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DAY 1 | 25 Nov 2024



IGF Forum: Limitless Horizons

13:30-17:30 GST | TAJ Business Bay, Dubai

(Ticketed)

IGF Middle East and Africa convenes at a pivotal time. India's economic ascent reflects the Global South's increasing influence amid a turbulent West. Meanwhile, AI and technological transformation are rapidly reshaping global dynamics. This inaugural session brings together leading figures in business, technology, and politics to discuss how India, the Middle East, and Africa can embrace limitless horizons in a changing world.

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Registration

Introduction from Hosts

Special Address

Prof Manoj Ladwa, Founder and Chairman, India Global Forum

Special Address

H.E. Sunjay Sudhir, Ambassador of India to UAE, Embassy of India

In Conversation: Betting Big – Identifying the Next Investment Frontiers

Join us as top investment specialists reveal the sectors they are most excited about and why. Gain insider perspectives on the emerging industries and innovative technologies that are capturing the attention of leading investors. Discover where the smart money is headed and why these sectors offer unparalleled opportunities for high returns.

Scene Setter: **Siddharth Balachandran**, Executive Chairman & CEO, Buimerc Corporation

- **Shivani Bhasin Sachdeva**, Founder & CEO, India Alternatives Investment
- **Vikaas Mohan Sachdeva**, Managing Director, Sundaram Alternate Assets
- **Alok Sanghi**, MD - Resolute Corp, Founder- ShareSquare.ae

In Conversation: Pharma Frontiers

India's pharmaceutical industry has become a global leader, playing a pivotal role in supplying affordable, high-quality medicines worldwide. Now, Africa and the Middle East, particularly through enhanced partnerships with the UAE, represent key frontiers for India's pharma exports as these regions address growing healthcare needs and challenges. This panel will explore the dynamic partnership between India and the UAE, highlighting the critical role of collaboration in improving access to essential medicines in emerging economies.

- **Namit Joshi**, Commercial Director, Centrient Pharmaceuticals
- **Raja Bhanu Kolanukonda**, Director General, Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India
- **Madhukar Tanna**, CEO, Resurgene

In Conversation: Transforming Legacy – Multigenerational Wealth Management

This session will delve into the complexities of managing wealth, focusing on how wealth managers and families can work together to preserve, grow, and transition wealth in a rapidly changing global landscape. The discussion will highlight essential strategies such as robust succession planning, effective governance structures, and diversified investment approaches that address both risk and opportunity on a global scale.

Scene Setter: **Abhimanyu Munjal**, Managing Director and CEO, Hero FinCorp

- **Rohit Sarin**, Co-Founder, Client Associates
- **Feroze Azeez**, Deputy CEO, Anand Rathi Wealth Management
- **Ismael Hajjar**, Partner, PwC Middle East
- **Mahesh Kumar**, Co-Founder, Farro Capital

In Conversation: Digital Pioneers – AI, Fintech, and the Future of Tech Investments

Leading tech investors and business leaders will discuss the emerging opportunities and challenges within AI, fintech, and the digital landscape.

- **Yashish Dahiya**, Chairman, PB Fintech
- **Amira Soliman**, CEO & Founder, Time Guardian | Athar
- **Jan Pilbauer**, Chief Executive Officer, AI Etihad Payments
- **Manu Jain**, CEO, g42 India
- **Neeraj Makin**, Senior Executive Vice President, Group Head - Strategy, Analytics & Venture Capital, Emirates NBD

Emerging Markets Segment

Catalysing Growth – Investment Strategies for Emerging Economies in a Digital Future

H.E. Omar Al Olama, a global thought leader and the UAE's Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy, and Remote Work Applications, brings a bold vision to the table: how emerging economies can skip the traditional growth curve and fast-track into the future.

In Conversation: Continuity and Change in the Age of Insecurity - Innovation, Investment, and Opportunity

It's been an eventful year in global geopolitics. India has returned to Prime Minister Modi's government for a historic third term, whilst events across the US, UK, and Middle East have all created varying degrees of change and uncertainty. Our panel of experts dissect the results and the likely policy implications for security and diplomacy in the ME&A region and beyond.

Scene Setter

Dammu Ravi, Secretary- Economic Relations, Ministry of External Affairs, India

- **Suhel Seth**, Founder and Managing Director, Counselage India
- **Sanjay Nayar**, Founder & Chairman, Sorin Advisors LLP

In Conversation: Unlocking Investment Through Special Economic Zones (SEZs)

Special Economic Zones (SEZs) play a crucial role in driving economic growth and attracting global investment by offering favourable business environments, including tax incentives, infrastructure, and streamlined regulations. This session explores the global opportunities SEZs provide for businesses to expand, enhance international trade, and foster industrial development across various regions.

- **Justus Kariuki Mate**, COO, TRIFIC Special Economic Zone
- **Mohamed Haseeb**, Strategic Country Manager - India, Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone
- **Nikhil Gandhi**, Executive Director and Chief Business Officer, Arise IIP
- **Anders Kron**, VP Business Development Jafza, DP World

In Conversation: Risk and Reward – Tackling the Debt Crises in Africa

Africa offers potential to be a huge driver of the global economy in the decades to come but is consistently hampered by high levels of debt to GDP, especially following the COVID-19 pandemic. A sustainable solution will only come from coordinated efforts between governments, creditors, and international financial institutions. This session explores the crucial next steps to realising Africa's potential.

- **Taimoor Labib**, Founding Partner, Head of MENA & Chairman of Africa, Affirma Capital
- **Hanan Bakr**, CEO and founder, AI ARD Sustainability Consultancy
- **Rawaa Harati**, Founder and CEO, Kinz Consultancy
- **Vikrant Bhansali**, CEO Middle East, UBA Group

In Conversation: Beyond the Arena – Innovation, Investment, and the Future of Sports in Asia

As Asia emerges as a global sports hub, innovation and investment are transforming the sports economy. From India's sports tech and data advances to the UAE's infrastructure growth, this panel explores new models for audience engagement, talent development, and economic impact, showcasing Asia's growing influence on global sports.

- **Harsh Jain**, Co-founder & CEO, Dream Sports
- **Vijay Chauthaiwale**, In-Charge, Foreign Affairs Department, Bharatiya Janata Party

Forum Concludes

Leaders Dinner

19:00-21:00 GST | BAPS Mandir, Abu Dhabi

(Ticketed)

As the third term of India's serving government gets underway, how can India, the Middle East, and Africa come together to forge new pathways and explore limitless horizons? Join industry leaders and like-minded professionals from India, the Middle East, and East Africa for an evening of meaningful conversations, curated networking, and, as always, an incredible dinner experience at the IGF Leaders Dinner.

Harmony in Health: Rethinking Holistic Well-being

Join Faisal Kottikollon, the visionary founder of Tulah, Suhel Seth, a cultural and leadership expert, and tennis legend Leander Paes, as they delve into the future of holistic health and well-being.

This extraordinary panel will explore how ancient wisdom, like Ayurveda, can be seamlessly integrated with modern innovation to create a transformative approach to health and how sports, leadership, and ancient healing practices intersect to inspire a new era of wellness

- **Faisal Kottikolon**, Founder, Tulah

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Founders and Funders Forum: The Age of AI?

10:30-12:35 GST | TAJ Business Bay, Dubai

(Ticketed)

AI is rapidly becoming integral to daily life, unlocking vast opportunities across sectors. India, the Middle East, and Africa, each with distinct strengths, are poised to lead this technological revolution. With AI projected to contribute \$15.7 trillion to the global economy by 2030, integration brings cutting-edge models and efficiency. Yet is it prudent to depend so heavily on it? As the AI wave surges, the question remains: will we adapt and thrive, or be overwhelmed by its challenges?

Welcome

Special Address

Satish Kumar Sivan, Consul General, Consulate General Of India, Dubai

TownHall: (AI)pocalypse Now – Insulating Against a Tech Crash

Debate on contingency planning for a potential tech crash amidst widespread AI integration.

Scene Setter

Mohamed AbuHamra, COO Digital Technology, DP World GCC

- **Jacques Ludik**, Founder and CEO, Cortex Group
- **Rajesh Nambiar**, President, NASSCOM
- **Alexander Khanin**, CEO, Polynome Group
- **Akshay Chaturvedi**, Founder & CEO, Leverage.biz

In Conversation: Dialling Up the Disruption – Communication in the Age of AI

Explore AI's role in modern communication, from advanced chatbots to human-like interactions.

- **Abou Moustafa**, Head of LE, Government & Key Accounts Segment, EITC - du
- **Dr Anuraag Guglaani**, Board Member and Co- Investor | Chairperson, Multiple Family Business Groups in MEASA Region | Wazir
- **Nitin Kalra**, Corporate HR Manager, RA International

The Anatomy of a Winning Pitch

Top investors share what excites them about a pitch and successful funding strategies.

- **Sanjay Nayar**, Founder & Chairman, Sorin Advisors LLP
- **Somdutta Singh**, Founder and CEO, Assiduus
- **Prashanth Prakash**, Founding Partner Accel, India

In Conversation: AI and the Future of Healthcare Delivery

Experience the future of healthcare, where a wearable device alerts you to blood sugar spikes, and an AI system connects you with an endocrinologist. Explore how AI-driven technologies are revolutionising patient care, from predictive analytics to personalised treatment plans, enhancing outcomes and improving overall health management.

- **Michael Schelper**, Senior Vice President Corporate Development, Caresyntax
- **Marwan Abdulaziz Janahi**, Senior Vice President, Dubai Science Park
- **Khalid Shaikh**, Founder & CEO, Prognica Labs,
- **Siddharth Shah**, Co-Founder, Pharameasy

You've Got Mail – A Trip to the Future of Retail

We live in a world of endless advertising and unlimited choice. How's a consumer to choose from it all? And how can a brand meet rising consumer expectations? From ten-minute delivery to smart warehouses to VR displays that update prices, preferences, and personalised looks in real-time, here's the latest from innovative retailers and suppliers.

- **Dharnesh Gordhon**, Former CEO, Godrej Consumer & Nestle
- **Sajin Mangalathu**, Vice President & General Manager -NRI Business, Healthify ME

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Climate and Business Forum: From Transition to Transformation – Growing a Business in a Changing Climate

11:00-12:45 GST | TAJ Business Bay, Dubai
(Ticketed)

Explore how businesses can achieve sustainable growth by integrating climate action into their core strategies. Leaders from India, the Middle East, Africa, and beyond share insights on balancing economic expansion with environmental stewardship.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Fireside Chat: Partnerships for a Sustainable Future

Competition or collaboration? Is it time for companies to rethink their approach? This session delves into the importance of global collaborations for sustainable growth, highlighting why operating in isolation is no longer sufficient. Join us for an engaging discussion on innovative strategies and impactful initiatives that will shape a more resilient and sustainable future.

Rajesh Garg, Group Chief Financial Officer and Lead on Sustainability, Landmark Group, UAE

In Conversation: Greening the Bottom Line – Financial Strategies for a Sustainable Future

From scorching heatwaves to devastating floods and ferocious wildfires, sustainable business practices are no longer optional. By 2030, industries worldwide could save \$437 billion annually through enhanced energy efficiency and increase revenues by 10 per cent by incorporating environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG). This conversation will focus on the best strategies for businesses to align profitability with sustainability.

- **Harish K. Ahuja**, Head, Sustainability Carbon & Power Markets, Listing, SSE, National Stock Exchange
- **Dharnesh Gordhon**, Former CEO, Godrej Consumer & Nestle
- **Hanan Bakr**, CEO and founder, AI ARD Sustainability Consultancy
- **Sameera Fernandes**, CSO & Board Member, Century Financial

Townhall: Transitions for Net Zero

Experts discuss critical transitions in energy, mobility, infrastructure, and policy needed to meet net-zero goals.

1. Energy Transition:

- **Fazil Abdul Rahiman**, Group VP and Head of Sustainability and Climate Change, TAQA (Abu Dhabi National Energy Co.)

2. Infrastructure Transition:

- **Hammad Rahman**, Head of Asia Pacific, Traditional Infrastructure, Mubadala Investment Company
- **Amit Prothi**, Director General, CDRI

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Networking and Lunch

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14:00-17:10 GST | TAJ Business Bay, Dubai
(Ticketed)

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Walk and Talk: Breaking Barriers with Laughter

Join comedian Mina Liccione as she explores how humour can challenge stereotypes and open dialogue on social issues. Through laughter, Mina shows how comedy becomes a powerful tool for breaking down barriers and inspiring change.

Mina Liccione, Comedian, Co-founder, Dubomedey, UAE

Panel: Skills and Leadership for a Digital Future

This panel delves into the evolving skill sets and leadership qualities required in a digital-first world. Experts will discuss the importance of digital literacy, adaptability, and human-centred leadership to thrive in an era defined by rapid technological change and automation.

- **Hemang Sahani**, CEO, Prioritie.com
- **Chinmai Talwalkar**, Senior Director, Protiviti Middle East Member Firm
- **Punit MK Vasu**, CEO, The Indian High Group of Schools

In Conversation: Giggling for Success – Reinventing Success in the Gig Economy

This session explores how the gig economy is reshaping career paths and success. Leaders will share insights on building flexible, non-traditional careers, personal branding, and leveraging gig work for growth in an evolving job market

- **Nour Al Hassan**, Chief Executive Officer, Tarjama FZ LLC
- **Amal Dokhan**, Managing Partner, 500 Global MENA
- **Khalid Abou Kassem**, Founder & CEO, AIGooru

Swipe Right for Business – The Next Frontier of Networking in a Hybrid World

This session examines innovative approaches to networking in today's hybrid environment, where digital meets in-person. Speakers will discuss tools, strategies, and mindsets for building meaningful connections and expanding professional networks in a flexible, tech-driven world.

- **Anil Shetty**, Co Founder, High Table Network
- **Asha Bhat**, Actor/entrepreneur, Hightable
- **Arshia Rashid**, Chief visionary officer, Hightable

The Great Debate: Equality vs. Equity in Leadership

Nearly 2.4 billion women globally don't have the same economic rights as men. This debate tackles the complex question of equality versus equity in leadership strategies. Panellists will explore whether true empowerment means treating everyone the same or creating tailored opportunities to level the playing field. Can such strategies shape more inclusivity and diversity, or do they risk reinforcing gender stereotypes and inequality?

- **Amnah Ajmal**, Executive Vice President, Market Development, Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa, Mastercard
- **Saundarya Rajesh**, Founder-President, Avtar The Power of Diversity
- **Shivani Bhasin Sachdeva**, Founder & CEO, India Alternatives

In Conversation: Rewriting the Rules – How the Next Generation Is Redefining Success

How Gen Z and Millennials are redefining traditional leadership structures, this panel delves into new values around innovation, sustainability, and challenging norms, showcasing how younger generations are leading with impact.

- **Olajumoke Oduwole**, CEO, Alajo
- **Kuppulakshmi Krishnamoorthy**, Global Head, Zoho for Startups
- **Srijan R Shetty**, Co-founder and CTO, Fuze, UAE
- **Shreya Ghodawat**, Sustainability x Climate Activist; Founder; India Ambassador for SHE Changes Climate and Project Dandelion, Shreya Ghodawat Media LLP

Inspiring Journey: Resilience in Action

What does it take to challenge the status quo? To be the first? Fly against the wind? UAE's first female aircraft engineer highlights the power of resilience and determination and what it really takes to succeed when you challenge the norms.

Suaad Alshamsi, First UAE female aircraft engineer - Vice President Shehana, WAI

Lessons from the Field – Cultivating the Future of Indian Sports

Industry leaders and sports icons unpack the business of sports, discussing strategies to drive audience engagement, grow talent bases, and boost Indian sports globally. This session offers insights into how sports can cultivate loyalty and scale influence, with leadership lessons that apply across industries.

- **Anurag Dahiya**, Chief Commercial Officer, International Cricket Council
- **Mahesh Bhupathi**, Indian Tennis Player
- **Pasha Gademan**, Head Coach, Hyderabad Toofans

In Conversation: It's My Life(Style) – Changing the Face of Beauty and Wellness

Historically, the beauty and luxury sectors have been dominated by Western standards, but the boom of non-Western beauty entrepreneurs has turned the industry on its head. Hear from Fable and Mane Founder Akash Mehta on remaking the face of the luxury industry and combining heritage and innovation to unlock the secrets of self-care and holistic success.

Akash Mehta, CEO & Co-Founder, Fable and Mane

In Conversation: Reimagining Travel and Tourism - Changing Habits for a Changing World

As hospitality habits evolve, so does the question: what's next? Panellists will discuss the rise of virtual travel experiences, sustainable practices, and immersive innovations that redefine how and why we travel. This session explores how companies are innovating to meet diverse consumer demands, from seamless work-travel experiences to meaningful escapes that offer true disconnection to the future of the hospitality sector as a whole.

- **Chitra Gurnani Daga**, CEO, Thrillophilia
- **Vikramjit Loomba**, Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

In Conversation: Content is King – Creativity and Influence in Social Media

This panel discusses how content creators and artists are transforming social media and content into a platform for influence and creativity, stressing the importance of authentic storytelling and branding in the modern digital landscape.

- **Charul C Jaitly**, Co Founder and Managing Partner, Mātiti Group
- **Suhel Seth**, Managing Partner, Counselage India
- **Vivek Anand Oberoi**, Chairman, Oberoi Family Office
- **Amish Tripathi**, Bestselling Author

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DAY 2 | 26 Nov 2024

IGF Gala Reception

19:00-21:00 GST | TAJ Business Bay, Dubai
(Ticketed)

Join industry leaders, innovators, and like-minded professionals for an evening of meaningful connections, discussions and drinks.

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DAY 3 | 27 Nov 2024

Disruptors in the Desert

18:30-22:30 GST
(Members & By Invite)

Hosted by His Excellency, Omar Al Olama, Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy, and Remote Work Applications, UAE, Disruptors in the Desert 2024 will take to the rolling desert dunes to host 50 of the sharpest, brilliant and most innovative minds in tech as they debate, discuss, and demystify emerging trends and technologies across key sectors poised to shape the next decade of the Global South. This event will be the final event of India Global Forum Middle East & Africa 2024 - Limitless Horizons.

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