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Where will the
World's
next wave of
growth
come from?



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Dr. Jean Fares

CEO of Investopia

The global economy is undergoing rapid economic and technological transformations, marked by increasing uncertainty, changing patterns of trade and investment, and accelerating innovation. These developments are reshaping the global growth landscape and prompting economies, businesses and investors to seek new growth drivers, strengthen their ability to adapt to changing conditions, and capitalize on the opportunities created by these transformations.

We believe that the next wave of global growth could emerge from three key areas. The first is the new economy and high-growth sectors, particularly artificial intelligence, fintech, e-commerce, clean energy and virtual assets, alongside advanced technologies and digital solutions. These sectors are contributing to the development of new business models, increasing productivity, creating high-quality investment opportunities, supporting economic diversification, and enhancing the attractiveness of investment environments.

The second area is strengthening economic openness and building investment partnerships with dynamic markets regionally and globally. This can be achieved by expanding economic and trade cooperation, facilitating the movement of capital and investment, and connecting investors and businesses with new opportunities in high-potential markets. This will strengthen economic integration, support long-term investment flows, and build new economic bridges capable of transforming global shifts into opportunities for growth and expansion.

The third area is advancing sustainability and developing supply chains and economic corridors that enhance the resilience of economies and their ability to navigate global changes. This includes improving the efficiency of trade and investment flows, supporting the development of more sustainable and interconnected infrastructure, and building networks and economic corridors that connect markets with centres of production and consumption, creating new opportunities for long-term growth and investment.

Nayla Tueni

CEO and Editor-in-Chief of Annahar Media Group

The next wave of growth will be shaped by how effectively businesses turn AI, human talent and connections between emerging markets into higher productivity and new demand. I see particular potential where digital infrastructure, energy investment and trade corridors allow companies to scale and reach new customers.

The opportunity for our region is to move further up the value chain: developing expertise, building businesses and creating intellectual property. That requires patient capital, skilled people and institutions that give investors confidence.

As CEO of Annahar, I believe the same discipline applies to media: understanding changing audiences, investing in talent and using technology to build valuable products around trusted journalism. The strongest businesses will be those that anticipate where value is moving, and build the capabilities to capture it.

Our presence at Investopia Bridge 2026 reflects Annahar's commitment to understanding where the next wave of growth will come from. By bringing business leaders' perspectives to our audiences, we aim to connect the investment conversation with the decisions shaping companies, markets and our region's economic future.

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Liam Findlay

CEO, Miral Destinations

Investopia Bridge 2026 provides an important platform to exchange ideas, strengthen partnerships and explore the opportunities shaping the future of tourism. At Miral Destinations, we have seen how long-term investment, innovation and collaboration can drive sustainable growth and create lasting value. These conversations are key to unlocking new opportunities, advancing the tourism sector and reinforcing Abu Dhabi's position as a leading global tourism and investment hub.

The next wave of growth will come from destinations that continue to invest, innovate and create experiences people genuinely want to travel for. For Yas Island, that means continuing to evolve our offering, attract new audiences and give visitors more reasons to stay longer and return.

Bishoy Azmy

Chief Executive Officer, Innovo Group

Investopia Bridge 2026 provides an important platform for investors, business leaders and key stakeholders to exchange perspectives on where growth, capital and long-term opportunity are emerging. For us, the relevance is clear. The built environment sits at the intersection of these priorities, translating investment into the infrastructure, assets and cities that support economic development. We see real value in using this forum to strengthen international relationships, deepen collaboration across markets and explore how capital, delivery expertise and innovation can come together to support more resilient and investable growth.

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Shahnawaz Nawabi

CIO Shamal Holding

As global capital becomes more mobile and more discerning, events like Investopia Bridge 2026 have become essential infrastructure, not just for dialogue, but for action. Bringing together the world's leading investors, business leaders, and policymakers under one roof accelerates the kind of decision-making that isolated conversations cannot. At Shamal, we see this as a pivotal moment to engage directly with the institutions shaping tomorrow's capital flows, to stress-test our own thinking against the sharpest minds in the room, and to identify the partnerships that will define the next phase of global investment. Platforms like this are where investment strategy moves from theory to execution, and we are committed to playing an active role in that process.

Shaista Asif

Group Chief Executive Officer of PureHealth

Investopia brings together the people and ideas that can turn ambition into meaningful progress. In healthcare, that matters enormously. The conversations taking place here have the potential to influence where investment flows, how innovation reaches patients, and how we build health systems that are more resilient, connected and ready for the future. This is an opportunity to connect expertise, capital and partnerships across sectors and borders, with one shared objective: to translate innovation into better health outcomes and, ultimately, better lives for the communities we serve.

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Paul Keary

CEO and Co-founder of Teneo

I am pleased to join Investopia Bridge 2026 at a moment when global business leaders are navigating disruption across geopolitics, technology and the global economy while continuing to invest for growth. At Teneo, we see these challenges and opportunities as interconnected, so the advice has to be interconnected too. Ultimately, the UAE's ability to bring investors, businesses and government together against this backdrop makes this an important platform for building deeper international economic partnerships and supporting new investment opportunities.

The next wave of growth will come from businesses and places that can turn disruption into advantage. That means using AI to transform, building resilience into strategy, and connecting capital with opportunity across regions. Our stakeholder modelling suggests 74% of global investors see the UAE as one of the world's leading gateways for business, investment and trade. In a more fragmented world, the companies and markets that can keep connecting technology, capital and decision-makers will be best positioned to grow.

Dame Susan Langley

The Lady Mayor of the City of London

The UAE and UK share a deep and longstanding economic partnership, built on investment, innovation and a shared ambition for growth. As the UK's International Ambassador for financial and professional services, I am delighted to join Investopia Bridge 2026 and strengthen the connections between our two markets.

Against a backdrop of growing geopolitical, economic and technological uncertainty, investing in resilience has never been more important. London is the world's leading centre for managing globally traded risk, with an unrivalled concentration of insurance and professional expertise helping businesses and investors navigate uncertainty with confidence.

By bringing together the UAE's ambition and global investment reach with the UK's capital, expertise and risk management capabilities, we can strengthen resilience, unlock investment and create new opportunities for long-term growth.

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T K Kurien

Falcon Bridge Advisor

While AI as a horizontal platform across markets continues to evolve rapidly, its development today primarily focuses on the US and China. Meanwhile, supply chains are distributed across Japan, Korea and Taiwan. China's supply chain is progressing at a fairly substantial pace thanks to its access to critical materials, but it is hampered by the lack of access to both Western markets and critical technology. The US will likely remain the source for intellectual property on the supply chain side and the model side for some time. This could change substantially with the advent of robotics as world models and hardware components could be defined first in China. Control of this critical area may pass to China, similar to many other industries the country has participated in.

Jayesh Patel

CEO of Wio Bank PJSC.

The next wave of growth will come from industries that are unlocked, and revenue pools that are scaled, due to AI and quantum. Both AI and quantum are tools that will unlock the potential to lend more accurately to customers, grow wealth, and enable more sophisticated healthcare and drug development. The next generation of value will be generated by unlocking the potential of these industries.



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