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A very good morning to all of you and a very early good morning to our friend, Handel, who is joining us from California for this session. He could not be here in person, but I think his presentation will be very valuable for the debate we are going to have.

You have been listening to the first panel and that was a beautiful introduction to what we are going to touch on right now. The world is facing new and very critical applications. What we want to touch on today is the industry behind it, how it will happen and why, and what forces really drive these innovations. You know that the complications today are not only technology, it is also all about the geopolitical surroundings. We are going to touch on this and in the debate we also want to make sure that as we go into the discussion, we also talk about this part of the world, the Gulf region. If you talk about innovation, leadership and sovereignty, it is very important that you also understand that it is a critical industry for this part of the world as well.

With that, I want to make sure we will have an introduction first with Handel Jones from California. Helmut has been playing in the semiconductor industry for more than 30 years and you have his bio in the documents. When it comes to Max, I will just say that he is travelling around the world, he is an innovation maker, one of the few people in the world who really connects the dots and make sure you read his bio, it is very important.