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LEADING WITH INTENT

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The 2026 Middle East and Africa Summit arrives at a consequential moment for the region and the world. Against a backdrop of geopolitical uncertainty and profound economic and technological change, adaptability and resilience have become imperative. As global supply chains reroute, capital seeks new anchors, and AI reshapes economies and the workforce, countries across the Middle East and Africa are confronting both significant challenges and important choices about the future.

Fortified by long-term economic diversification, young populations, and an innate dynamism, countries across the region are not simply responding to a changing global order; they are shaping it with intent and purpose. Across the Middle East and Africa, ambition is being translated into sustainable infrastructure, capital into partnership, and long-term strategy into durable economic and social progress.

Under this year's theme, *Leading with Intent*, the eighth Middle East and Africa Summit will explore how thoughtful leadership and deliberate strategy across finance, business, health, and philanthropy can help navigate today's uncertainty while building greater resilience for the future. From critical minerals and energy to AI, capital markets, and investment in people, the conversations taking place today will have profound implications for the region and the global economy in the decade ahead.

Join us in Abu Dhabi as we convene the global investment community alongside innovators, business leaders, and senior government officials to exchange perspectives and consider the leadership, partnerships, and long-term strategies needed at this critical moment to help build a more resilient, prosperous, and collaborative future.

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AI, Technology, and Innovation
Business and Industry
Capital Access and Economic Opportunity
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Financial Markets
Government, Policy, and Regulation
Health and Medical Research
Human Capital, Jobs, and Education
Philanthropy and Social Impact
Regions and Developing Markets
Security and Risk
Society and Culture
Sustainability and Environment

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Global Investors' Symposium
Mexico City | October 2026

Global Dialogues São Paulo
São Paulo | November 2026

Future of Health Summit
Washington, DC | November 2026

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Palm Beach and Miami
January–February 2027

Global Conference
Los Angeles | May 2027

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