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Reimagine Investing 2050

Thu 30.

18:30 - 22:30

Opening Reception & Dinner, Antonio Park restaurant (AP 51) at 55 Bloor St W.

The group will meet at 6:30 pm for our opening reception / introductions and meal overlooking the Toronto skyline in the heart of Yorkville, just a short walk from the Park Hyatt conference hotel where we will enjoy Japanese and Pan-Asian inspired dishes.

Fri 1.

08:00 - 09:00

Coffee, Breakfast & Mingling.

Breakfast and mingling in the Terrace Room at the Park Hyatt which is where sessions will be held.

09:00 - 09:30

Intro Session with Jon Lukomnik and Jim Wiandt.

Intro Session (Jim and Jon). Welcome and brief self-introductions. We'll discuss the logistics, rules, etc. and explain the vision of the meeting (stretch, not incremental, multiple ways to envision, etc.)

09:30 - 10:20

Demography is Destiny

Potential fire-starter: Georgia Stewart. If August Comte's quote is true, what does it mean that in 2050 Africa will be the only continent with population growth and that we will be approaching peak population (estimates vary from

10:20 - 11:10

The Purpose of Asset Management

Potential fire starters: Aaron Bennett, Tom Kuh. The purpose of asset management has always been two-fold: To provide an acceptable risk/return to the investor, and to intermediate capital so that it's of use to society.

11:10 - 11:30

Networking break.

Mingle and email catchup.

11:30 - 12:30

The Business of Asset Management with fire-starters Dave Abler and Jeremy Baskin.

Will "democratization/access" continue to drive accessible solutions jurisdiction by jurisdiction or will some unforeseen technological solution change distribution as we know it?

12:30 - 13:45

Networking lunch

In Salon A adjacent to the Terrace Room event space

13:45 - 14:30

Back to the Future with fire-starter Doug Scott.

Doug has a different way to reimagine investing 2050. He starts with a vision of the future and reverse engineer what would have to happen to reach it. Each iteration of what the future be creates a different pathway leading from then to now.

14:30 - 15:40

Changes to capital markets with fire-starters Ugo Egbunike and Mike Venuto

What will the capital market institutions be? Will there be instantaneous settlement and what are the implications of that?

15:40 - 16:00

Networking Break

Mingling and Email catchup

16:00 - 17:00

Technology with fire-starters Jonty Hurwitz, Ryan Pannell and Richard Kang

A majority of artificial intelligence experts surveyed expect the singularity (aka Artificial General Intelligence) by 2060, close to our time horizon of 2050. What does that mean for investing?

17:30 - 22:30

Visit, Reception and Dinner at The Gardiner Museum

Short walk to The Gardiner Museum from the Park Hyatt

Sat 2.

08:00 - 09:00

Breakfast and Mingling.

Breakfast in the Terrace Room at the Park Hyatt.

09:00 - 09:50

Geopolitics.

Looking backward from today, it seems clear that the developed world embraced, at least generally, a neo-liberal consensus. It held for three generations, but it's equally clear that it's fracturing. What will replace it?

09:50 - 10:40

Asset Classes of the Future: Nature, Biodiversity, Water? With fire-starters: Peter McKillop, Artem Milinchuk, Jason Taylor, and Nathan Fabian.

What will such investments mean by 2050? Will investors invest in biodiversity credits, or in physical pieces of ecosystem, or ....?

10:40 - 11:00

Networking Break

Mingling and Email catchup.

12:00 - 13:00

Wrap up, Summary and Next steps.

Jon Lukomnik leads a summary of the key points of the discussion and what look like obvious areas to follow-up.

13:00 - 14:00

Champagne and Canapes toast and sendoff!

Optional trip to Kensington Market, Distillery District, etc. for anyone who is staying through Saturday night.
