
From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 10:19 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Speaker Suggestion: Richard Attias, FII Institute / [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED],

As you look to build the agenda for this year's event, I wanted to share a potential speaker who could bring a global investment and geopolitical perspective to conversations at [REDACTED].

[Richard Attias](#), Chairman and acting CEO of the [Future Investment Initiative \(FII\) Institute](#) has led the charge in convening global leaders for over 9 years at FII, where he orchestrates discussions on the most pressing advancements around technology, education, healthcare and sustainability. His experience gives him a distinctive lens on the intersection of **geopolitics, public-private partnerships, and targeted long-term investment strategies** to drive global prosperity, innovation, and sustainable growth.

In a very uncertain world, leaders need to understand global priorities to identify and act upon strong investment opportunities, whether that's in the private markets, public markets or fueled by foreign direct investment.

Do you have a working agenda yet? Would love to discuss further where Richard might best fit in.

Very best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Account Executive

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 11:48 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FII CEO Guest Suggestion: [REDACTED] Podcast

Hi [REDACTED] – Hope you are doing well! Are you the right contact for guests at the [REDACTED] podcast? I have been listening to some episodes and think I might have a guest for you.

Richard Attias, Chairman of the Executive Committee and Acting CEO of the [Future Investment Initiative Institute \(FII\)](#) has led the charge in convening global leaders for over 9 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. For his [REDACTED], he could discuss how the world order has shifted in the last several years, why this necessitates a more collaborative approach to action, and what global leaders can actually do to achieve progress and human impact worldwide – like facilitating public/private partnerships to encourage investment.

He could dive into his experiences 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 that would only add to the episode. 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? Think he brings a really unique perspective and background that would fit well with the theme of the podcast.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 12:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] Guest: FII CEO

Hi [REDACTED] – First and foremost, congratulations on the new show!

Reaching out as I work with **Richard Attias, Chairman of the Executive Committee and Acting CEO of the [Future Investment Initiative Institute \(FII\)](#)** who has led the charge in convening global leaders for over 9 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 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. **He could draw on this experience to explain how he now convenes the top global and political figures (even President Trump attended FII Miami in 2025), to create real impact and investment.**

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Happy to discuss how Richard may fit into the show as it evolves. Would you be interested? Think he brings a really unique perspective and background.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 12:02 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] Guest: FII CEO

Hi [REDACTED] – Hope you are doing well! Reaching out as I have an interesting guest for [REDACTED].

Know you and the [REDACTED] team may be familiar with **Richard Attias, Chairman of the Executive Committee and Acting CEO of the [Future Investment Initiative Institute \(FII\)](#)**, but he would be a great guest to talk about how the art of convening is evolving and how “nation branding” has taken on a whole new meaning in this world order, necessitating a strong brand to encourage investment flows.

For further background, Richard 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.

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Would Richard be of interest as a potential subject for an upcoming episode? Think he brings a really unique perspective and background.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,
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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 2:18 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] episode - potential guest

[REDACTED], it is great to be connected and thank you [REDACTED]. Moving you to BCC to spare your inbox.

I have one more executive for you to consider who might be of interest. He brings a really differentiated, global view on AI investment and use cases that may work to contextualize some other voices in the episode. **Richard Attias Chairman of the Executive Committee and Acting CEO of the [Future Investment Initiative Institute \(FII\)](#)** has spent almost a decade convening leaders across public and private markets as well as policy to discuss the most pressing issues of AI development and investment. He would be a great addition to a Money Maze episode to help share how foreign direct investments are flowing into AI capabilities and how increased investments across the global south are fueling a new demographic of AI access in countries like Africa.

His investment view is more macro, which provides a unique perspective into the global landscape of AI investment, especially as policies evolve to accommodate growing demand.

Let me know how the episode is shaping up and great to be connected regardless!

Best,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 12:49 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] >
Subject: [REDACTED] episode - potential guest

Hi [REDACTED],

Excuse the flurry of emails! Looping you in with my colleague [REDACTED] (cc-ed) who has another potential guest for the [REDACTED] episode.

All the best,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 3:27 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Guest: FII CEO

Glad to hear it. He definitely would have an interesting perspective given his background.

In terms of a peg, FII Miami is coming up in March... maybe we could look to record an episode in late February / early March before the conference? Might be a nice tie in since it's the one US-based FII Summit. Happy to discuss further, let me know what you think.

Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 12:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] Guest: FII CEO

Ohh Richard is a legend and this is super-interesting to me.

Is there any obvious peg coming up in terms of timing? Would have been a good davos guest.

On Tue, Jan 20, 2026 at 6:02 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

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[REDACTED].

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