



8th Edition
The Burj CEO Awards
Leading the Future: Innovation in Action
24 November 2025 - Dubai, UAE



AGENDA

8th Burj CEO Summit and Award Gala

Monday, 24 November 2025, Al Habtoor Palace - Dubai

8:30 - 9:30 AM

Arrival & VIP Welcome

9:30 - 9:35 AM

Official Opening Speech

9:35 - 9:40 AM

Morning Keynote: Dr Tariq Nizami, CEO & Founder, CEO Clubs Network
Building Bridges: Driving Global Collaboration for Innovation, Investment, and Impact

9:45 - 10:30 AM

Panel 1 - The AI-Powered C-Suite: From Hype to Hyper-Growth

Moderator:

Dr. Malik Dzirlo, Chairman, American Keystone Equities & Capital Group

Panelists:

Mr. Igor Ilievski, CEO & Founder, MkMage.com

Mr. Sanjay Sundaramoorthy, CTO & Director of IT Enterprise Architecture;
Head of GenAI & Agentic AI, Blue Harvest

H.E. Maher Al Kaabi, Co-Founder Blink & Chairman BoG, AI Serkal Group.

Dr. Mahmoud AlBurai, Advisor at Director General Office, Senior Director Real estate policies and innovation, Dubai Municipality & Dubai Land Department

Mr. Shekhar Natarajan, Founder & CEO, Orchestro.AI

10:30 - 10:35 AM

Keynote Speech:

Dr. Nermin Makul, Founder - MiBit

10:35 - 11:20 AM

Panel 2 – Innovation Frontiers: Harnessing Startup Energy for Next-Level Growth

Moderator:

Mr. James Mathew, CEO & Managing Partner, UHY James Chartered Accountants

Panelists:

Mr. Herve HEULLY, CEO & Founder, NEW3S

Mr. Maurits Mannaert, Founder, Boat Trips Club

Dr. Katleen Verleysen, CEO, miDiagnostics

Mr. Sayed Habib, Director, Danube Home

11:20 - 11:23 PM

Keynote Speech

11:25 - 12:10 PM

Panel 3 – The New World Order of Capital: Private Markets, Emerging Frontiers, and the Hunt for Alpha

Moderator:

Mr. Ramesh Mahalingam, Managing Director, Ideal Capital Management Consultants

Panelists:

Dr. Gennaro Lanza, Founder & CEO, DB Financial

Mr. Massimo Falcioni, Chief Competitiveness Officer, Abu Dhabi Investment Office

Mr. Avinash Babur ACII, CEO, InsuranceMarket.ae™

Ms. Sia N Ashok, Managing Partner, Confty Capital Partners

12:10 - 12:15 PM

Keynote Speech

12:15 - 1:00 PM

Panel 4 – Smart, Sustainable, and Connected: The Cities of Tomorrow

Moderator:

Dr. Aftab Hassan, Founder & Chairman - GAIP | Risk Exchange (DIFC) Limited

Panelists:

Mr. Fadi Salameh, Managing Director, PFC Group

Capt. Pradeep Singh, Founder & Chairman, Karma Reality

H.E. Dr. Mohammed Saeed Al Kindi, MD, Fujairah Petroleum Products

Mr. Shatlykmyrat Annamyradov, CEO, SA Global Trading

1:00 - 1:45 PM

Panel 5 – Inclusive Intelligence: The New DNA of High-Performing Leadership

Moderator:

Ms. Bérangère Böell, United Nations Resident Coordinator for the UAE

Panelists:

Mr. Laurens Mannaert, Co-Founder, Boat Trips Club

Professor Selva Pankaj, Chairman & CEO, Regent Global

Ms. Reem Mahrat, CEO and Founder, Eaze Bio

Dr. Sara Khorakiwala, Owner President, Ra by Mastercuts the Unisex Salon

1:45 - 2:45 PM

Lunch Power Network

2:45 - 2:55 PM

Keynote Speech : Leading in the Era of Global Disruption

2:55 - 3:40 PM

Panel 6 - The Boardroom's New Battlefield: Leadership, Cybersecurity & Digital Resilience as a Competitive Advantage

Moderator:

Mr. Kyriakos Kofinas, CEO & Founding Partner , AIMS International Gulf

Panelists:

Mr. Rehan Khan, Founder & CEO, Rabb IT Solutions

Mr. Theo Kitsos, Board Services Consultant, AIMS International

Dr. Tharshiny Pankaj, Group CEO, Regent Global

Mr. Sayyed Abbas Shah, CEO, Adam Holdings

3:45 - 3:55 PM

Closing Remarks: Ms Sarah Dong, Managing Partner, CEO Clubs Network
End of Summit