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**Dhanin Chearavanont**

Senior Chairman, Charoen  
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**Sri Mulyan Indrawati**

Minister of Finance,  
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**07:00 | Registration desk opens until 20:00**

Hibiscus I (Mezzanine floor)

**07:45 | Networking session**

**09:15 | Opening remarks by Forbes**

**Rich Karlgaard**, Futurist and Editor-at-Large, Forbes Media

**Rana Wehbe Watson**, Special Projects Director, Forbes Asia

## 09:30 | Session I - Scanning the Horizon

Winds of change are blowing through the global economy, from rate hikes to recession fears to instability in the banking system. Geopolitical storm clouds are gathering across the Indo-Pacific, while actual conflict continues in Europe. Volatility washes across capital markets. Globalization is in danger of running aground. A panel of thought leaders will scan the horizon and discuss what's ahead.

Moderated by **Rich Karlgaard**, Futurist and Editor-at-Large, Forbes Media

Confirmed speakers:

**Liang Xinjun**, Chairman and CEO, XIN Family, Cofounder, Fosun Group

**Aloke Lohia**, Founder and Group CEO, Indorama Ventures PCL

**Benedict Oramah**, President and Chairman, African Export-Import Bank

**V Shankar**, CEO and Cofounder, Gateway Partners

**Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria**, Executive Director, APEC Secretariat

## 10:25 | Session II - Investment Realignment

Dark clouds can have silver linings. Investing in the new abnormal requires perspective and judgment, as rates go up and valuations come down. Where should one deploy capital? Should it be commodities, fixed income, stocks, property or alternative investments? Will AI rekindle growth investing? Which geography offers the best returns? And should crypto-assets be canceled? This panel will discuss realigning investment strategies.

Moderated by **Diane Brady**, Assistant Managing Editor, Forbes Media

Confirmed speakers:

**Hana Al Rostamani**, Group CEO, First Abu Dhabi Bank

**Jeffrey Jaensubhakij**, Group Chief Investment Officer, GIC

**Jenny Johnson**, President and CEO, Franklin Templeton

**Chartsiri Sophonpanich**, President, Bangkok Bank

## 11:20 | Session III - On Solid Ground



Property, once a stable anchor for investment, has been roiled by rate hikes and social shifts post-Covid. The commercial and retail sectors are challenged in some geographies as staff gradually return to offices and consumers increasingly shop online. Hospitality provides some respite as travel rebounds, while the residential and industrial sectors vary widely across global markets. Leaders in property will look into opportunities in real estate and property across Asia and the world.

Moderated by **Rana Wehbe Watson**, Special Projects Director, Forbes Asia

Confirmed speakers:

**Goodwin Gaw**, Chairman and Managing Principal, Gaw Capital Partners

**Stephanie Lo**, Executive Director, Shui On Land

**John Riady**, Executive Chairman, Lippo Land, Chairman, Siloam Hospitals

**Panote Sirivadhanabhakdi**, Group CEO, Frasers Property

## 12:15 | Networking reception

## 12:30 | Lunch and Session IV

*In Conversation* with **Sri Mulyani Indrawati**, Minister of Finance, Republic of Indonesia

Moderated by **Rich Karlgaard**, Futurist and Editor-at-Large, Forbes Media

## 14:15 | Session V - Captains Courageous

It takes boldness and vision to pilot an enterprise as the global business scene is transformed by new realities. The view from the top provides some perspective, but the rest of the crew must be motivated to embrace change as well. Input from other stakeholders such as boards, shareholders and governments must also be taken into consideration. Those who are braving today's disruptive forces will offer advice from the captain's chair.

Moderated by **Diane Brady**, Assistant Managing Editor, Forbes Media

Confirmed speakers:

**Sabin M. Aboitiz**, President and CEO, Aboitiz Group

**Binod K. Chaudhary**, Chairman, CG Corp Global

**Nuno Matos**, CEO, Wealth and Personal Banking, HSBC



**Arsjad Rasjid**, President Director, Indika Energy, Chairman, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN)

## 15:15 | Session VI - On the Road Again

With the lifting of travel restrictions worldwide, everyone is out and about—both for leisure and business. But is it all clear skies for the travel and hospitality industries now? Or has the post-pandemic environment brought fundamental shifts in how we travel and lodge while venturing far from home? Those who are in the business of travel offer some directions.

Moderated by **Maneet Ahuja**, Senior Editor, Forbes Media

Confirmed speakers:

**Sonia Cheng**, CEO, Rosewood Hotel Group, Vice Chairman, Chow Tai Fook Jewellery

**Tony Fernandes**, CEO, Capital A

**William E. Heinecke**, Founder and Chairman, Minor International

**Ho Kwon Ping**, Founder and Executive Chairman, Banyan Tree Holdings

## 16:15 | Session VII - Changing Course

New waves of innovation bring challenges and opportunities at an ever-accelerating pace. Some ideas will fall by the wayside, while others will succeed, bring disruption and catalyze new multi-billion-dollar markets. Businesses which can take on board new innovations can then go full speed ahead while others may be broadsided by them. A panel of innovators will look at how best to optimize in a time of transformation.

Moderated by **Rich Karlgaard**, Futurist and Editor-at-Large, Forbes Media

Confirmed speakers:

**Leo KoGuan**, Founder and Chairman, SHI International Corp

**David Su**, Founding Managing Partner, Matrix Partners China

**Min-Liang Tan**, Cofounder and CEO, Razer

## 17:15 | Session VIII

*In Conversation* with **Heng Swee Keat**, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies, Singapore



Moderated by **Justin Doebele**, Editor and Vice President - Content, Forbes Asia

## 18:00 | Networking reception

## 19:00 | Gala Dinner and Session IX

Welcome remarks by **Mike Federle**, CEO, Forbes Media

### Session IX - Malcolm S. Forbes Lifetime Achievement Award

The Malcolm S. Forbes Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to honor an individual's lifetime of entrepreneurial achievement. It is a celebration of global business success bestowed upon a business leader who embodies and exemplifies the ideals of free enterprise championed by Malcolm S. Forbes in his lifetime and within the pages of Forbes magazine since its founding in 1917.

Award recipient: **Dhanin Clearavanont**, Senior Chairman, Charoen Pokphand Group

Presented by: **Steve Forbes**, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, Forbes Media

*In Conversation:* Dhanin Clearavanont, Senior Chairman, Charoen Pokphand Group, talks to Steve Forbes, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, Forbes Media

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## 09:00 | Session X - Full Speed Ahead

Entrepreneurs and visionary business leaders boldly go where others have not gone before. They play a crucial role in developing new industries, new markets and new growth for economies. Their reward is creating outsized value for themselves and stakeholders. They also help boost productivity and efficiencies in how global business is done. Our forward-thinking panelists will discuss the how-to and the why of their risk-taking craft.

Moderated by **Diane Brady**, Assistant Managing Editor, Forbes Media

Confirmed speakers:

**Mohammed Dewji**, President, MeTL Group

**Patrick Grove**, Chairman and CEO, Catcha Group

**James E. Thompson**, Chairman and Founder, Crown Worldwide Group of Companies

**Le Thi Thu Thuy**, Vice Chairwoman, Vingroup

## 10:00 | Session XI - Next Frontiers

Taking over an established family business is a hands-on job. One must learn the ropes from the older generation. But to reach new areas of business and growth, one must also be willing to try out new ideas, technologies, markets or partnerships. Yet there will be others who set out on their own journeys and start their own ventures. Hear views from those moving forward to the next frontier.

Moderated by **Naazneen Karmali**, Asia Wealth Editor and India Editor, Forbes Asia

Confirmed speakers:

**Hing Chao**, Executive Chairman, Wah Kwong Maritime Transport Holdings



**Rose Damen**, Managing Director, Damen Yachting, Third generation Damen Shipyards Group family shareholder

**Kuok Meng Xiong**, Managing Director, K3 Ventures

**Kevin L. Tan**, CEO, Alliance Global Group Inc.

**Sudarshan Venu**, Managing Director, TVS Motor Company

## 11:00 | Session XII - Resetting Priorities

Companies' prime directive has long been to maximize profits. Now there's a major change as they are asked to balance the profit imperative with other priorities, such as sustainability, philanthropy and ESG goals. Leadership and stakeholders alignment is a key component to reset the corporate mission statement to achieve new benchmarks such as net zero, decarbonization, sustainability and helping local communities. But do the results justify the effort? Some are also questioning how to balance financial returns with non-balance sheet goals. Leaders in ESG, philanthropy and sustainability will discuss moving in a new direction.

Moderated by **Rana Wehbe Watson**, Special Projects Director, Forbes Asia

Confirmed speakers:

**Mark Dalio**, Cofounder and Co-CEO, OceanX

**Harald Link**, Chairman, B.Grimm

**Vincent Tan**, Founder and Advisor, Berjaya Corporation Group of Companies

**Anderson Tanoto**, Managing Director, RGE

**Nicke Widjyawati**, President Director and CEO, Pertamina

## 12:00 | Networking reception

## 12:30 | Lunch and Session XIII

**Fact & Comment** by **Steve Forbes**, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, Forbes Media

The 2023-24 global economy faces unusual headwinds: Shifting trade alliances; energy and climate risk; a slowing China; a European war with no apparent end; debates about inflation and interest rates; arguments over artificial intelligence; and growing political tensions, both domestic and global. **Steve Forbes**, a renowned forecaster, analyzes the business and investment risks and opportunities ahead.



## 14:15 | Session XIV - Uncovering Disruptors

Venture capital returns rise and fall, but in all seasons the savvy venture capitalist looks to uncover those who can upend entire markets and industries with radical ideas or technologies. They must seek out the unconventional and see its potential ahead of others—and then commit to add value and help guide those portfolio firms to the highest level. This panel of seasoned venture capitalists will discuss their winning modus operandi.

Moderated by **Rich Karlgaard**, Futurist and Editor-at-Large, Forbes Media

Confirmed speakers:

**Magnus Grimeland**, Founder and CEO, Antler

**Han Kim**, Managing Director and Cofounder, Altos Ventures

**Jenny Lee**, Managing Partner, GGV Capital

**Nisa Leung**, Managing Partner, Qiming Venture Partners

## 15:15 | Session XV - Paradigm Shift

With many startup valuations falling sharply, now is the time when the tough get going and the founders earn their equity. Startups and unicorns are facing harsh realities as the tsunami of cheap money dries up. If those running these new companies can adjust the growth path towards sustainable business models with real profits, then markets and funding may turn in their favor. Those who are reinventing their startups or unicorns will discuss how to emerge as winners.

Moderated by **Rana Wehbe Watson**, Special Projects Director, Forbes Asia

Confirmed speakers:

**Ritesh Agarwal**, Founder and Group CEO, OYO

**Eric Cheng**, Cofounder and Group CEO, CAR SOME

**Gibran Huzaifah**, CEO, eFishery

**Lucy Liu**, Cofounder and President, Airwallex

**Yada Piyajomkwan**, Cofounder and CPO, Ajaib

## 16:15 | Session XVI - Brainpower Breakthrough

Generative AI has seized the world's attention and will accelerate the use of artificial intelligence to transform business operations. How far along are we in the AI revolution? Is Generative AI an evolution or a phase change akin to the internet and smart phones? What

is hype and what's real? Can digital brains supplement, or even supplant, human ones? Is there also a dark side to AI in the wrong hands? AI experts will weigh in on the promise and perils of this powerful technology.

Moderated by **Rich Karlgaard**, Futurist and Editor-at-Large, Forbes Media

Confirmed speakers:

**Antoine Blondeau**, Cofounder and Managing Partner, Alpha Intelligence Capital

**Meng Ru Kuok**, Group CEO and Founder, Caldecott Music Group

**Rohan Narayana Murty**, Founder and CTO, Soroco

**17:15 | Closing remarks by Forbes**

**17:30 | End of 21<sup>st</sup> Forbes Global CEO Conference**

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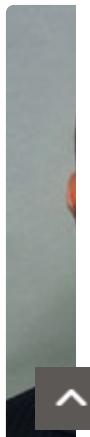
**Li Ka-shing**

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Chairman of the Board, Wal-Mart Stores, Chairman, The Center for



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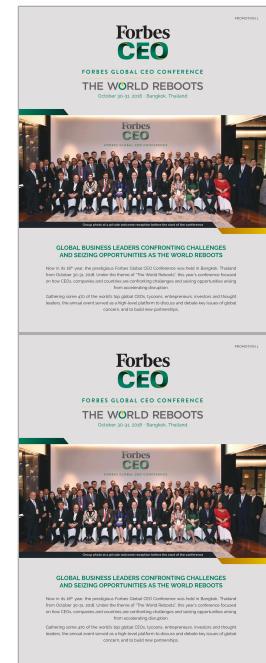
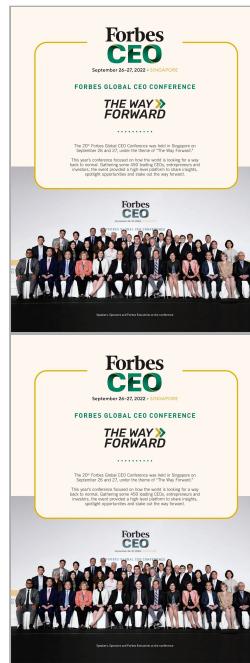
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