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# IIF Online Capital Market Conference: Business models in times of de-globalization

The International Investment Forum (IIF) will take place for the 13th time on December 4, 2024. In half-hour presentations, up to twenty international growth companies will showcase their business models and answer questions live from participants. For years, the IIF has attracted hundreds of investors and journalists and is considered a leading conference on the topics of growth and future technologies.

Following the election of Donald Trump as the next US president and the collapse of the governing coalition in Germany, the signs are once again pointing to change. While growth companies have been suffering from more difficult financing conditions since 2022, Donald Trump's second presidency could provide new impetus. "The announced US tariffs on foreign goods are likely to accelerate the de-globalization that has been underway for several years," explains Mario Hose, Managing Director of Apaton Finance GmbH, one of the coorganizers of the IIF." Ultimately, this will lead to similar business models existing in parallel worldwide and larger portions of value creation taking place within the same economic areas."

The IIF's 13th edition focuses on companies from the raw materials sector – eight companies focus on the supply of raw materials, including nickel, lithium, tungsten, gold, and raw materials for fertilizer production. Additional companies come from the crypto, hydrogen, telecommunications and mechanical engineering sectors. Former DAX companies K+S and Heidelberger Druckmaschinen are also participating in the IIF and will provide insights into their activities.

"The IIF's diverse range of topics offers investors the opportunity to gain comprehensive insights. In particular, the current economic situation, geopolitical tensions, and looming trade conflicts provide an opportunity to engage in discussions with the presenting companies," says Manuel Hölzle, CEO of the research firm GBC AG and also a co-organizer of the IIF. The online capital market conference offers all participants the opportunity to ask questions and thus gain first-hand insights from industry experts.

Company representatives will present at the IIF in 30-minute slots and answer questions live from participants. Analysts from the co-organizer GBC AG will moderate the program. All information about the participating companies, a (free) registration option, and the current schedule can be found below.

Company	Start Time	Speaker	Topics
Opening Session	03.55 am ET* 09.55 am CET* 04.55 pm HKT*	Moderation	
MS Industrie AG	04.00 am ET* 10.00 am CET* 05.00 pm HKT*	Dr. Andreas Aufschnaiter, CEO	Mechanical engineering, mo
coinIX GmbH & Co. KGaA	04.30 am ET* 10.30 am CET* 05.30 pm HKT*	Moritz Schildt, CEO	Crypto, Blockchain
Avemio AG	05.00 am ET* 11.00 am CET* 06.00 pm HKT*	Ralf P. Pfeffer, CEONorbert Gunkler, CFO	Broadcast Solutions
Calvert International AG	05.30 am ET* 11.30 am CET* 06.30 pm HKT*	NJ Martin Mba Ayuk, CEOSebastian Wagner, Board Member	Energy, Africa
Gesco SE	06.00 am ET* 12.00 pm CET* 07.00 pm HKT*	Peter Alex, Head of IR	German SME, Technology
Agrimin Ltd.	06.30 am ET* 12:30 pm CET* 07.30 pm HKT*	Debbie Morrow, CEO	Fertilizers, agricultural secto
K+S AG	07.00 am ET* 01.00 pm CET* 08.00 pm HKT*	Esther Beuermann, Senior Investor Relations Manager & ESG Expert	Fertilizers, agricultural secto
Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG	07.30 am ET* 01.30 pm CET* 08.30 pm HKT*	Maximilian Beyer, Head of Capital Market Relations	Mechanical engineering
Brunswick Exploration Inc.	08.00 am ET* 02.00 pm CET* 09.00 pm HKT*	Killian Charles, CEO	Lithium
XXIX Metal Corp.	08.30 am ET* 02.30 pm CET* 09.30 pm HKT*	Stephen Stewart, CEO	Copper
Power Nickel Inc.	09.00 am ET* 03.00 pm CET* 10.00 pm HKT*	Terry Lynch, CEO	Nickel, E-Mobility
Globex Mining Enterprises Inc.	09.30 am ET* 03.30 pm CET* 10.30 pm HKT*	Jack Stoch, CEO	Commodities
Almonty Industries Inc.	10.00 am ET* 04.00 pm CET* 11.00 pm HKT*	Lewis Black, CEO	Tungsten, Battery, Defense
dynaCERT Inc.	10.30 am ET* 04.30 pm CET* 11.30 pm HKT*	Bernd Krüper, President	Hydrogen, Mobility
Diagnos Inc.	11.00 am ET* 05.00 pm CET* 12.00 am HKT*	André Larente, President	Medtech, AI
Desert Gold Ventures Inc.	11.30 am ET* 05.30 pm CET* 12.30 am HKT*	Jared Scharf, CEO	Gold
Cipher Neutron Inc.	12.00 pm ET* 06.00 pm CET* 01.00 am HKT*	Gurjant Randhawa, CEO & President	Hydrogen, Industry Solution

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#### About IIF - International Investment Forum

The 13th IIF – International Investment Forum - will take place on December 4, 2024. Companies and their board members or top managers will present and answer investors' questions via Zoom. The event will start at 09:55 (CET – Central European Time) and end at 20:00 CET. The event is organized from Germany as a cooperation project between Apaton Finance GmbH and GBC AG.

Further information: www.ii-forum.com

#### **About Apaton Finance GmbH (Co-Organizer)**

Apaton focuses primarily on growth companies and helps build investor relations. Partners are represented all over the world. Apaton springs into action when a company is in a transitional phase and is entering a new market or growth phase. Apaton's experts create investable visibility in new regions and markets.

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### **About GBC AG (Co-Organizer)**

GBC AG has been organizing capital market conferences since 2001. In the 20 years of conference history, around two-thirds of all German issuers in the small and mid-cap sector have already used GBC Conferences to address the capital market directly. The GBC Conference series generally aims primarily at asset managers, fund managers, family offices, analysts, and financial journalists.

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