spark network

ETF Donostia 2026

Wed 14.

19:00 - 22:00

Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Welcome Reception and Dinner - Bokado Aquarium.

Thu 15.

08:00 - 17:00

Day 1 Discussion Sessions

Palacio Miramar

08:00 - 09:00

Opening Breakfast & Hellos

Informal arrival, coffee, seated breakfast, meet & greet.

09:00 - 09:15

Event Kickoff

Format overview, Chatham House rules, basic logistics.

Jim Wiandt
Stack VC

Mike Venuto
Tidal Financial Group

Ugo Egbunike
Jane Street

Linda Zhang
Purview Investments

Reggie Browne
GTS

09:15 - 09:45

Quick Introductions (1 minute each)

One minute each: name, company, and one thing you are excited about — or concerned about — in the ETF industry.

09:45 - 10:30

ETF Industry at a Crossroads

From Plain Vanilla to Hockey-Team ETFs: What are the biggest opportunities and challenges facing the ETF industry in 2026? Where is innovation creating genuine new markets, and what will endure?

Reggie Browne
GTS

Anita Rausch
AllianceBernstein

Mike Venuto
Tidal Financial Group

Laura Morrison
Texas Stock Exchange

10:30 - 11:00

Refreshment and networking break

Break

11:00 - 11:45

Prediction Markets

From Speculative Free-for-All to Transformative Market Innovation: How do prediction markets enter the mainstream? What new products and businesses could emerge — and what does this mean for traditional financial markets?

Jesse Rosen
Voliti Co

David Dziekanski
Quantify Funds

Cathy Clay
S&P Dow Jones Indices

Ben Slavin
BNY

11:45 - 12:30

From Demand to Design

Turning Investor Demand into Products: How do retail and wealth-management needs translate into concrete product specifications, distribution strategies and business models? What does the new product-development process look like?

Kevin Gopaul
VanEck

Greg Friedman
Fidelity Investments

Kelsey Mowrey
Motley Fool Asset Management

Rahul Sen Sharma
Indxx

12:30 - 12:50

10 Questions in 20 Minutes

Blake Grossman and Cathy Clay in Conversation with Bob Pisani: Three industry icons discuss the future of investment management.

Blake Grossman
ThirdStream Partners

Cathy Clay
S&P Dow Jones Indices

Bob Pisani
Former CNBC

12:50 - 14:00

Lunch

Catered lunch at Palacio Miramar.

14:00 - 14:45

Novel ETFs. Where Investment Meets Speculation

Event contracts, leveraged and inverse products, crypto-related products and other new ETF structures are expanding the boundaries of the category. How are investors being served? What responsibilities come with manufacturing and educating around these?

Bob Pisani
Former CNBC

Will Rhind
GraniteShares

Som Seif
Purpose Investments

Ugo Egbunike
Jane Street

14:45 - 15:15

ETF Product Innovation

Building the Next Generation of ETFs: The latest developments in product design against a backdrop of shifting regulation, evolving investor demand and changing distribution models.

Greg Friedman
Fidelity Investments

Alex Morris
F/m Investments

Adam Phillips
VanEck

Adam Patti
Vista Shares

15:15 - 15:45

Refreshment and networking break

Break

15:45 - 17:00

Day End Grab Bag (vote on topics)

M&A Activity, Deeper Dive into Regulation, AI across ETF Value Chain (more below): Tax efficiency, regulation, global market developments and the broader political environment — where are the meaningful tailwinds and headwinds for ETFs?

Nancy Davis
Quadratic Capital Management

Allison Fumai
Dechert LLP

Som Seif
Purpose Investments

Noel Archard
AllianceBernstein

17:00 - 19:00

Email Catchup and freshen up

Pre-dinner downtime

19:00 - 22:00

Reception and Dinner

Location: Bodega Katxina Restaurante

Fri 16.

09:00 - 13:00

Day 2 Discussion Sessions.

Palacio Miramar

09:00 - 10:00

Breakfast & Networking

Informal arrival and table conversations.

10:00 - 10:15

Day One Overview & Day Two Logistics

Jim Wiandt

Jim Wiandt
Stack VC

10:15 - 11:00

Tokenization

A Primer for the Uninitiated — and When Will TradFi Move On-Chain? What is actually changing? Where does tokenization create meaningful value, and what needs to happen before traditional financial markets move at scale?

Dave Abner
Northern Trust Asset Management

Giang Bui
Securitize

Conor Foley
Marex

Steve Cohen
ProShares

11:00 - 11:30

Refreshment and networking break

30 min.

11:30 - 12:15

The Next Distribution & Product Model: Custom Solutions, Platforms & the Changing Investor Experience

How are platforms, advisors and asset managers changing the way investment products are built, distributed and experienced? Does technology create opportunities for greater customization — or ultimately disintermediate traditional distribution?

Mike Venuto
Tidal Financial Group

John Davi
Astoria Investment Management

Cinthia Murphy
TMX VettaFi

Tom Staudt
ARK Invest

12:15 - 13:00

Takeaways and Follow-ups

What Did We Learn — and What Do We Do Next? Key takeaways from the two days, opportunities worth pursuing, questions that remain unresolved, and how we stay better connected around the opportunities and challenges facing the ETF industry.

Jim Wiandt
Stack VC

Mike Venuto
Tidal Financial Group

Linda Zhang
Purview Investments

Ugo Egbunike
Jane Street

Reggie Browne
GTS

13:00 - 17:00

Afternoon activities

Hikes, cooking and cultural activities, water sports etc.

19:00 - 22:00

Closing drinks and dinner

Location: Petritegi Sidreria
