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Energy Alliances: A Changing World Order

As the global energy landscape undergoes unprecedented change, the nexus of energy security, defense technology, policy and capital strategy has never been more important. During Climate Week NYC, Pillsbury and MILE will host a high-level summit—partnering with FusionX for fusion-focused sessions—that brings together thought leaders from the energy, defense, legal and finance sectors.

Across four sessions, the program will explore how advanced energy technologies, national security-driven innovation and breakthrough technologies are reshaping the global energy sector. Discussions will highlight cross-sector investment, legal pathways and scalable deployment models. This summit offers a rare opportunity to engage directly with the people and ideas driving the next chapter of the energy transition, where security, innovation and strategy converge.

Keynote speakers will include Richard Goldberg, senior advisor with Foundation for Defense Democracies (FDD), and Oded Gour-Lavie, CEO and co-founder of nT-Tao. The program will conclude with a networking reception focused on advancing regional energy cooperation and security, with particular emphasis on the MENA region, with a keynote by Mark Donig of Blue Laurel Advisors.

Thursday, September 25

11:30am – 5:30pm

Pillsbury's New York office

31 West 52nd Street
New York, NY

The day will start with a
networking lunch.

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AGENDA

11:30am – 12:30pm **Registration & Lunch**

12:15– 12:30pm **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

12:30 – 12:50pm **Opening Keynote**

SPEAKER

Richard Goldberg, Partner, Bell Tower Strategy, Senior Advisor Foundation for Defense of Democracies, and former Senior Counselor, National Energy Dominance Council

12:55 – 1:35pm

PANEL 1:
Capital Models for Energy Security

MODERATOR

Sahar Hafeez, Senior Counsel, Pillsbury

SPEAKERS

Derek Campbell, Executive Chairman, LVC Global Holdings and AlphaSierra One

Dr. Gideon Friedman, Former CTO at NetZero Technology Ventures.

Alina Shkolnikov, Chief Partnerships Officer, PollyLabs

Kate Geder, Senior Counsel, Bechtel



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1:40 – 2:20pm

PANEL 2:

Securing & Powering Strategic Infrastructure

MODERATOR

Morielle Lotan, Founder, MILE Advisory

SPEAKERS

Doron Tamir, CEO, Lava

Sam Gibson, CEO, Hadron

Karina Cady, CEO, Nandina REM

Brendan Owens, Principal, Black Vest Strategy, Chief Sustainability Officer, HKS Inc., Former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment

Ya'ara Barnoon, Senior Counsel, Pillsbury

2:30 – 2:45pm

Keynote: Nuclear Energy for Defense

SPEAKER

Oded Gour-Lavie, CEO, nT-Tao

2:50 – 3:30pm

PANEL 3:

Energy and Defense Tech — Deployment, Mobility & Strategic Advantage

MODERATOR

Justin Rubin, Senior Counsel, Pillsbury

SPEAKERS

Brian Riordan, Co-Founder & COO, Avalanche Energy

Mislav Tolusic, Managing Partner, Marlinspike

3:35 – 3:45pm

Strategic Bridge: Why Fusion, Why Now?

SPEAKER

Melanie Windridge, Founder & CEO, FusionX + Fusion insights



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3:50 – 4:30pm

PANEL 4:

Accelerating Fusion - AI, Global Supply Chains & Strategic Deployment

MODERATOR

Sid Fowler, Counsel, Pillsbury

SPEAKERS

Abigail Remler, Director, Future Technology Platforms at the Special Competitive Studies Project

Brian Berzin, CEO, Thea Energy

David Ellmann, Climate Tech VC / UP.Abundance

Carly Anderson, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Timescale Ventures

4:35 – 4:45pm

Close of Program

Remarks from Pillsbury, MILE, Fusion X, and hosting partners

5:00 – 7:00pm

Happy Hour & Fireside Chat

SPEAKER

Mark Donig, Head of U.S., Blue Laurel Advisors