

THE 6TH ANNUAL

KraneShares International Investment Forum

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12:00 – 17:00 BST

Goldsmiths' Hall

Foster Lane, London, EC2V 6BN



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The global investment landscape continues to evolve at an unprecedented pace, as technological innovation, geopolitical shifts and the energy transition reshape economies, industries and markets. Identifying the structural trends driving the next generation of growth has never been more important.

Welcome to the 6th Annual KraneShares International Investment Forum, where leading investors, strategists and industry experts will provide forward-looking insights on key themes shaping global markets, including China's technology and innovation ecosystem, artificial intelligence, humanoid robotics and global carbon markets. Hosted at Goldsmiths' Hall, surrounded by more than 700 years of the Goldsmiths' Company's history, the forum will explore the opportunities shaping the next generation of global markets.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to interact with humanoid robots, including an AGIBOT A3, a 1.73m, 55kg advanced humanoid from one of the world's leading humanoid robotics companies.

The day will begin with a light lunch and speaker sessions exploring these transformative themes, before concluding with drinks and further discussion in this historic London venue.

Conference Agenda		
12:00	Registration & Light Lunch	
12:30	Opening Remarks	Dr. Xiaolin Chen , KraneShares, Head of International
12:35	China Q3 Review: Earnings-Driven Re-Rating & IPO Pipeline	Brendan Ahern , KraneShares, CIO
13:05	Investor Panel Focusing on China Technology and Global Trends	Mark Perchtold , Omba Advisory & Investments Ltd., Director & Co-Founder Mario Unali , Kairos Partners, Head of Investment Advisory Kamaljit Somal , Dunhill Financial, Head of Institutional Services Moderated by Brendan Ahern , KraneShares, CIO
13:35	Access Across Public, Private & IPO Markets: What's Ahead for 2026 and Beyond	James Maund , KraneShares, Head of Capital Markets
13:55	Coffee Break	
14:10	Humanoid Robotics & Physical AI Session	Zornitsa Todorova , Barclays Investment Bank, Head of Thematic FICC Research Dr. Duncan Russell , Smart City Consultancy, Head of Collaborations Dr. Xiaolin Chen , KraneShares, Head of International KOID , AgiBot, A3 Humanoid Robot
15:10	The Alternative Approach to the World's Largest Market Driver: AI Beyond Equities <i>How Growing Data Center and Energy Demand is Fueling Carbon Markets</i>	Luke Oliver , KraneShares, Head of Alternatives
15:30	Closing Remarks	Henry Reece , KraneShares, Director of Business Development
15:35	Drinks Reception	
17:00	End of Forum	

Featured Speakers

(in order of appearance)



Dr. Xiaolin Chen, KraneShares, Head of International

Xiaolin is the Head of International at KraneShares and manages the firm's business outside of the United States. She oversees efforts to solidify KraneShares' thought leadership throughout the industry. Before joining the firm, Xiaolin was responsible for managing \$70 billion in client portfolios at J.P. Morgan Private Bank. Xiaolin has extensive experience developing strategic asset allocation for clients globally investing across traditional and liquid alternative investments. Having lived and worked in Asia, Europe, and the U.S., Xiaolin brings an unparalleled market insight to her client engagements worldwide. Xiaolin is a regular speaker on CNBC and Bloomberg among various broadcast and online media, and a frequent contributor to national and international publications. Xiaolin holds a PhD in Computer Science from the University of Nottingham and an Executive MBA from the University of Cambridge, where she is a member of King's College.



Brendan Ahern, KraneShares, CIO

Brendan Ahern is Chief Investment Officer at KraneShares, which he joined in 2013. He leads the firm's research and education efforts, with a primary focus on China's capital markets and Asia's technological trends. Brendan previously spent more than a decade at Barclays Global Investors, later BlackRock, joining in 2001 during the rollout of the iShares ETF business. His career has coincided with the rapid expansion of the ETF industry, giving him deep knowledge of index methodologies and the broader ETF landscape. Brendan is a frequent visitor to Asia, where he maintains a robust local research network that spans investment banks, brokers, and regional and boutique research firms. He authors a daily update, China Last Night (www.chinalastnight.com), and regularly appears on CNBC, Fox Business, and Bloomberg to discuss global technology themes and China's markets. Brendan graduated from the College of the Holy Cross and holds a Master of Science in Financial Analysis from the University of San Francisco.



Mark Perchtold, Omba Advisory & Investments Ltd., Director & Co-Founder

Mark is a founding Director of Omba and has been instrumental in developing Omba's investment strategy and managing their portfolios since 2017. Previously he spent nearly 12 years at Goldman Sachs, most of which were in the Investment Management Division in London where he gained experience in asset allocation, equities, fixed income, alternative investments and derivatives. Preceding Goldman Sachs he was a Manager at KPMG in the Consumer Markets Audit and Assurance division. Mark qualified as a Chartered Accountant in South Africa following a Bachelor of Accountancy degree at the University of the Witwatersrand. Mark is also a CFA Charterholder and has been investing in financial markets since 1998.



Mario Unali, Kairos Partners, Head of Investment Advisory

Mario Unali is the Head of Investment Advisory at Kairos Partners. With over 20 years of experience, he leads a team of professionals dedicated to running global SMAs and investment solutions, with over €1bio of assets. He started his career as a multi-manager analyst and was then responsible for multi-asset and alternative funds as a portfolio manager.



Kamaljit Somal, Dunhill Financial, Head of Institutional Services

Kamaljit is Head of Institutional Services at Dunhill Financial and is responsible for identifying opportunities and developing relationships with Institutional partners and providers to further expand the companies offering. Past positions include Financial Analyst and derivatives trader at major established firms in London. He attained his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science at Kings College London and has also completed a course in Financial Engineering & Risk Management from Columbia University in the city of New York. Kamaljit also served as a reservist in the Royal Air Force.



James Maund, KraneShares, Head of Capital Markets

James Maund joined KraneShares as head of Capital Markets in January 2020. James has more than 20 years of experience in ETF trading and capital markets. Prior to joining KraneShares, James was a Vice President in the Institutional ETF Group / ETF Capital Markets Group at State Street Global Advisors. He has extensive connectivity within the ETF trading ecosystem including market makers, brokers, and exchanges. He is a seasoned speaker at industry events, conferences, and forums on topics related to ETFs, liquidity, options, equity market structure, and trading. Prior to State Street, James was an ETF trader at Goldman Sachs & Co. His primary responsibility was as a specialist/market maker for Exchange Traded Funds on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, and later on the American Stock Exchange and in the firm's Index Arbitrage group. James earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT.



Zornitsa Todorova, Barclays Investment Bank, Head of Thematic FICC Research

Zornitsa Todorova leads the Thematic FICC Research team at Barclays, based in London. She is a Director, and covers topics such as market structure, financial market innovation, and emerging macroeconomic trends such as AI, robotics and automation. Zornitsa and her team employ quantitative, academic-style methods to analyse the global impact of these themes across credit, rates, FX and macro products. Before joining Barclays in 2019, she taught risk management and investments at Bocconi University and the Berlin School of Business and Innovation. Her research has been featured in peer-reviewed journals such as The Journal of Financial Markets, Institutions and Instruments, The Journal of Corporate Ownership and Control, and The Review of Finance and Banking. Zornitsa holds a PhD with honours in Economics and Finance from Bocconi University in Italy.



Dr. Duncan Russell, Smart City Consultancy, Head of Collaborations

Dr Duncan Russell has a broad experience in technology, innovation and research in sectors such as robotics, medical imaging, pro-audio, military systems architecture and secure big data for aircraft engine diagnostics. Recently, Duncan was working at Ocado Technology to lead collaborative research projects, building upon academic results in robotics, AI, next generation computing and simulation to build business value. Duncan is now bringing next generation robotics talent into smart cities, and creating the next robotics competition to hit Milton Keynes.

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KOID, AgiBot, A3 Humanoid Robot

KOID was born in the AgiBot factory in Shanghai, China, and is modelled on the advanced AgiBot A3 Ultra humanoid platform. Serving as the official ambassador of the KraneShares Global Humanoid Robotics & Physical AI Index ETF (Ticker: KOID), KOID represents the convergence of artificial intelligence, robotics, advanced manufacturing and automation. From engaging with investors at global forums to showcasing the latest advances in physical AI, KOID offers a glimpse into a future where intelligent machines work alongside people in the real world.



Luke Oliver, KraneShares, Head of Alternatives

Luke Oliver is Head of Alternatives at KraneShares, focused on building innovative investment solutions across alternative asset classes and differentiated market exposures. In addition to overseeing the firm's carbon, and broader alternatives platform, Luke works closely with clients on portfolio construction, implementation strategies, and education around emerging investment opportunities. He is a regular industry commentator across TV, press, and digital media, and is responsible for producing accessible research and market insights on alternative investments and macro trends. Prior to joining KraneShares, Luke built and ran the \$21bn US XTrackers ETF business at DWS (formerly Deutsche Asset Management) where he pioneered currency hedging, onshore China, and more recently ESG strategies which were among the first to recognize the need for value-aligned portfolios. Prior to this, he was the portfolio manager of \$16bn in commodity assets across the PowerShares DB Commodity ETF suite.



Henry Reece, KraneShares, Director of Business Development

Henry joined KraneShares in 2021 as Director of Business Development. He is based in London and responsible for ensuring the quality of liquidity in the UCITS sub-funds both on and off exchange, looking after the relationships with Market Makers and Authorised Participants and assisting clients with trade execution. He is also involved in the distribution of Krane's UCITS sub-funds to institutional entities across Europe while helping shape the overall strategy of KraneShares in the region. Prior to joining KraneShares, Henry was at Susquehanna, a market-leading global liquidity provider, where he led the ETF sales trading team in Europe for over 10 years. During his tenure at Susquehanna, Henry gained a wealth of experience across the breadth of the ETF industry, including trading, product structure, market infrastructure, and ETF investors. Henry holds a Bachelor's Degree in Classics obtained from Oxford University in the United Kingdom.

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