



AI x Investing: Shaping the Future of Investments

Wednesday | Oct 4, 2023 | 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Event Overview

In an era where the lines between technology and finance are increasingly blurring, "AI x Investing: Shaping the Future of Investments" is set to be the seminal event that brings the brightest minds from both sectors under one roof. Over the course of this evening, experts, enthusiasts, and innovators will converge to demystify the art and science of investing in the digital age over food and networking.

Additionally, amidst global economic uncertainties and evolving market dynamics, the event will also delve into the foundational principles of investing, drawing parallels between timeless techniques and future-forward approaches. By bridging the gap between the tried-and-true and the avant-garde, world-renowned keynote speakers will seek to equip attendees with a deeper understanding of the investing world, enabling them to navigate the complex world of investing with both wisdom and innovation.

Panel: **PRAMODE CHIRUVOLU** — Counsel at SKADDEN
MARWAN REFAAT — Investor at Fractal
ANDRÉS PÉREZ SODERI — Co-Founder at Carya Venture Partners
KOJOH ATTA — Investor at Highland Capital Partners

Date: **Wednesday, Oct 4, 2023**
Door opens & Check-in: 5:00 PM – 5:15 PM
Program: 5:15 PM – 6:30 PM
Networking: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Venue: **Skadden**
525 University Avenue, 14F • Palo Alto, CA 94301

Fees: \$15: Early Bird Discount for first 20 registrations by Friday, Sep 22 (11PM)
\$20: Regular Registration by Sunday, October 1 (11 PM)
\$35: Late Registration by Tuesday, October 3 (Noon)
\$50: Walk-ins (Seats are limited and may not be available)
Food and beverages will be served.

Registration: <http://www.keizai.org>



Founded in 1990, Keizai Silicon Valley US-Japan Business Forum is an all-volunteer business and professional networking organization based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Its primary purpose is to provide opportunities for executives and professionals to develop the knowledge and human networks for successful US-Japan Business.

Featured Panelists & Moderators



PRAMODE CHIRUVOLU, Counsel, Skadden

Mr. Chiruvolu has extensive experience advising on matters involving emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, digital health and biotechnology, the internet of things and 5G networks. He holds a degree in biomedical engineering and has particular experience in pharmaceutical, biotech, life sciences and other related complex transactions. He also previously worked as a network and computer engineer for the Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate, a part of the U.S. Army's Communications–Electronics Command, focusing on neural networks and distributed computing. In 2022, Mr. Chiruvolu was named a Rising Star in Technology by Law360 and a Lawyer on the Fast Track by The Recorder. He has been repeatedly recognized as one of Best Lawyers' Ones To Watch in America.



ANDRÉS PÉREZ SODERI, Co-Founder, Carya Venture Partners

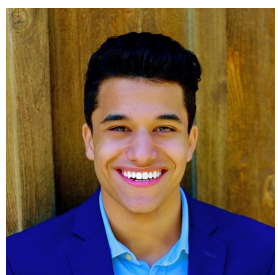
Andrés is a co-founder at Sanas, a 80+ person Series B Speech AI startup, which he started while studying at Stanford University. He also runs Carya Venture Partners as co-founder and GP, investing \$250k–\$1M checks into B2B AI and deep tech startups. He has been at the crossroads of AI and early stage investing since graduating, raising and from and co-investing with: Insight, Quiet Capital, NEA, General Catalyst and more, as well as holding board positions in several early stage companies.



KOJOH ATTA Investor Highland Capital Partners

Kojoh Atta is an Investor at Highland Capital Partners based in San Francisco, CA and focused on Series A – C software companies.

Prior to his current role, he worked at TechNexus Venture Collaborative, and KKR. He received a B.A. in Political Science from Stanford University. Kojoh always takes a global perspective as he was born in Kumasi, Ghana and raised in Columbus, Ohio.



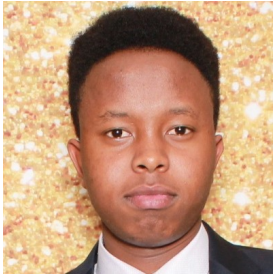
MARWAN REFAAT, Investor, Fractal

Marwan Refaat is a tech entrepreneur and investor known for inventing AI for the blind at MIT and a recruiting platform partnered with Forbes and Morgan Stanley while at Harvard. During his venture fellowship at MIT Marwan built assistive computer vision software for students at the Perkins School for the Blind using proprietary AI algorithms for which he secured two patents. Owing to the generous support of the Dubai Ministry of AI and the Egyptian Ministry of IT the technology has since been used by visually impaired people to identify millions of objects in 57 different languages and has been covered by CNN, Forbes, and Thompson Reuters, among others. Marwan also served as a founder and CTO of an AI-driven networking and recruiting platform incubated by the Harvard Innovation Labs. The platform has since expanded across the Ivy League as well as built partnerships with Forbes and Morgan Stanley and has been used by recruiters at prestigious EPS firms including BlackRock, BCG, Vanguard, KKR, The D. E. Shaw Group, and Goldman Sachs.



VICTOR YIN, Software Engineer at VALUENEX - Moderator

Victor Yin is a Software Engineer at VALUENEX Inc. and a recent Stanford University alumnus, where he earned dual Bachelor's degrees in Computer Science and History, followed by a Master's degree in Computer Science. Leveraging his strong background in software engineering, Victor has spent the past two years to crafting blockchain solutions for a range of corporations, including an innovative wine supply chain startup. Before delving deep into the tech domain, he also gained invaluable experience in the financial sector, serving as an investment banker at Morgan Stanley for a year. Beyond his professional pursuits, Victor harbors a deep passion for filmmaking.



THIERRY UWASE, Business Development Consultant at VALUENEX - Moderator

Thierry is a business development consultant at VALUENEX Inc., where he adeptly channels his finance background to lead the firm's endeavors into the financial sector, particularly on the buy side. Prior to this, he was an analyst for 2 years on KKR's Leveraged Credit team, a position he secured after two fruitful summer internships with the company. A Stanford University graduate, Thierry majored in Civil and Environmental Engineering. While at Stanford, he co-founded an NLP startup that attracted pre-seed investments from leading firms like Accell and Lightspeed, although it ultimately didn't see long-term success. Outside of work, Thierry is passionate about football and music, often showcasing his skills as a professional DJ. He is also fluent in Swahili, English, French and Kinyarwanda.