BRIDGE FORUM

SUMMIT 2025

6-7 May 2025

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Program Day 1 – 6 May 2025

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9:00am
Event Begins
(Registration and Networking Breakfast)

9:45am
Welcome Remarks

Lim Chow Kiat
CEO,
GIC

Chris Emanuel
Head,
Technology Investment Group,
GIC

10:00am
Data + AI

AI is an existential disruption risk (and opportunity), a cost mitigant, and an accelerant for product velocity. As AI permeates nearly every sector and geography, a thoughtful approach to data underpins every company's AI strategy.

Ali will share his perspective on the state of AI today, the current pace of adoption, and what's to come.

Ali Ghodsi
Co-Founder and CEO,
Databricks

MODERATOR
Lihan Chen
Senior Vice President,
Technology Investment Group,
GIC

10:45am
The Next Wave

Y Combinator helps technical founders at the earliest stage create and scale category creating tech companies. Y Combinator has helped launch companies like Stripe, Airbnb, Coinbase, DoorDash, Dropbox, Instacart, and many others. In the latest batch of companies, 25% of companies wrote 95% of their code with AI.

Y Combinator is a window into the future. and we will spend time with Garry exploring what the future holds with AI.

Garry Tan
CEO,
Y Combinator

MODERATOR
Chris Emanuel
Head,
Technology Investment Group,
GIC

11:30am
Compound Software Businesses

Conventional wisdom over the last 15 years holds that software companies should build best of breed software: narrow, point-solution SaaS products that do one thing well.

In this fireside chat with Parker Conrad, we will break this preconception and discuss why building compound software is the ultimate prize. Parker will share the secrets of Rippling's platform strategy, second-mover advantage and how that has allowed Rippling to win against point-Saas competitors.

Parker Conrad
Co-Founder and CEO,
Rippling

MODERATOR
Vinay Yarlagadda
Managing Director,
Technology Investment Group,
GIC

12:00pm
Lunch

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1:15pm

Software Writing Software

The landscape of development tools has evolved significantly, ushering in an innovative phase of creating software that writes software and solutions that unlock exceptional levels of developer productivity. Windsurf is at the forefront of transforming the coding landscape with AI agents that assist in code generation, testing, and project management, allowing developers to focus on higher-level tasks and accelerate product development.

Anshul will share his insights on how companies can leverage agentic technology to elevate developer productivity and efficiency.

Anshul Ramachandran
Co-Founder,
Windsurf

MODERATOR
Gaurav Jain
Senior Vice President,
Technology Investment Group,
GIC

1:45pm

100x Engineers

The promise of AI-driven autonomous coding is closer than ever, revolutionizing software development by creating "100x engineers" - developers whose productivity and effectiveness are dramatically amplified.

Reflection AI is pioneering this groundbreaking transformation with superintelligent coding agents capable of reasoning, planning and self-improvement. Bridgewater Associates is building "AIA," an Artificial Intelligence Associate for investing.

This session will feature a conversation between Aaron and Misha on the groundbreaking changes occurring in the world of agentic software development.

Misha Laskin
Co-Founder and CEO,
Reflection AI

MODERATOR
Aaron Linsky
Chief Technology Officer,
AIA Labs,
Bridgewater Associates

2:30pm

Crafting Creativity - AI Demos

AI is sparking a creative revolution by democratizing access to content creation and software development, allowing non-technical users to bring their ideas to life. With AI-driven tools like Runway and Replit, virtually anyone can generate high-quality graphics and videos or build their own purpose-built software applications, enabling greater expression, storytelling, and efficiency across diverse personal and professional platforms.

In this session, Alejandro and Amjad will demonstrate how the intersection of creativity and technology enhances individual capabilities and reimagines the possible.

Alejandro Matamala-Ortiz
Co-Founder and
Chief Design Officer,
Runway

Amjad Masad
Founder and CEO,
Replit

MODERATOR
Angela Zhu
Vice President,
Technology Investment Group,
GIC

3:30pm

1:1 Meetings

5:00pm

Networking, Food and Music

Day 2 – 7 May, 2025

9:00am	**Event Begins** (Registration and Networking Breakfast)	

9:55am	**Welcome Remarks**	**Lihan Chen** Senior Vice President, Technology Investment Group, GIC

10:00am	**AI Everywhere, All Around** (Closed Door Session) AI is poised to become ubiquitous in our daily lives, seamlessly integrated into the products and tools we use every day. This pervasive presence of AI will not only transform how we interact with technology but impact our day to day lives. OpenAI has become synonymous with AI - with its leading fronter models and the ChatGPT as the most widely used AI application today with over 400M weekly active users.	**Sarah Friar** Chief Financial Officer, OpenAI MODERATOR **Lihan Chen** Senior Vice President, Technology Investment Group, GIC

10:45am	**Building Technical Culture** Building a strong technical culture within an organization is crucial for fostering innovation and adaptability, especially when embracing new technologies. A robust technical culture encourages collaboration, continuous learning, and experimentation, enabling teams to effectively leverage emerging tools and methodologies. This environment not only empowers employees to take ownership of their projects but also cultivates a mindset that embraces change and drives technological advancement. We will hear from Marco about Goldman Sachs' AI journey and explore practical ways for enterprises to think about navigating such a rapidly-evolving technology landscape.	**Marco Argenti** Chief Information Officer, Goldman Sachs MODERATOR **Sam Kim** Chief Operating Officer, GIC

11:30am	**The AI Economy: The Rise of Stablecoins** The stablecoin market is experiencing significant, global tailwinds, including a growing momentum toward regulatory clarity. Stablecoins are already amongst the largest purchasers of US Treasuries. Will the next year bring a new hope or a false dawn? What should incumbents in the financial ecosystem do? Nathan, Chris, and Jonathan will discuss the "stablecoin moment," enterprise use cases that will drive utility across industries, and whether or not increasing AI adoption could drive stablecoin usage across the financial ecosystem.	**Nathan McCauley** Co-Founder and CEO, Anchorage Digital **Chris Harmse** Co-Founder and Chief Business Officer, BVNK MODERATOR **Jonathan Levin** Co-Founder and CEO, Chainalysis

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12:00pm   Lunch

1:15pm   ## The Age of Agents

The Age of Agents ushers in a revolutionary phase where AI redefines how businesses operate by automating intricate tasks and enhancing human capabilities, unlocking extraordinary levels of productivity.

In software development, AI agents assist with code generation, testing, and project management, allowing developers to focus on higher-level tasks and accelerate product development. In customer support, AI agents provide instant responses to inquiries, automate routine tasks, and offer personalized assistance, significantly enhancing customer delight.

Jesse joins us to offer insights on how organizations can leverage agentic technology to thrive in a fast-changing world.

Jesse Zhang
Co-Founder and CEO,
Decagon

MODERATOR
Sam Rosen
Vice President,
Technology Investment Group,
GIC

1:45pm   ## Solving for Speed

Speed is critical in artificial intelligence, and a modern infrastructure stack is emerging to help enterprises build faster and more reliable applications on top of large language models. As adoption grows, organizations face challenges around latency, cost, observability and production readiness.

In this session, we will explore with Lin and Harrison how recent innovations are addressing these bottlenecks and what it takes to operationalize LLMs effectively and reliably.

Lin Qiao
Co-Founder and CEO,
Fireworks AI

Harrison Chase
Founder and CEO,
LangChain

MODERATOR
Angela Zhu
Vice President,
Technology Investment Group,
GIC

2:30pm   ## Evolution Search

AI-powered search is revolutionizing how employees access and leverage information. Legacy systems often fumble with relevance and context, while AI-driven algorithms excel at understanding user intent and can deliver hyper-accurate, personalized results in seconds. In today's data-driven world, AI-powered search isn't just a tool—it's a catalyst reshaping the way businesses think, act, and win.

Glean has led the way in building next-generation AI search capabilities and Arvind will share more about what is yet to come.

Arvind Jain
Co-Founder and CEO,
Glean

MODERATOR
Sam Rosen
Vice President,
Technology Investment Group,
GIC

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2:55pm

General Purpose Robotic Intelligence

AI robotics is poised to fundamentally change our world across various sectors, enhancing productivity and improving quality of life. As these intelligent machines become more integrated into everyday operations—from manufacturing and logistics to construction and home assistance—they will redefine workflows and enable new levels of efficiency. The intersection of AI and the physical world represents a crucial frontier that is closer than we may think.

Deepak will discuss how he and his team at Skild AI are engineering a groundbreaking AI-driven and continuously-adaptable robotic brain that can work on any device.

Deepak Pathak
Co-Founder and CEO,
Skild AI

MODERATOR
Damanpal Dogra
Portfolio Manager,
Public Equities,
GIC

3:30pm

1:1 Meetings

6:00pm

Closing Dinner

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Saint Joseph's Art Society
1401 Howard St.,
San Francisco, CA 94103

6:45pm

Fireside chat with Bret Taylor

Bret Taylor
Co-Founder & CEO,
Sierra

MODERATOR
Chris Emanuel
Head,
Technology Investment Group
GIC

8:00pm

Bridge Forum VIP Party

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