

EVENT

Canada Investment Leadership Forum: From Summit Dialogue to Investment Action



September 15, 2026
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. ET

Toronto

Thank you for your interest. Due to overwhelming response, the Canada Investment Leadership Forum has reached capacity and registration is now closed.

Bridging strategy with execution

Immediately following the federal government's Canada Investment Summit on Sept. 15, join BLG, PwC Canada and OVIN for a private evening forum designed for C-suite executives, global investors and government stakeholders.

This exclusive gathering moves beyond high-level policy to examine executable projects and investment opportunities across Canada's priority sectors: defence, energy, automotive, AI and infrastructure.

Confirmed speakers

The Honourable
Mélanie Joly

Minister of Industry, Government of Canada

Sharing the government's perspective on transforming strategic investments into sovereign capability, executable projects and opportunities for Canadian industry through a keynote address and fireside chat.

The Honourable
Victor Fedeli

Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Government of Ontario

Delivering government remarks on advancing industrial capacity and economic growth in Ontario.

Flavio Volpe, C.M.

President, APMA

Providing commentary on a sector highlight detailing how capital, policy and regulatory frameworks can align to strengthen Canada's automotive supply chain and industrial capacity.

Kevin Reed

Former co-founder and founding president, DSRB Development Group

Participating in a fireside chat on why financing matters, how industry leaders connect capital to sovereign capability and what it takes to make major initiatives investable and shovel-ready.

Ehren Cory

CEO, Canada Infrastructure Bank

Providing commentary on an infrastructure highlight on accelerating new investment through private and public sector partnerships to support sustainable nation-building projects.

Ismail Mokabel

President and chief operating officer, MHI RJ Aviation Group

Providing commentary on an aerospace sector highlight and the opportunities shaping the future of investment, innovation and global business growth.

Alena Thouin

Chief strategy and operations officer, Building Ontario Fund

Providing commentary on an energy sector highlight on the Williams Treaty First Nation Investment Holdings investment in Darlington New Nuclear SMR Project, showcasing how to accelerate infrastructure investment, shape operational frameworks and drive organizational transformation.

James Brewer

SVP, Nuclear Sustainability Strategies, Ontario Power Generation

Providing commentary on an energy sector highlight on the Darlington Small Modular Reactor project, showcasing how strategic partnerships unlock transformative economic opportunities and support nation-building.

Jeanue Chung

Founder and CEO, LUNR Aerospace

Providing commentary on a space sector highlight, bringing a founder's perspective to building nationally significant infrastructure and developing Canada's sovereign launch capability.

Host partners

- [Larry Elliot](#) - Regional Managing Partner Ottawa, BLG
Delivering welcome and closing remarks on behalf of BLG.
- [Dr. Claudia Krywiak](#) - President and CEO, OCI
Delivering welcome remarks on behalf of OCI.
- [Anita McQuat](#) - National Managing Partner, Clients & Industries, PwC Canada
Delivering welcome remarks on behalf of PwC Canada.
- [Laura Wood](#) - Partner, Government and Public Sector; Global Defence Leader, PwC Canada
Moderating the fireside chat with Kevin Reed, DSRB Development Group.
- [Raed Kadri](#) - Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Business Development and Head of the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network (OVIN)
Delivering opening remarks and guiding the forum's strategic dialogue across sector highlights.
- [Jessica Sheridan](#) - Partner and Co-Leader, Defence and National Security Group, BLG
Moderating the keynote fireside chat with The Honourable Mélanie Joly.
- [John Vellone](#) - Partner and National Co-Leader, Energy and Power Group, BLG
Moderating the infrastructure sector highlight with Ehren Cory, Canada Infrastructure Bank.
- [Cherie Brant](#) - Partner and National Co-Leader, Indigenous Law
Moderating the energy sector highlight with James Brewer, Ontario Power Generation and Alena Thouin, Building Ontario Fund.
- [Marin Leci](#) - Partner and Co-Leader, Defence & National Security Group, BLG
Moderating the space and defence sector highlight with Jeanue Chung, LUNR Aerospace.

Also in attendance: from PwC, partner [Chris Casey](#); and from BLG, partners [Edona Vila](#), [Cindy Clarke](#), [Stephen Redican](#), [Freddie Pletcher](#), [Ryan Tomcic](#) and [Tim McCormick](#).

The program will explore:

- The government's perspective on turning investment into sovereign capability, executable projects and economic growth for Canadian industry
- Case studies showcasing investable initiatives across Canada's priority sectors
- Why financing matters, including how C-suite leaders, investors and industry connect capital to sovereign capability and what makes programs investable and shovel-ready

Who should attend

This is a private, invitation-only event designed for C-suite executives, senior government officials, institutional investors and industry leaders actively shaping Canada's investment landscape.

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