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2025 ASIA SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 1-3, 2025 | SINGAPORE

OVERVIEW

The **12th Asia Summit** convened global leaders and influential voices who are at the forefront of advancing progress on humanity's path to a brighter future. The program aimed to amplify the responsibilities and opportunities that influence brings and connect the best ideas with the capital and resources that would open more pathways to growth and shared prosperity.

The theme for the event, ***Progress with Purpose: Collaboration amid Complexity***, allowed for moments to reflect on global transformations and direction to find success among impacting mega-trends. Across industries, markets, and geographies, speakers and participants explored the initiatives and investments that would improve health and well-being, enhance competitiveness, and drive collaboration on shared goals.



The next
Asia Summit
will take place

**OCTOBER
7-9, 2026**

SPEAKERS

The 2025 Asia Summit brought together an extraordinary lineup of 277 speakers across 45 public sessions and 26 private discussions. Representing finance, business and industry, government, academia, media, technology, health care, philanthropy, and more, these voices hailed from 24 countries—35 percent of them women and nearly half (48 percent) speaking at a Milken Institute event for the first time.

The breadth of expertise and lived experience on stage fueled dynamic conversations that pushed forward solutions to today's most urgent financial, health, and social challenges. Topics included global investment outlooks, private markets, the business of sports, trade and tariffs, global health, cryptocurrency and central bank digital currencies, corporate philanthropy, leadership, and the transformative role of artificial intelligence (AI). Each dialogue added to the Summit's collective momentum toward meaningful, global progress.





GLOBAL LEADERS

The Asia Summit convened 27 government leaders and officials from six countries, representing a wide range of ministries and agencies. Among the distinguished speakers were Chan Chun Sing, coordinating minister for public services and minister for defence of Singapore; Tengku Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, minister of investment, trade, and industry of Malaysia; Dyah Roro Esti Widya Putri, vice minister of trade of the Republic of Indonesia; Isobel Stephen, director general for domestic and international markets and exports at the United Kingdom's Department for Business and Trade; and Renat Bekturov, governor of the Astana International Financial Centre.

Together, these leaders brought insight and depth to conversations on governance and geopolitics across the Asia-Pacific, the evolving landscape of trade and tariffs, the future of globalization, and the realities of conducting business in a rapidly changing world. Discussions also explored emerging market-to-emerging market investments and critical issues such as child nutrition, underscoring the Summit's commitment to advancing cross-border collaboration and sustainable growth.



FINANCE

The finance program constitutes a core component of the Asia Summit program, examining the forces driving global capital markets, asset allocation, and financial performance. Across 13 panels and four private roundtables, CEOs, chief investment officers, and other leading voices from institutional investors, asset managers, investment banks, family offices, and other financial institutions discussed the impacts of macroeconomic shifts and uncertainties around interest rates and economic policies on investment decisions, portfolio positioning, and international engagements.

Collectively, these sessions provided a timely pulse on investor sentiment and capital allocation trends. From private and credit markets, alternative investments, and real estate to AI in finance, central bank digital currencies, and cryptocurrencies, these discussions highlighted how market participants are positioning themselves for resilience and long-term growth, reinforcing the Asia Summit's role as an integral platform for convening global financial leadership.



HEALTH

The health track featured six engaging public sessions and one private gathering of women leaders from across the global health ecosystem. The program included diverse topics, such as examining the evolving state of health-care systems worldwide, addressing mental health gaps in the workplace, advancing women's health, enhancing resilience in food systems, and harnessing AI to make care more accessible and affordable.

These discussions were led by senior leaders and experts from the public and private sectors, representing organizations such as A*STAR Genome Institute of Singapore, Ayala Healthcare Holdings, Inc., Averin Capital, BASF, Bioworld Ventures, British Petroleum, Grow Asia, Haleon, Indonesia's Ministry of Health, M42, NG Bio, Norges Bank Investment Management, SingHealth, Sodexo, the World Food Programme, among others.



STRATEGIC PHILANTHROPY

The philanthropy program brought together leaders and changemakers through two private dinners, one public session, and three private gatherings—including the two-part Philanthropic Investors' Forum. Conversations centered on how philanthropic capital can serve as a driving force in addressing the climate crisis, how next-generation philanthropists are shaping long-term giving strategies, and how families balance business endeavors with their giving strategies. The discussions also focused on how philanthropists and investors can collaborate on innovative partnerships in mental health and neurodiversity, as well as the expanding role of corporate giving in the region.

Participating foundations and organizations included Temasek Foundation, Ayala Foundation, Jollibee Group Foundation, Asia Philanthropy Circle, Ben Delo Foundation, Tara Climate Foundation, Maverick Collective, and Tsao Pao Chee Group, each contributing unique perspectives on the future of purposeful, impactful philanthropy.



INTERNATIONAL

The Asia Summit program featured several country- and region-specific sessions, with the goal of deep dive explorations into the key countries and markets garnering the attention of global business and finance leaders. Focused discussions on China, India, and the US continue to dominate the interest of decision-makers looking for opportunities in large markets. Discussions specific to Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Central Asia, and emerging markets highlighted efforts to build more resilient supply chains, find new hubs for advanced manufacturing and AI development, and catalyze new partnerships for global business, investments, and talent.

The Milken Institute's international work also featured an array of publications examining trends and opportunities in Asia and around the world, including the Power of Ideas series, which features essays from global leaders speaking at the event.

The Asia Summit also gathered members of the Young Leaders Circle (YLC). Bringing together 72 members from 18 countries, the YLC program featured a reception for members and a fireside chat on humanity's future in the era of AI with Panos Madamopoulos-Moraris, founder, Exoscaleton; senior advisor, Stanford University; and former founding managing director, partnerships and industry programs, Stanford HAI.



AUDIENCE

Over three dynamic days, the 12th Asia Summit drew an engaged audience of 1,200 participants from 45 countries, creating a vibrant crossroads of ideas and influence. Attendees spanned a wide range of industries—business, finance, entertainment, sports, health care, philanthropy, government, and academia—each bringing unique perspectives that enriched the conversations and connections throughout the event.

The Milken Institute prioritizes access to the event's sessions. Forty-five public sessions were streamed via our website and Vimeo, garnering more than 4,500 views from 56 countries and counting. The top five locations viewing the Asia Summit content were Singapore, United States, Hong Kong, Japan, and Malaysia.

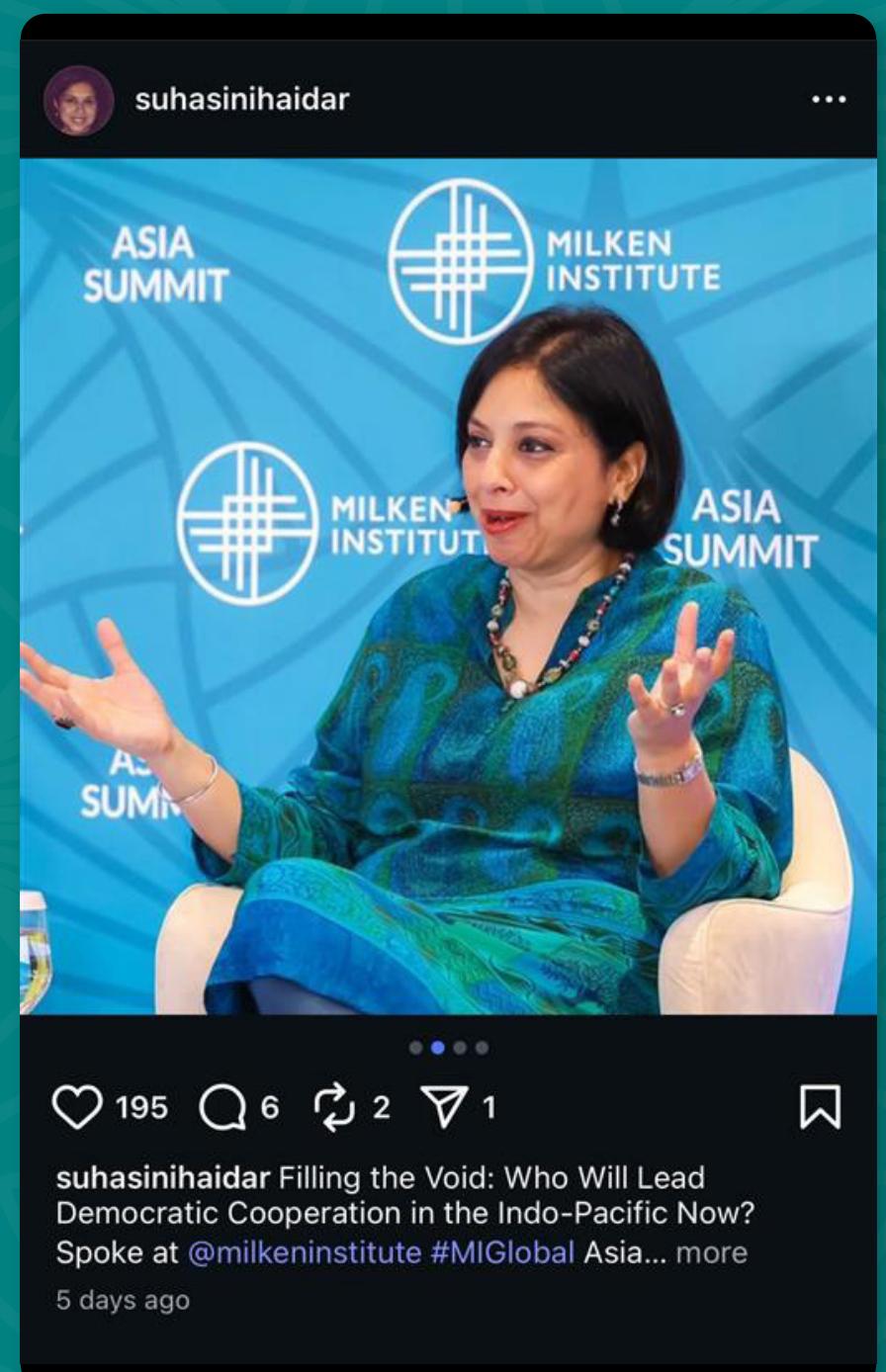
TOP 10 SESSIONS:

- Global Investment Outlook
- The State of Global Capital Markets and the Future of Finance
- Opening Remarks by Chan Chun Sing, Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence for Singapore
- The Business of Sports: From Old School to Influence
- Navigating the Rise of Private Credit: Growth, Risk, and Resilience
- Global Overview Part 1: Progress with Purpose
- China Outlook: Making Sense of the New Investment Narrative
- You and AI: Breaking Boundaries Everywhere
- Global Overview Part 2: Collaboration Amid Complexity
- Global Real Estate: Repricing Risk, Rethinking Strategy



SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

The Asia Summit generated a high volume of mentions and online conversations across platforms. Posts highlighting Asia Summit content came from individuals and organizations representing more than 35 countries, including prominent brand and company pages, key opinion leaders, and social and cultural icons, such as Bhumi Pednekar, actor, entrepreneur, United Nations advocate, and climate warrior; Ross Butler, actor and producer; Shefali Shah, actress, “Delhi Crime”; Chan Chun Sing, coordinating minister for public services and minister for defence, Singapore; Tengku Zafrul Aziz, minister of investment, trade, and industry, Malaysia; Anindya Bakrie, CEO and president director, Bakrie & Brothers Tbk, and chairman, KADIN Indonesia; Pandu Sjahrir, chief investment officer, Danantara Indonesia; and Igor Tulchinsky, founder, chairman, and CEO, WorldQuant.





NEWS MEDIA

The Asia Summit earned substantial media coverage across international and regional publications, including featured placements in Bloomberg, CNBC, Caixin Global, South China Morning Post, Reuters, Phoenix Satellite TV, Wall Street Journal, and more. A total of 186 media registrants representing 36 publications and networks covered the summit.

Through our media partnership with CNA and CNBC, as well as editorial collaborations with Bloomberg, Reuters, Tatler Asia, and Tank Talks Asia, we pitched, secured, and confirmed 60+ media interviews for our speakers, sponsors, key stakeholders, and Milken Institute experts and executives. This year marks the first time that the Milken Institute partnered with NBC Universal's Catalyst team to produce its flagship CMO Now series at the Asia Summit, which featured impactful insights from visionary marketing and business leaders at the event.

NOTABLE ATTENDING ORGANIZATIONS

Fortune and Global 500 Organizations

Amazon
Apollo Global Management
AstraZeneca
Bank of Montreal
BlackRock
Blackstone

Boeing
BP
Brookfield
Cisco Systems
Citigroup
Goldman Sachs Group
Hanwha

Hyundai
IBM
Jardine Matheson
JPMorgan Chase & Co.
KB Financial
KKR
Mastercard

Meta Platforms
Microsoft
Mitsubishi
Morgan Stanley
News Corp
Nippon Life Insurance
Northern Trust

Principal Financial
Prudential Financial
Shell
State Street
Swiss Re
UBS Group
Unilever

Notable Organizations and Nonprofits

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
Asia Philanthropy Circle
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
Ayala Foundation
Citadel

Danantara Indonesia
DBS
Dow Jones
Future Fund
GIC
International Finance Corporation

Korea Development Bank
Korea Investment Corporation
Ministry of Investment
Saudi Arabia
Monetary Authority of Singapore

NAVER
NBA Asia
Norges Bank Investment Management
Sea Limited
Singapore Economic Development Board

Temasek
TPG
UNICEF
World Bank Group

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TO BUILD MEANINGFUL LIVES:

FUTURE OF HEALTH SUMMIT

Washington, DC | November 4–6, 2025

GLOBAL INVESTORS' SYMPOSIUM

São Paulo | November 9–10, 2025

Hong Kong | March 22–23, 2026

Mexico City | October 2026

MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA SUMMIT

Abu Dhabi | December 4–5, 2025

Abu Dhabi | December 2–4, 2026

GLOBAL CONFERENCE

Los Angeles | May 3–6, 2026

ASIA SUMMIT

Singapore | October 7–9, 2026

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