



 **AESC**

Global Summit on Leadership

NEW YORK CITY

April 27 + 28, 2026

DAY 1 – MONDAY, APRIL 27

All Day Café for Specialty Coffees & Teas

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Grab a coffee & visit our Exhibitors on the 16th floor

1:30–2:00 PM | Pre-Registration & Networking

2:00–4:00 PM | Pre-Summit Special Sessions

Creating Connection: Nailing the First 5 Minutes

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Ronen Olshansky

Co-Founder and CEO, Beyond Connection

Gregg Schoenberg

Executive Coach and CEO Advisor

How to Land Your First Board Seat

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Matrice Ellis-Kirk

Chief Executive Officer, Ellis Kirk Group

Emilie Seyfang

Solutions Partner Consultant, Hogan Assessments

Lauren Smith

Managing Partner and Co-Head, Board Practice, DSG Global

Moderated by: Greg Gerson

Founder and CEO, Fusion Search Partners

3:00–4:30 PM | Registration & Networking with Partners, Sponsors & Exhibitors

Opening Remarks

4:30 – 4:40 PM

James Edmund Datri

President & CEO, AESC

Sophie Wigniolle

Global Chair, AESC Board; Partner, Eric Salmon & Partners

The CEO of 2030: Power, Priorities, and Pressure

4:40–5:20 PM

Dr. Keith D. Dorsey

Founder and Executive Advisor, Boardroom Journey;
Senior Advisor, Boyden

Dr. Hise O. Gibson

Professor at the Harvard Business School; Career
Military Officer and Master-Aviator; Board Member

Miranda Pode

Head of North America, Spencer Stuart

Moderated by: Joe Hurd

Non-Executive Director - Lloyd's of London, Trustpilot
Group plc & Hays Group plc; Operating Partner, SOSV

The Shortening Life Cycle of the Modern CEO: Its Impact on Culture and Engagement

5:20 – 6:00 PM

Maral Kazanjian

Chief People Officer, Moody's

Ben Mones

CEO and Founder, Fama

Tanya Moore

Chief People Officer, West Monroe

Darryl Walston

Senior Vice President, People Team, NPR

Moderated by: Jose Ruiz

Chairman, IMD International Search Group;
CEO & Managing Partner, Alder Koten

6:00 – 6:05 PM | AESC Vanguard Award Presentation

Closing Remarks

6:05 – 6:10 PM

James Edmund Datri

President & CEO, AESC

Grand Reception

6:10 – 8:00 PM

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Welcome Remarks by Miranda Pode,
Head of North America, Spencer Stuart

DAY 2 – TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Women in Leadership Breakfast – By Invitation Only

7:30 – 9:00 AM
16th Floor

Jenny Jing Zhu
Founder and Chairwoman, Lush Décor;
Founder, Dream Weavers Foundation

Networking Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 AM

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Panorama

Opening Remarks

9:15 – 9:30 AM

James Edmund Datri
President & CEO, AESC

Sophie Wigniolle
Global Chair, AESC Board; Partner, Eric Salmon & Partners

Fireside Chat with Misha Logvinov

9:30 – 10:15 AM

James Edmund Datri
President & CEO, AESC

Misha Logvinov
CTO and New York Office Lead, MGX

Navigating a New Era: Leadership at a Global Inflection Point

10:15 – 10:55 AM

Olivia White
Director and Senior Partner, McKinsey Global Institute

10:55 – 11:25 AM | Morning Break

The Unified Brand: Aligning Personal Influence, Organizational Identity, and Market Position for Lasting Impact

11:25 AM –
12:05 PM

Greg Boosin
Chief Marketing Officer, Equitable

Rik Haslam
Executive Creative Partner, Brandple

Victoria Lozano
Former Chief Marketing Officer, Crayola

Moderated by: Toni Clayton-Hine
Chief Marketing Officer, EY, Americas

Networking Lunch

12:05 – 1:20 PM

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Operations Leaders Forum Lunch – By Invitation Only

12:05 – 1:20 PM

16th Floor

Jeannine Sommer

Chair, AESC Operations Leaders Forum; Executive Vice President, Search Operations & Quality, and Managing Associate, Corporate and Healthcare, DSG Global

The \$20B Question: Where AI Is Working in Executive Search, and Where It's Quietly Failing

1:20 – 1:45 PM



Ken Vancini

Founder, Innova International

Kelli Vukelic

CEO and Managing Partner, Dux Magna Consulting Corp.

Fireside Chat with Kim Kelleher

1:45 – 2:30 PM

James Edmund Datri

President & CEO, AESC

Kim Kelleher

President and Chief Commercial Officer, AMC Global Media

2:30 – 2:40 PM | AESC Award of Excellence Presentation

Succession Doesn't Stop with the CEO

2:40 – 3:20 PM

Kimberly Fullerton

Consultant, Spencer Stuart

Joel von Ranson

Consultant, Spencer Stuart

Moderated by: Ruth Curran

Consultant, Spencer Stuart; Board Director, AESC

Stand Tall, Start Small: Lessons in Leadership from a Two-Time NBA All-Star

3:20 – 3:55 PM

Roy Hibbert

Legendary Two-Time NBA All-Star; Basketball Analyst, CBS Sports

Closing Remarks

3:55 – 4:00 PM

James Edmund Datri

President & CEO, AESC

VENUE DETAILS



Address

Penthouse Conference Center
320 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022

Information

The Penthouse Conference Center at 320 Park Avenue offers a breathtaking backdrop for the AESC Global Summit on Leadership. Perched high above the city, this sophisticated venue boasts stunning skyline views, an open-air terrace, and thoughtfully designed spaces to foster meaningful connections. Immerse yourself in the vibrant pulse of New York City at this exceptional venue, thoughtfully designed to inspire leadership and spark new ideas. Conveniently located in the heart of New York City, the venue is steps from public transportation, iconic landmarks, and top-tier dining and entertainment, making it easy to explore the city during downtime.

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THINGS TO DO IN & AROUND MIDTOWN MANHATTAN

The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)

Explore one of the world's premier collections of modern and contemporary art. From Van Gogh and Picasso to Warhol and Hockney, MoMA is a must-see for art lovers. The sleek, modern galleries offer inspiration for all ages and tastes.

The Museum of the City of New York

Dive into the city's rich history through exhibitions that cover everything from architecture and fashion to pop culture. It's a fascinating blend of storytelling, photography, and immersive displays—perfect for those wanting to understand the heart of NYC.

Central Park

Just a short walk from Midtown, Central Park offers an oasis of greenery amid the bustling city. Stroll past iconic landmarks like Bethesda Terrace, the Bow Bridge, and the Central Park Zoo, or simply relax by the lakes and gardens.



Rockefeller Center & Top of the Rock Observation Deck

Experience the energy of Midtown from above. The Top of the Rock offers stunning panoramic views of the city skyline, including Empire State Building and Central Park. Don't miss the Rockefeller Plaza, especially if you're visiting during seasonal displays like the holiday tree.

St. Patrick's Cathedral

This iconic Neo-Gothic cathedral is a peaceful retreat in the heart of Midtown. Marvel at the intricate stained glass, soaring arches, and beautifully maintained interior. A must-see for architecture and history enthusiasts.

RESTAURANTS

| Restaurant | Cuisine / Description | Distance | Address |
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| Lex Yard | Contemporary American brasserie inside the Waldorf Astoria Astoria | 3 min walk | Waldorf Astoria Hotel, 301 Park Ave, New York, NY 10022 |
| Yoshoku | Stylish Japanese restaurant in the Waldorf Astoria lobby, known for sashimi, sushi, and Japanese-inspired dishes | 3 min walk | 301 Park Ave, New York, NY 10022 |
| Four Twenty Five, a Jean Georges Restaurant | Upscale New American dining by Jean Georges with a refined menu | 5 min walk | 425 Park Ave, New York, NY 10022 |
| Empellón (Midtown) | Vibrant Mexican-inspired cuisine with creative dishes and cocktails | 6–7 min walk | 510 Madison Ave, New York, NY 10022 |
| Giulietta | Elegant Italian restaurant with refined pasta, seafood, and seasonal fare | 1–2 min walk | 200 Park Ave, New York, NY 10166 |
| Fasano Restaurant New York | Stylish Italian restaurant with an elevated menu and excellent service | 10–12 min walk | 60 E 49th St, New York, NY 10017 |
| Le Bernardin | Iconic French seafood restaurant with 3 Michelin stars and an elegant fine dining experience | 15–18 min walk | 155 W 51st St, New York, NY 10019 |

DID YOU KNOW?

New York has over 100 museums

From world-famous ones like MoMA and the Met to hidden gems like the Tenement Museum and the Museum of the Moving Image, there are many museums for visitors to explore.

The Empire State Building lights change colors

Throughout the year, special occasions are celebrated with themed lighting, from holidays to major events.



Times Square isn't a square

it's actually a bow-shaped intersection of Broadway and Seventh Avenue.

Subway fun fact

The NYC subway is one of the largest in the world, with 472 stations across the five boroughs.



The Flatiron Building is older than it looks

Completed in 1902, it remains one of the most photographed and iconic buildings in Manhattan.

The Lever House was built in 495 days

This iconic International Style skyscraper at 390 Park Avenue was completed in just 495 days (1960–1961) and was one of the first glass curtain-wall buildings in the city, influencing modern office architecture worldwide.

New York City has its own "secret" subway station

The City Hall Station, closed in 1945, is a beautiful stop with vaulted ceilings and tilework, viewable only on special tours.

Broadway is the oldest north-south street in NYC

It follows the path of a Native American trail through Manhattan.

The Plaza Hotel has a hidden wine cellar

It was famous for secret speakeasy parties during Prohibition.

NYC streets aren't all numbered

While Manhattan is famously gridded, neighborhoods like Greenwich Village have winding, historical streets that predate the grid system.

The New York Public Library lions have names

Patience and Fortitude, named for the qualities they were meant to inspire during the Great Depression.

The subway once ran "ghost trains"

Abandoned tracks and stations, like the 42nd Street Shuttle tunnel, were used for filming movies or storage.



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