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# IIF Online Capital Market Conference: Innovative business models and the new world order

The 14th International Investment Forum (IIF) will take place on February 25, 2025. The online conference will bring together representatives from twenty innovative companies with interested investors and press representatives. This time, the thematic focus will be on the supply of raw materials, solutions related to technology and blockchain, and education. For the first time, the team will be supported by a moderator from Canada, Lyndsay Malchuk, who will enrich the event with her international perspective.

Since the Munich Security Conference, it has become clear that the rapid change in world politics, economics, and technology will continue. The US is increasingly orienting itself towards China and demanding that its European allies pursue an independent security policy. At the same time, the first US tariffs and countermeasures are shifting the balance of power in international trade. "The era of globalization, which was characterized by an international division of labor, seems to have come to an end with the presidency of Donald Trump. The questions about robust supply chains that have been discussed for years are now being joined by tangible security interests, especially in Europe. The supply of critical raw materials is essential in this context. We are pleased to be able to present numerous representatives from the raw materials industry at the IIF," says Mario Hose, Managing Director of Apaton Finance GmbH, one of the co-organizers of the IIF.

In addition to raw materials companies from the energy, precious metals, and battery metals sectors, Almonty Industries will also be represented, a company that plans to bring the largest tungsten mine outside of China into production this year. Tungsten is considered militarily relevant, and more than 80% is currently mined in China. "The case of Almonty shows how important it is to secure the supply of critical raw materials at an early stage. Almonty CEO Lewis Black's presentation will therefore be particularly interesting because the Company, as the most important tungsten producer in the free world, is at the center of current events," explains Hose.

In addition to Almonty Industries, which plans to relocate its headquarters to the USA and has signed a minimum price pre-supply contract with a supplier of Elon Musk's SpaceX, numerous other companies with innovative business models will present during the 14th edition of the IIF. "The IIF has always actively followed current trends and provided participants with the opportunity to get first-hand information from decision-makers," says Manuel Hölzle, CEO of the research firm GBC AG and also co-organizer of the IIF. "At the same time, participants can look forward to exciting investment cases, promising valuation anomalies, and stimulating insights."

Company representatives will present in 30-minute slots at the IIF and answer questions live. The program will be hosted by Stockhouse moderator Lyndsay Malchuk, alongside analysts

from co-organizer GBC AG. All information about the participating companies, free registration, and the current schedule can be found below.

Company	Start Time	Speaker   ▼
Opening Session	03.55 am ET* 09.55 am CET* 04.55 pm HKT*	Moderation
European Lithium Ltd.	04.00 am ET* 10.00 am CET* 05.00 pm HKT*	Tony Sage, Executive Chairman
International School Augsburg -ISA- gAG	04.30 am ET* 10.30 am CET* 05.30 pm HKT*	Marcus Wagner, CEO
Advanced Blockchain AG	05.00 am ET* 11.00 am CET* 06.00 pm HKT*	Maik Laske, CFO; Hatem Elsayed, COO
Naoo AG	05.30 am ET* 11.30 am CET* 06.30 pm HKT*	Dr. Thomas Wolfensberger, Founder and Strategic Advisor; Karl Fleetwood, CFO
Terrain Minerals Ltd.	06.00 am ET* 12.00 pm CET* 07.00 pm HKT*	Justin Virgin, Executive Director
First Phosphate Corp.	06.30 am ET* 12:30 pm CET* 07.30 pm HKT*	John Passalacqua, CEO
Tick Trading Software AG	07.00 am ET* 01.00 pm CET* 08.00 pm HKT*	Carsten Schölzki, CEO
Deutsche Rohstoff AG	07.30 am ET* 01.30 pm CET* 08.30 pm HKT*	Jan-Philipp Weitz, CEO
Benton Resources Inc.	08.00 am ET* 02.00 pm CET* 09.00 pm HKT*	Stephen Stares, CEO
Kobo Resources Inc.	08.30 am ET* 02.30 pm CET* 09.30 pm HKT*	Edouard Gosselin, Director, CEO
dynaCERT Inc.	09.00 am ET* 03.00 pm CET* 10.00 pm HKT*	Bernd Krüper, President
Globex Mining Enterprises Inc.	09.30 am ET* 03.30 pm CET* 10.30 pm HKT*	Jack Stoch, CEO
Almonty Industries Inc.	10.00 am ET* 04.00 pm CET* 11.00 pm HKT*	Lewis Black, CEO
Power Nickel Inc.	10.30 am ET* 04.30 pm CET* 11.30 pm HKT*	Terry Lynch, CEO
First Nordic Metals Corp.	11.00 am ET* 05.00 pm CET* 12.00 am HKT*	Adam Cegielski, President; Taj Singh, CEO
Thunder Gold Corp.	11.30 am ET* 05.30 pm CET* 12.30 am HKT*	Wesley Hanson, CEO
Desert Gold Ventures Inc.	12.00 pm ET* 06.00 pm CET* 01.00 am HKT*	Jared Scharf, CEO
NetraMark Holdings Inc.	12.30 pm ET* 06.30 pm CET* 01.30 am HKT*	George Achilleos, CEO
Nova Pacific Metals Corp.	01.00 pm ET* 07.00 pm CET* 02.00 am HKT*	Scott Young, Head of Corporate Development
Element79 Gold Corp.	01.30 pm ET* 07.30 pm CET* 02.30 am HKT*	James C. Tworek, CEO

Video: Lyndsay Malchuk explains why participating in the 14th IIF is worthwhile!

14th International Investment Forum: Go directly to registration!

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#### About IIF - International Investment Forum

The 14th IIF – International Investment Forum - will take place on February 25, 2025. Companies and their CEOs or top managers will present and answer questions from investors via Zoom. The event will start at 9:55 (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.

For more 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 a 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 is aimed primarily at asset managers, fund managers, family offices, analysts, and financial journalists.

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