

*Academy Geopolitical Summit East October 2023 Summary***Academy Securities Geopolitical Summit East October 2023 Summary**

From October 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, Academy Securities hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Geopolitical Summit East in Annapolis, Maryland. The event included guests from across the country, including executives from large corporations, asset managers, and investors. What made the event special was the roundtable nature of the discussions and the interactions over dinners and events during the summit. The first night, Academy hosted a dinner at the Severn Inn, which overlooks the U.S. Naval Academy. On the first full day, the event included a Geopolitical and Macroeconomic Risk panel at the Jack C. Taylor Conference Center at the U.S. Naval Academy. Participants on the panel included General Robert Walsh, General Robert Ashley, and General Spider Marks from our [Geopolitical Intelligence Group](#), and our Head of Macro Strategy, Peter Tchir. Following that session, we conducted a Cyber Risk panel with GIG members General Michael Groen and General Rhett Hernandez, along with Peter Tchir. Rachel Washburn from our team moderated the panels. The topics covered during the sessions were heavily focused on the war between Israel and Hamas and the risk of escalation with Iran, but also addressed the war in Ukraine, Taiwan, the relationship between Russia and China, and the importance of India economically and as a U.S. regional partner. The Cyber panel addressed risks and opportunities in emerging technologies, AI, and quantum computing as well as cyber threats to U.S. critical infrastructure from countries such as China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea. That evening, the summit attendees attended a dinner at Choptank in downtown Annapolis.

The second day of the summit included a panel focused on the Societal Impact of AI led by Academy's Senior Vice President of Inclusion and Innovation, Janie Mines, and featured General Michael Groen, Professor Chris Callison-Burch (Computer and Information Science, University of Pennsylvania), and Dennis Chornenky (CEO at Domelabs AI, and Former White House Presidential Innovation Fellow). The panels concluded with an environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) session led by Michael Rodriguez, Academy's Head of ESG and Sustainability. Following the morning panels, our guests enjoyed an afternoon of sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. Finally, for attendees that spent the weekend in Annapolis, Academy hosted a suite at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium for the Navy-Air Force football game. The summit was another amazing event that highlighted Academy's differentiated perspectives and the value that we provide to our clients. We look forward to seeing you at our next Geopolitical Summit and please feel free to reach out to Academy Securities with any questions.

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