthropic action. This year's guest was actor, producer, and philanthropist Patrick Dempsey, who spoke about founding the Dempsey Center and shared the importance of supporting cancer survivors, along with their caretakers and families.



INTERNATIONAL

Milken Institute International presented nearly 40 public sessions and roundtables featuring more than 170 speakers (20 percent of total speakers) across Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, Oceania, and South America. Speakers delved into a variety of topics, including global investment, Ukraine, Latin America's tech frontier, infrastructure investment, and more. International attendees hailed from the United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Canada, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Mexico, China, Qatar, Switzerland, Australia, South Korea, and more.

A range of high-level officials included Masaaki Taira, minister for digital affairs, minister for administrative reform, minister for National Civil Service System, and minister of state, Japan; Fernando Haddad, minister of finance, Brazil; and Doris Uzoka-Anite, minister of state, Federal Ministry of Finance, Nigeria.

Executive Vice President of Milken Institute International Laura Deal Lacey moderated an insightful public fireside conversation with Fernando Haddad, the minister of finance of Brazil, at this year's Global Conference.



AUDIENCE

The Global Conference convened more than 4,000 in-person attendees to engage with thought-provoking content and participate in dynamic discussions. Participants came from across the globe, representing 67 countries. Global leaders, C-suite executives from Fortune 500 and global companies, and changemakers in the fields of finance, health, and philanthropy came together to spark insights.

The Milken Institute prioritized accessibility to the event by streaming more than 172 public sessions via our website (milkeninstitute.org) and Vimeo, attracting nearly 100,000 views from 160 countries and counting. The top five countries for viewing were the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Brazil, and India.



TOP 10 PANELS:

1. [Global Capital Markets](#)
2. [Credit Outlook](#)
3. [Global Asset Management and Alternatives](#)
4. [Expanding Solutions to Improve Mental Health](#)
5. [Leaders in Asset Management](#)
6. [The AI Rollout: Revolution, Regulation, and Repercussions](#)
7. [The Future of a Free Press: Trust, Truth, and Democracy](#)
8. [Leading the Charge: CEOs Navigating Business Transformation](#)
9. [Opportunities in Global Real Estate](#)
10. [The Roadmap to Longevity](#)

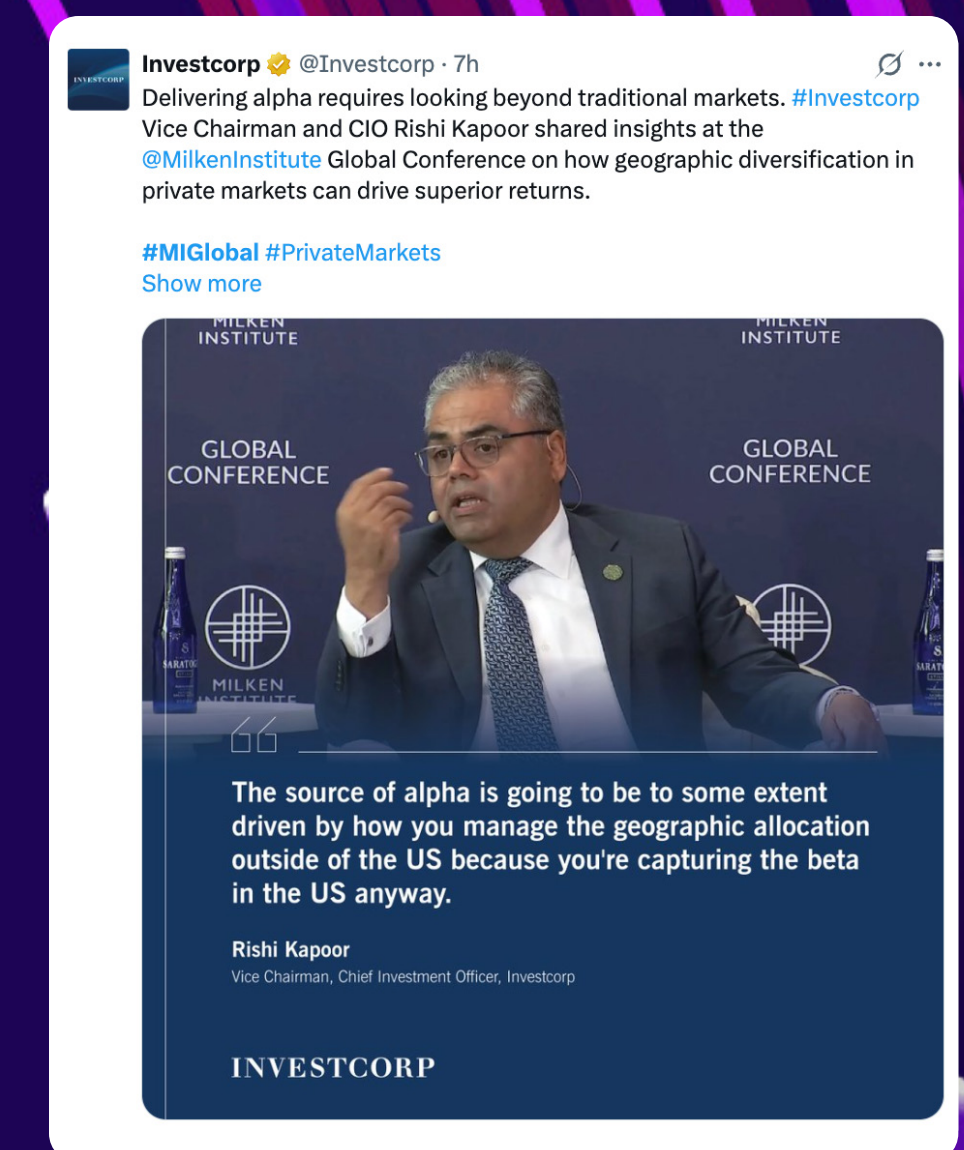
TOP 5 CONVERSATIONS:

1. [A Conversation with US Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent](#)
2. [A Conversation with Citadel CEO Ken Griffin](#)
3. [A Conversation with White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Director Michael Kratsios](#)
4. [A Conversation with Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Tony Blair](#)
5. [A Conversation with Pershing Square Founder and CEO Bill Ackman](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

The buzz at Global Conference extended beyond the walls of the Beverly Hilton with significant social media interaction. There were 20,000 mentions of Global Conference content by 15,000 unique authors. These mentions earned about 270,000 engagements. There were 190,000 views from YouTube, with more than 104,000 viewers discovering our channel through a Global Conference video.

Key mentions of #MIGlobal came from individuals including Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, Kristalina Georgieva, Jessica Alba, Kevin Kwan, Emmanuel Acho, Lauren Miller Rogen, Fernando Haddad, Arianna Huffington, Robert F. Smith, Iván Duque Márquez, and organizations including Female Quotient, CSPAN, Bloomberg TV, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, CNBC, Business Insider, Fight Colorectal Cancer, and the US-India Business Council. Posts about Global Conference from the Milken Institute's owned social media channels earned about 192,000 engagements.





NEWS MEDIA

This year's conference had a diverse range of media coverage. Several panel sessions were livestreamed on broadcast outlets, including Bloomberg TV, C-SPAN, CNN, and CNBC, with a total of 10 media outlets broadcasting live segments. The conference generated significant buzz online, with 308 media registrants in attendance either in person or virtually. Content from Global Conference sessions and speakers was mentioned in 4,251 print/online articles and broadcast news coverage during the week of the event through May 13.



Several news outlets and a unique show joined Global Conference for the first time, including Time Warner Cable, The Futurist (Amazon Prime Show), and Israel Business Network, which joined CNBC, Yahoo! Finance, Bloomberg TV/Radio, and Fox 11 (KTTV) as onsite broadcasters.

FORTUNE AND GLOBAL 500 ATTENDING ORGANIZATIONS

Abbott Laboratories	Barclays	Eli Lilly and Company	Liberty Media	Nationwide	Salesforce
Airbnb	BHP Group	Exelon	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	New York Life Insurance	Samsung Electronics
Airbus	Biogen	Farmers Insurance	Lockheed Martin	Nippon Life Insurance	Sanofi
Albertsons	BlackRock	FM Global	Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy	Northrop Grumman	SoftBank Group
Allianz	Blackstone	Fox	LPL Financial Holdings	Northwestern Mutual	Sony
Allstate	BNP Paribas	Goldman Sachs Group	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance	Oracle	Standard Chartered
Alphabet	Boeing	Hanwha	Mastercard	Pacific Life	Starbucks
Amazon	Brookfield	HSBC Holdings	Merck	Paramount Global	State Street
Amgen	The Carlyle Group	Hyundai	Meta Platforms	PayPal Holdings	TIAA
Apollo Global Management	Charter Communications	IBM	Micron Technology	PepsiCo	Tyson Foods, Inc.
Apple	Chevron	Intel	Microsoft	Principal Financial	UBS Group
AstraZeneca	Citigroup	JBS	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	Prudential Financial	Verizon Communications
AT&T	Comcast	Jefferies Financial Group	Morgan Stanley	Raymond James Financial	Visa
Bank of America	Corning	Johnson & Johnson	Mutual of Omaha Insurance	Reliance	Walt Disney
Bank of Montreal	Delta Air Lines	JPMorgan Chase		Renault	Warner Bros. Discovery
Bank of New York Mellon	Deutsche Bank	Keurig Dr Pepper		S&P Global	Zurich Insurance Group
		KKR			

OTHER NOTABLE ATTENDING ORGANIZATIONS AND NONPROFITS

Alterra	Ford Foundation	The John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	Sesame Workshop
American Cancer Society	Gates Foundation		Skoll Foundation
Annenberg Foundation	The Giving Pledge	The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust	Smithsonian Institution
Aon	IFR—London Stock Exchange Group PLC	Mayo Clinic	Snap
Ballmer Group		MetLife Foundation	Spotify
California Community Foundation	Inter-American Development Bank	Motsepe Foundation	US House of Representatives
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	International Finance Corporation	National Investment and Infrastructure Fund	Visa Foundation
Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	International Monetary Fund	The Nature Conservancy	The White House
Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation	The James Irvine Foundation	PepsiCo Foundation	W.K. Kellogg Foundation
		The Rockefeller Foundation	World Bank Group

CONNECT WITH US

Join us at our upcoming events as we work together to build meaningful lives:

ASIA SUMMIT

Singapore | October 1–3, 2025

GLOBAL INVESTORS' SYMPOSIUM

Mexico City | October 22, 2025

FUTURE OF HEALTH SUMMIT

Washington, DC | November 4–6, 2025

GLOBAL INVESTORS' SYMPOSIUM

São Paulo | November 10–11, 2025

MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA SUMMIT

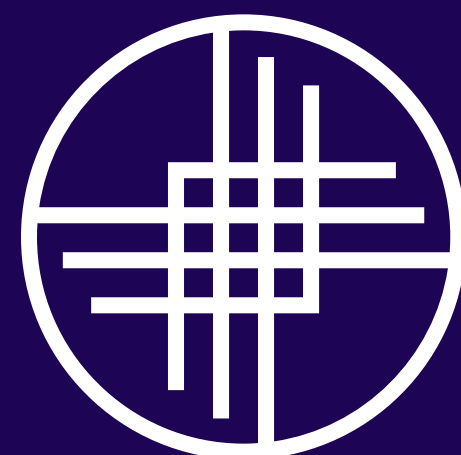
Abu Dhabi | December 4–5, 2025

GLOBAL CONFERENCE

Los Angeles | May 3–6, 2026

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