

AIMA GLOBAL INVESTOR FORUM 2025

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EVENT OVERVIEW

The **AIMA Global Investor Forum 2025** will return to the Ritz-Carlton, Toronto for two full days on Wednesday, October 15 and Thursday, October 16.

Bringing together asset managers, institutional allocators and leading alternative investment professionals from around the world, the forum will explore how allocator sentiment is evolving in response to the latest trends in hedge funds, private credit and digital assets.

This guide is designed to help delegates prepare and maximize their experience at this two-day event. We are grateful for your participation and look forward to welcoming you for two full days of thought leadership, networking and collaboration.

PRE-CONFERENCE PREPARATION

TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE EVENT

You will receive an email with a link to download the Brella app. Make sure to use the email address you registered with to log in, as all important communications regarding the event and app set up will be sent there.

To Set up the Brella App

The Brella app is a tool for engaging delegates with the event. Here are the steps to use it and begin networking ahead of the event:

- **Use Your Registered Email:**
 - You must log in using the email address you registered with for the event. You will receive an email from Brella (noreply@brella.io) with the subject line: "Your invite to AIMA Global Investor Forum 2025". In that email, you will find your Join Code.

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- **Download or Access the App:**
 - Download for iOS [here](#).
 - Download for Android [here](#).
 - Access mobile site [here](#).
- **Log In:**
 - Enter your registered email address and create a password.
 - Click **Sign In** and accept the terms of service.
- **Join the Event:**
 - Click **Join New Event**.
 - Select **I Have a Join Code** and enter the code provided in your email.
- **Accept Your Invite:**
 - Once the invite appears in your events, click **View**.
 - Click **Claim the Ticket Invite** and then **Get Started**.
- **Explore the App:**
 - **Update Your Networking Profile:** Customize your profile to facilitate connections.
 - **View the Agenda:** Stay informed on sessions and events.
 - **Browse Speakers and Sponsors:** Learn about our speakers and sponsors.
 - **Connect with Fellow Delegates:** Engage with other attendees to maximize networking opportunities.

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ONE WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT

RSVP for Meet the Allocator Coffee Chats

You will receive an email to RSVP for the Meet the Allocator Coffee Chats one week before the event. Spots are limited to eight pre-registered delegates per roundtable and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to confirm your participation early through the Brella app. Stay tuned for the official announcement and instructions.

DURING THE EVENT

Ask Questions with Slido

To make the live sessions interactive, Slido will be used for Q&A during mainstage sessions. Here's how to participate:

- **Access Slido:** During each session, the moderator will provide a session code. Use the Slido website (<https://www.slido.com/>) or click the link in the Brella app to access the Q&A.
- **Submit Your Questions:** Enter the session code, type your question and submit it. You can also upvote questions from other attendees to help prioritize them.
- **Anonymous Submissions:** Slido allows you to ask questions anonymously if you prefer not to share your name publicly.

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VENUE AND ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

The Ritz-Carlton Toronto venue is fully accessible and attendees with specific requirements regarding mobility, hearing, vision, sensory sensitivities, or dietary restrictions are encouraged to contact the **organizers** in advance to arrange necessary accommodation.

Ensuring an inclusive experience for all attendees is a priority at the forum. Quiet zones will be available for those needing breaks from sensory stimulation and session materials can be provided in advance upon request.

Venue Address

Venue: Ritz-Carlton Toronto

Address: 181 Wellington St W, 2nd Floor Ballroom, Toronto, ON M5V 3G7, Canada

Phone: +1 (416) 585-2500

How to Get There

- **By Public Transit**
 - **Subway:** The nearest subway station is St. Andrew Station, which is a 5–7 minute walk from the Ritz-Carlton.
 - **Streetcar:** You can take the 504 King Streetcar to the King and Simcoe stop, which is within walking distance of the venue.
 - **Union Station:** For those traveling from outside of Toronto, Union Station (serving trains and buses) is a 10–12 minute walk from the hotel.
 - **UP Express:** UP Express provides service from Toronto Pearson International Airport to Union Station.
- **By Taxi/Rideshare**
 - Taxis and rideshare services such as Uber and Lyft are widely available in Toronto and can be used to reach the venue from any part of the city.
- **By Car**
 - **Parking:** Valet parking is available at the Ritz-Carlton for \$75/day, with self-parking options available nearby.
 - **Directions:** The hotel is easily accessible via the Gardiner Expressway, which connects to major routes coming from both the east and west of the city.

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Nearby Accommodations

While the room block at the Ritz-Carlton is now full, other nearby hotels include:

- Le Germain Toronto - 30 Mercer St (5 min walk)
- Shangri-La Hotel Toronto - 188 University Ave (5 min walk)
- Fairmont Royal York - 100 Front St W (10 min walk)
- The SoHo Hotel - 318 Wellington St W (7 min walk)

Venue Accessibility

- **Wheelchair Access:** The venue is fully wheelchair-accessible with ramps and elevators available throughout.
- **Accessible Restrooms:** The hotel provides accessible restrooms on all conference floors, clearly marked for convenience.
- **Elevator Access:** Elevators are available on all floors, including the 4th floor, where the Quiet Room is located.
- **Hearing Assistance:** If you require hearing assistance, the venue provides hearing aid-compatible systems upon request at the registration desk.
- **Dietary and Special Accommodations:** If you have any specific dietary restrictions or special needs, please contact us via agif@aima.org and our team will ensure that appropriate options are available.

Quiet Room Recharge Space

A Quiet Room is available on the 4th floor for anyone needing a sensory break or a quiet place to recharge. No pre-booking is required; attendees are welcome to use this space whenever they need a quiet moment. Attendees are encouraged to avoid any phone calls in this space.

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NAVIGATING THE VENUE

When you arrive at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, head up to the 2nd floor Ballroom using the “Events” elevator or lobby stairs. The registration desk will be the first thing you see near the elevators and close to the coat check booth near the stairs.

Main Ballroom (2nd Floor)

- **Seating Options:** The ballroom features roundtable and theatre-style seating which is first-come, first-served. There will be no pre-assigned seating and you are welcome to choose any seat that suits your preference throughout the entire conference.
- **Ambiance and Lighting:** Medium-dim lighting will be used and light, energetic music will play during breaks to keep the atmosphere relaxed and comfortable.
- **Stage Setup:** A printed, fabric backdrop will be on stage, with two large static screens displaying PowerPoint slides during presentations, with no videos or moving images on screen.

1-on-1 Meeting Room (2nd Floor)

- **Spaces & Seating:** The room will have high-top tables with high-top stools with seats for four people. Meetings can be pre-booked via the Brella app or used on an ad hoc basis.
- **Lighting:** The meeting space will have medium-dim lighting for a comfortable discussion environment with minimal to no music playing.



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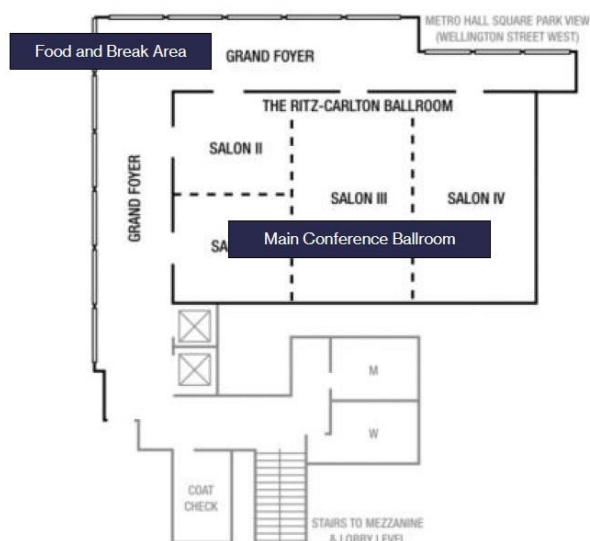
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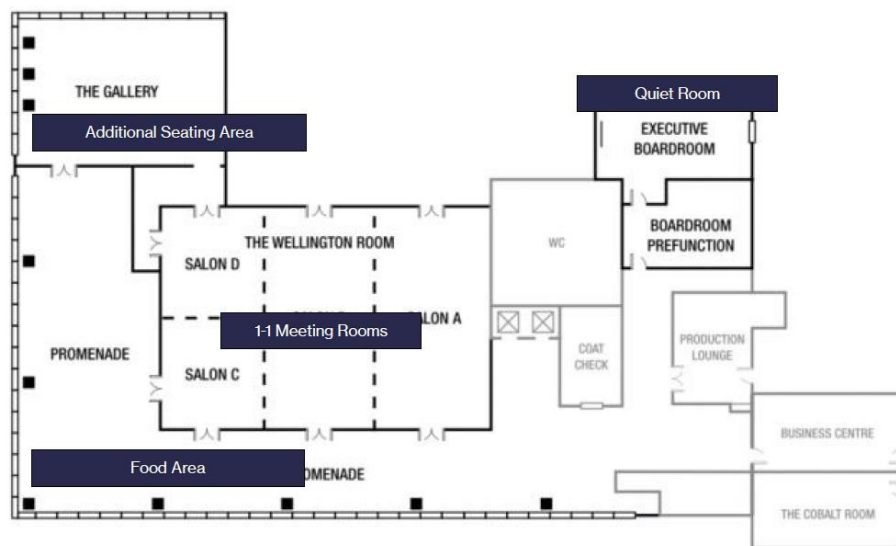


VENUE MAP

2ND FLOOR



4TH FLOOR



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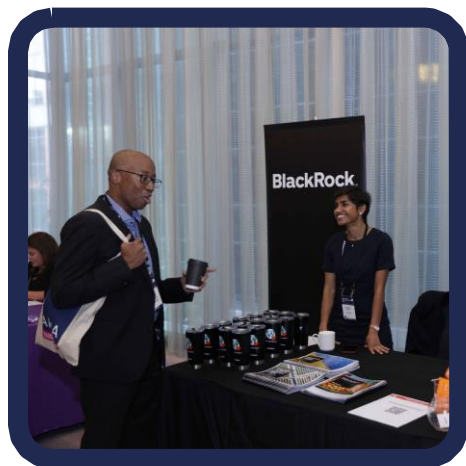
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Food and Break Hallway Area (2nd and 4th Floor)

- **Daytime Food Service:** Meals will be served buffet-style in the hallway area outside the ballroom in the grand foyer. Expect a range of options to accommodate dietary preferences. You are welcome to enjoy your food inside the ballroom at roundtables or theatre seats, at hallway high-top tables with standing room or any other extra comfy seats around the 2nd floor ballroom and roundtables on the 4th floor promenade. Lighting will be bright with some sunlight.
- **Networking Reception:** During the October 15 networking reception from 5-7pm, there will be a local DJ playing light electronic music and a live graffiti painting artist. Drinks will be available at a bar and hors d'oeuvres will be passed around with standing spots available around high-top tables. Expect a range of options to accommodate dietary preferences. Lighting will be bright with some sunlight.
- **Sponsor Booths:** There will be select booths from sponsors in the hallway throughout the two days.

Quiet Room Recharge Space (4th Floor)

- A quiet room with a designated number of 12 seats, in a boardroom setting will be available for attendees who need a break or quiet time to recharge. No pre-booking is required and delegates are encouraged to avoid any phone calls in this area.



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OTHER DETAILS AND FAQs

- **What is the procedure for name badges?**

You will receive your name badge at the registration desk on the 2nd floor. Please arrive early to avoid lines at registration and wear your badge at all times during the forum. The badges will also display wi-fi information and will not be color-coded by attendee type.

- **Is there a bag/coat check available?**

Yes, a bag and coat check service will be available at the registration desk on the 2nd floor. Feel free to leave your items securely while attending the sessions and events.

- **Will there be a list of attendees distributed?**

To respect the privacy of our attendees, AIMA will not be distributing a printed or digital list of participants. You can connect with other attendees via the Brella app two weeks before the event by browsing profiles and requesting meetings.

- **What should I do if I experience issues with the Brella app?**

If you have issues with the app, you can visit the AIMA reception desk on-site or access the app's help center, by visiting <https://help-attendees.brella.io/en/>.

- **What is the Chatham House Rule, and how does it apply to the forum?**

The AIMA Global Investor Forum is held under the Chatham House Rule. Participants are free to use the information shared during the event, but the identity and affiliation of speakers or other attendees must not be disclosed.

- **Will the forum sessions be recorded for distribution?**

No, the sessions will not be recorded for distribution. Attendees are encouraged to take personal notes, as no recordings or session materials will be available after the event.

- **Will there be media at the event?**

No, there will be no media presence at the conference, ensuring a private and confidential environment.

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- **What is the social media policy at the event?**

We encourage attendees to share your insights, highlights and networking moments with your social media networks by using the **hashtag #AGIF25**.

- **How can I get a personalized social media graphic to share my participation?**

You can request a personalized social media graphic by emailing agif@aima.org with your preferred headshot.

- **Is there a dress code for the forum?**

The recommended dress code is business or business casual attire. We encourage you to wear what makes you comfortable for a professional setting.

- **Where can I find sponsor and exhibitor booths?**

Sponsor and exhibitor booths are located on the 2nd floor. Make sure to visit these booths to learn more about their offerings.

- **What should I do if I lose something during the event?**

Visit the registration desk on the 2nd floor or email agif@aima.org for lost and found services. Any misplaced items will be held there throughout the event.

- **Will there be a paper copy of the agenda available?**

Yes, we will have a PDF and printed paper copies in addition to the agenda on the website and Brella app.