

Asia Leaders Series®



Annual Meeting 2025

# PEACE OR POWER?

January 19th, 2025 in Zurich

Private Meeting. No Media, No Sponsors, No Nonsense.

Dialogue. Business. **Asia.**

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# Annual Meeting

Fifty influential business leaders from Europe and Asia meet in Zurich on the day before the US presidential inauguration for a frank and targeted exchange of views to bring balance and perspective to the challenges of shifting towards a more fluid, multipolar world.

-  **Private Meeting. Invitation-Only.**
-  **Reserved for Influential Business Leaders.**
-  **No Media. No Sponsors.**
-  **Global Dialogue / Geopolitics & Trade**

Meeting Sessions & Participant List 

2025 Annual Meeting

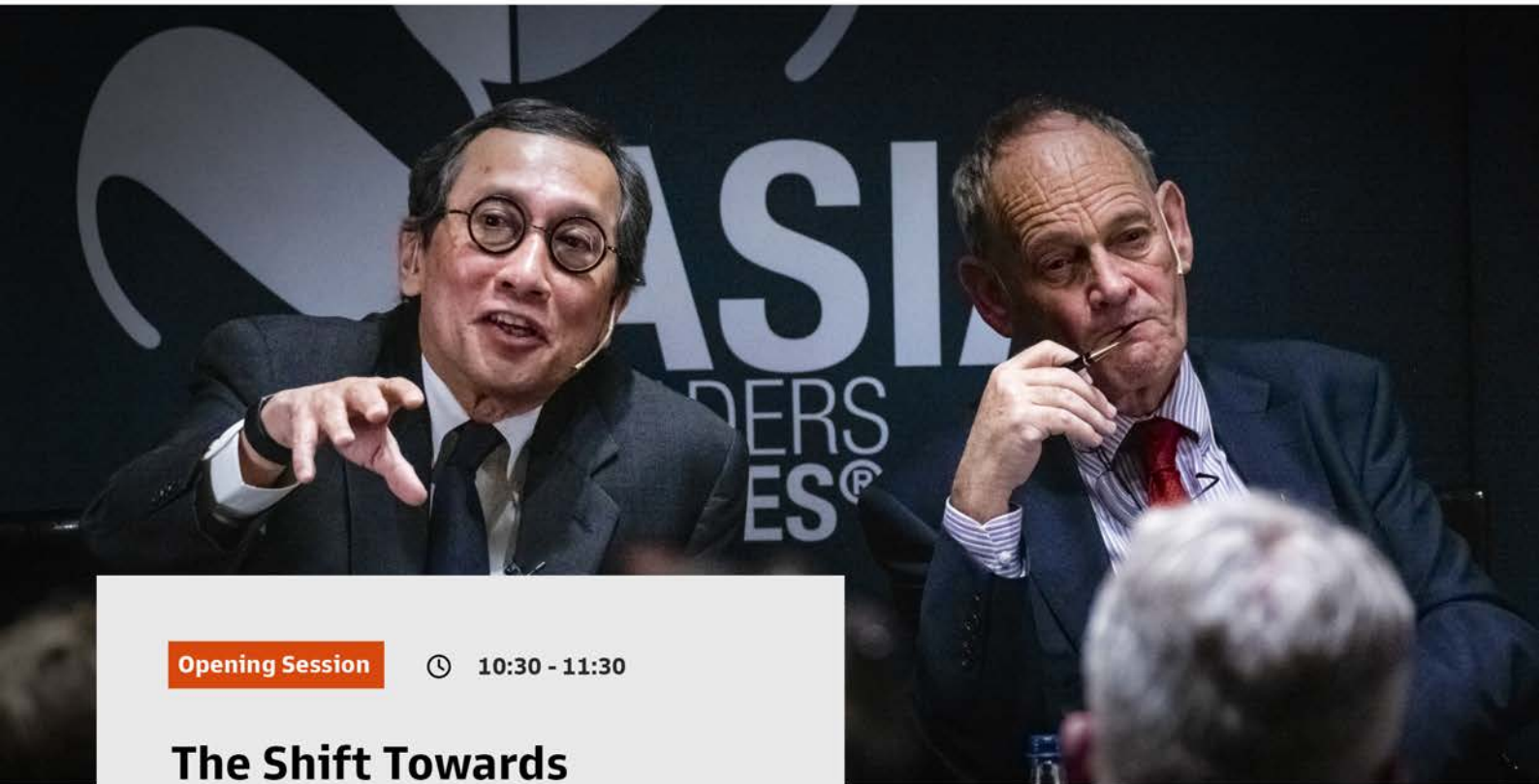
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## Core Meeting (Invitation-Only)

09:30	Arrival & Breakfast	●	● <b>Members &amp; Experts</b>
10:30	Opening: Dynamic Multipolarity	●	● <b>External Guests</b>
11:30	Session I: Democracy vs Autocracy	●	
13:30	Coffee Break	●	
14:00	Session II: Trade under Trump	●	

## Extended Meeting (Access On-Request)

16:30	Core Meeting Summary	● ●	
17:00	Keynote Speech + Q&A	● ●	
18:00	Apéro Reception	● ●	
18:30	Private Dinners	● ●	
21:00	Nightcap	●	



Opening Session

🕒 10:30 - 11:30

## The Shift Towards Dynamic Multipolarity

Bilahari Kausikan was Permanent Secretary of Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs until 2013, and had previously served as Singapore's Ambassador to Russia. He sets the tone of this meeting by illustrating the shifting power-dynamics triggered by a more transactional and demanding US.

**Bilahari Kausikan**

Former Singapore Ambassador to Russia

**Sir Tony Brenton**

Former British Ambassador to Russia

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Opening Statements 

50 Selected Leaders 

No Sponsors 

No Media 



Session 1 / Geopolitics

🕒 11:30 - 13:30

## Democracy vs Autocracy

Great power rivalry is reshaping the dynamics of trust among the US, Asia, and Europe. This session explores the rise of an evolving alliance of non-democratic powers, challenging global leaders to view the world through a different lens.


**Left to right:**

Dr. Gerard Lyons, Sir Martin Sorrell, Prashant Ruia, Lady (Cherie) Blair.

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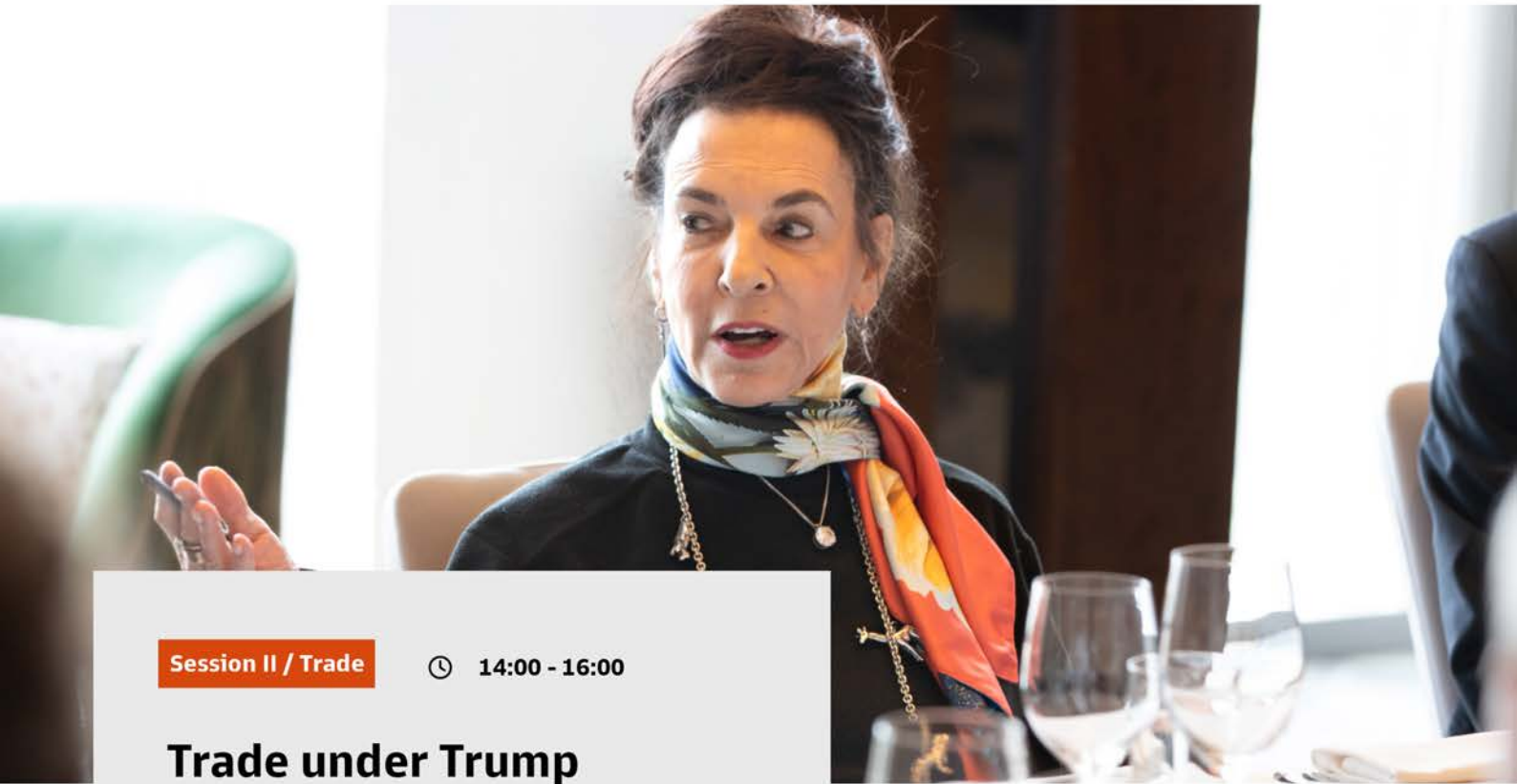
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Seated Lunch 

12 Leaders / Private Room 

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Moderated 



Session II / Trade

🕒 14:00 - 16:00

## Trade under Trump

Leaders confront the pressing reality of trade weaponisation and its destabilising effects on the global economy. Through candid dialogue, this session examines innovative safety nets for international trade, strategies for navigating tariffs, and approaches to mitigating supply shocks.

**Orit Gadiesh**  
Chairman of Bain

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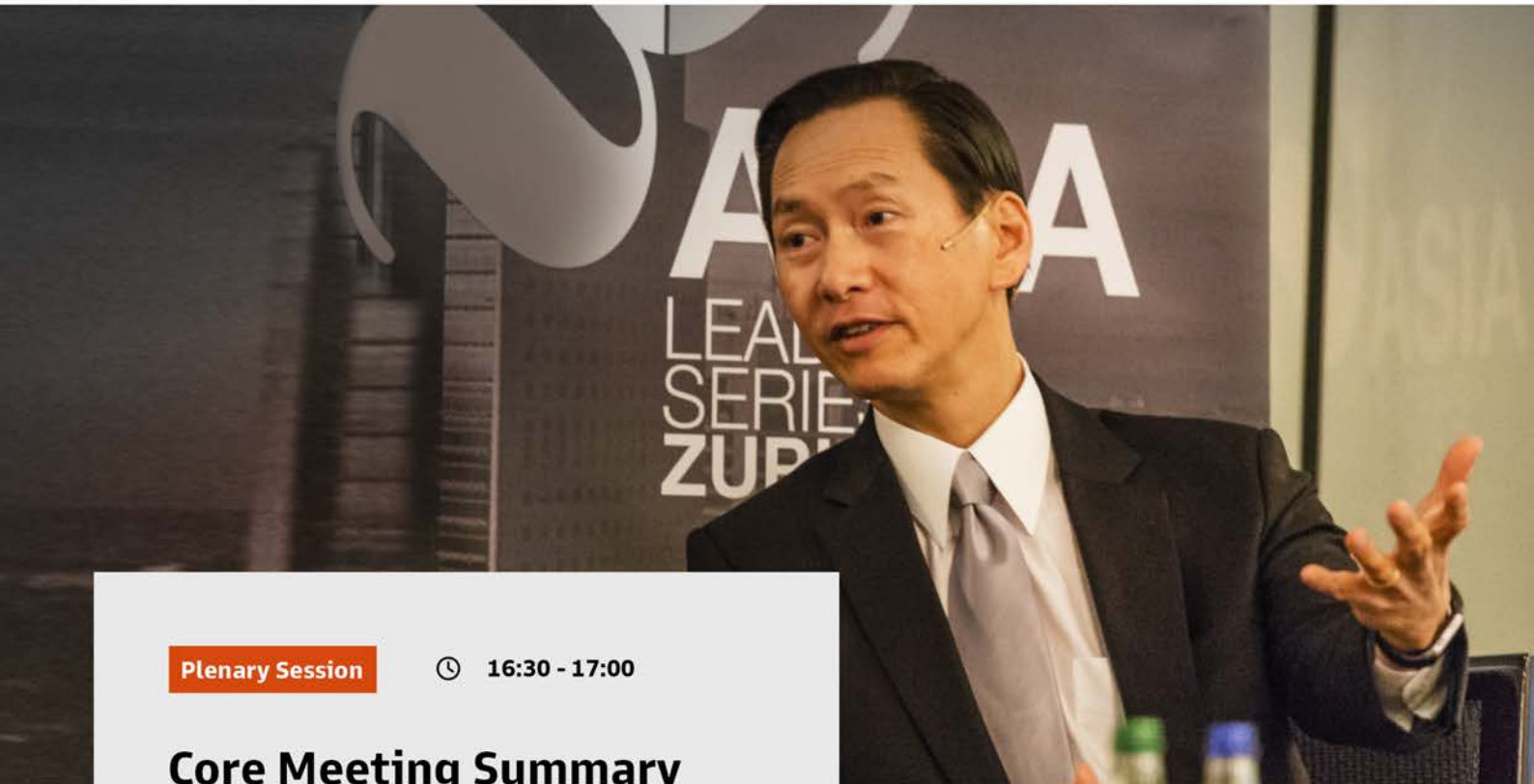


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Plenary Session

🕒 16:30 - 17:00

## Core Meeting Summary

A panel discussion among the moderators of the private sessions distills essential reflections and leaves participants with new frames of thought and fresh perspectives from Europe and Asia ahead of broader discussions at the World Economic Forum.


**Bernard C. Chan**  
President, Asia Insurance plc.

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- 21:00 Nightcap

50 Leaders + 50 External Participants 

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Panel Discussion 

Keynote

🕒 17:00 - 18:00

## Can the world avoid global war within the next decade?

An eye-opening keynote speech followed by a thought-provoking dialogue where leaders from Europe and Asia confront the urgent question: **What can we do to steer the world away from global conflict?**

TBD

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Up to 100 Participants



Speech + Open Dialogue



Dialogue. Business. **Asia.**





Reception

🕒 18:00 - 21:00

## Aperitif with Leaders

A social gathering in a private setting with specially invited guests from a variety of backgrounds, including entrepreneurs, innovators, economists, influential business figures, diplomats and heads of state.

**Margarita Louis-Dreyfus**

Chairman of LDC

**Dr. Bill Emmott**

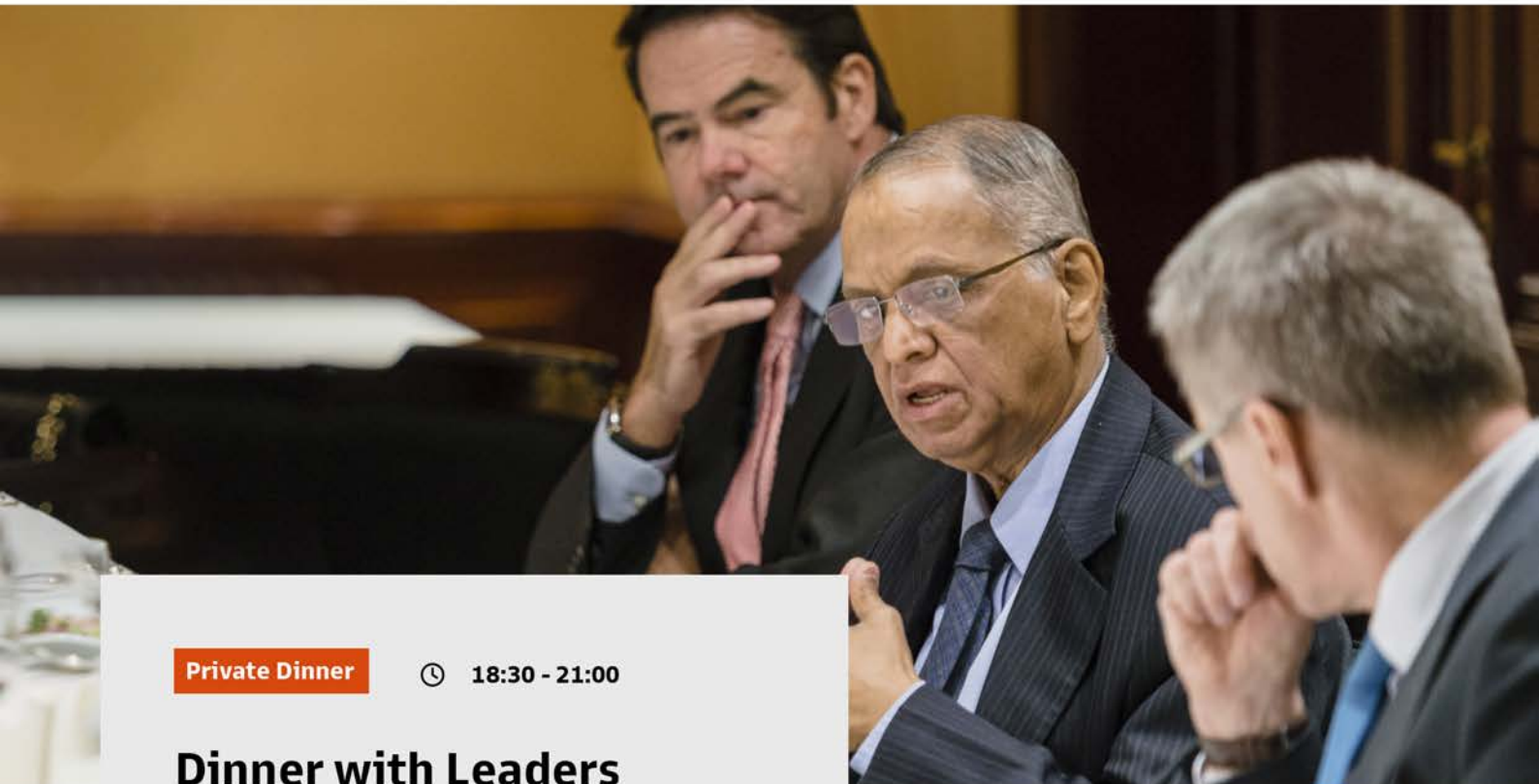
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Private Dinner

🕒 18:30 - 21:00

## Dinner with Leaders

In intimate private dinners of twelve, leaders from Europe, Asia, and the US come together to explore and advance thinking on three critical global challenges of the coming decade: global governance, energy and climate, and the role of technology in society.

**N.R. Narayana Murthy**

Founder of Infosys

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Seated Private Dinner



12 Leaders / Dining Room



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# Core Meeting Participants



**Bilahari Kausikan**  
Singapore Ex-Ambassador to Russia



**Margarita Louis-Dreyfus**  
Owner & Chairman of LDC



**Merit Janow**  
Non-Exec Chair of Mastercard



**Jim Snabe**  
Chairman of Siemens



**Sir Martin Sorrell**  
Founder of WPP & S4Capital



**Bonnie Chan**  
CEO of HKEX



**Bernard C. Chan**  
Chairman of M+ Museum



**Jane Sun**  
CEO of Trip.com Group



**Paul Bulcke**  
Chairman of Nestle

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**Prashant Ruia**  
Director of Essar Group



**Caroline Fattal Fakhoury (T)**  
Chairwoman of Fattal Group



**Douglas Woo**  
Chairman of Wheelock & Co



**Dr. Suzanne Thoma**  
Chairman & CEO of Sulzer



**Dr Sachio Semmoto**  
Co-Founder of KDDI Corporation



**Badr Jafar**  
CEO of Crescent Group



**Rafael D. Consing Jr**  
CEO of Maharlika Investment Corp



**Dan Wang**  
Chief Economist, Hang Seng Bank



**Stuart Jackson**  
Co-Founder, Octopus Energy Group



**Calvin Grieder**  
Chairman of Givaudan



**Dr. V Sumantran (T)**  
Chairman of IndiGo Airlines



**Dr. Michael Süß**  
Chairman of OC Oerlikon

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**Anne-Catherine Berner**  
Board Member of SEB Group



**Dr Peter Maurer**  
Former President of the Red Cross



**Amitabh Kant (T)**  
G20 Sherpa for India



**Sir John Manzoni (T)**  
Chairman of SSE



**Robert Wiest**  
CEO of MS Reinsurance (MS Amlin)



**Sir Tony Brenton**  
Former British Ambassador to Russia



**Prof Sir John Bell (T)**  
President, Ellison Institute of Tech.



**Christer Kjos**  
CEO of Canica AG



**Manu Bhaskaran**  
Intelligence Expert, Singapore



**Naushad Forbes (T)**  
Co-Chairperson of Forbes Marshall



**Natacha Valla**  
Board Member of LVMH



**Dr Vishal Sikka (T)**  
Board Member of BMW

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**Dr Sharvil Patel (T)**  
Managing Director of Zydus Group



**Meredith Whittaker (T)**  
President of Signal Foundation



**Dr. Gerard Lyons**  
Board Member, Bank of China (UK)



**Matthias Altendorf**  
President, Endress+Hauser Group



**Francesco Vanni d'Archirafi**  
Chairman of Euroclear



**Dr Christoph Gebald (T)**  
CEO & Founder of Climeworks



**Giovanni Giovannelli**  
Executive Board, Pearson



**Sitao Xu**  
Chief Economist, based in China



**Lord Jim O'Neil (T)**  
Founder of BRICs



**Kenneth Lochiatto**  
Board Member of dormakaba



**Alanoud H. Al-Thani (T)**  
Board Member of Khwarizmi Holding



**Anant Goenka (T)**  
Vice Chairman of RPG Group

## Access

Access is reserved for influential leaders actively steering large international companies and shaping the future of industries at a global scale with leadership and integrity.

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### Core Meeting

For Members, By Invitation

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### Extended Meeting <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The Extended Meeting includes access to Core Meeting Summary, Keynote Speech + Q&A, Aperitif with Leaders (champagne reception) and a seat at a moderated private dinner with twelve economists, diplomats & influential leaders.



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