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Hi [REDACTED] – Hope you are doing well. I have been reading some of your [REDACTED] Column and have an interesting subject that might be of interest – **Richard Attias, Chairman of the [Future Investment Institute \(FII\)](#)** has led the charge in convening global leaders for over 8 years at FII and can speak to what it means to be a ‘leader of leaders’ gathering global CEOs, business executives and policymakers to discuss the most pressing advancements around technology, education, healthcare and sustainability.

Unlike many of his peers, Richard is someone who has occupied positions at the top of the corporate world and now as a global leader in the third sector, which he feels has given him a set of unique perspectives, including his steadfast belief in the need for the public sector to work in partnership with the private sector, which is often better placed to drive change and innovation. He grew the institute from an annual event to a year-round investment initiative and think tank that has facilitated over \$128B worth of investment agreements to date.

He has an interesting background, having been involved in the development and production of more than 2000 events over the past 30 years, including World Economic Forum Annual Meeting at Davos, Clinton Global Initiative, Nobel Laureates Conferences, The New York Forum, The New York Forum AFRIC, UNESCO NGO Forum, One Planet Summit, Olympism In Action, Future Investment Initiative, Bloomberg New Economy Forum, The African Cup, The African Games, and multiple opening ceremonies.

Away from his work, Richard has a fascinating personal story. He was born into a Jewish family in Fez, Morocco and went on to graduate as a civil engineer, also gaining a Masters in Maths and Physics from Paris University. His career, which has taken him to France, Japan,

Switzerland, Dubai and New York, initially began at IBM, where he quickly rose up the ranks before going on to found several organizations, something he feels was only possible due to his willingness to take risks.

Would Richard be of interest as a potential subject for your column? Think he brings a really unique perspective about driving success across industries – it's about gathering the right people to act.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

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