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MacroMinds Raises \$350,000 to Support Student Education through its 2026 Investment Symposium

Rye, N.Y., June 24th, 2026 – [MacroMinds](#), a foundation launched to support student education, announced that its 2026 investment symposium has raised \$350,000. The event drew 35 sponsors and had 305 engaged attendees. The net proceeds support the important work being done by the event’s three beneficiaries: NYC First, Opportunity Music Project, and 100 Women in Finance.

The full-day event featured Chief Investment Officers and asset management firm founders who oversee substantial amounts of capital across a variety of asset classes and approaches.

Speaking at the event were:

1. Vineer Bhansali, Founder and CIO, Long Tail Alpha
2. Jim Chanos, Founder and Managing Partner, Chanos and Company
3. Ulrike Hoffman-Burchardi, CIO for Global Equities, UBS Wealth Management
4. Greg Lippmann, Founder and CIO, LibreMax Capital
5. Rick Rieder, CIO of Global Fixed Income, BlackRock
6. Ross Stevens, Founder and CEO, Stone Ridge Holdings Group
7. Matthew Weir, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs
8. Joanna Welsh, Chief Risk Officer, Citadel
9. John Zito, Co-President, Apollo Asset Management
10. Val Zlatev, CIO, Analog Century Management

The panel discussions explored critical topics including the outlook for rates and inflation, the drivers of market risk premium levels and finding opportunities on both the long and short side in AI. A further area of focus was on sourcing truly uncorrelated sources of risk and return.

“The panel discussions, unsurprisingly, emphasized the investment implications of artificial intelligence. Our theme for the event was a different kind of AI: *authentic interaction*,” said Dean Curnutt, the Founder of the MacroMinds Foundation. “I’m a deep believer in the power of human connection and collaboration and I’m convinced that there’s tremendous alpha to be unlocked through more engagement among industry participants.”

The MacroMinds initiative has now raised \$2.1 million on behalf of 15 organizations focused on expanding educational opportunities. “This was our best event yet, full stop. We had tremendous participation from our beneficiaries. We were treated to a beautiful musical performance by students of Opportunity Music Project at lunch. NYC First hosted a mini-

robotics competition during the post-event reception. And 100 Women had a great showing of females at various stages of their careers on hand throughout the day. It is truly a privilege to bring members of the finance community together to collaborate and make investments in the education of students," said Dean Curnutt.

NYC FIRST

"NYC FIRST was thrilled to be part of MacroMinds. The impact that the symposium had was significant for us and our community on a number of levels. The financial support from the symposium will greatly advance our mission and vision, bringing joyful, hands-on STEM-based learning to many more young people across New York City. The engagement that our staff and students had with attendees (showing them how to drive a robot) was meaningful. And the thought leadership of the symposium provided stimulating food for thought, as speakers highlighted emerging trends and technologies, as well as the importance of an adaptable workforce with sharpened durable skills. We are excited that NYC FIRST's thousands of alumni are so well placed for this rapidly changing world of work and civic engagement."

Opportunity Music Project

"Being selected as a beneficiary of the 2026 MacroMinds Symposium is a transformative milestone for Opportunity Music Project. This partnership will allow us to expand access to exceptional music education, strengthen our chamber music, orchestral, and private lesson offerings, and serve more students in the year ahead. We are deeply grateful to Dean Curnutt, Katherine Peralta, and the entire MacroMinds community for their commitment to our mission. Their support is an investment not only in our programs, but in the potential of every young musician we serve."

100 Women in Finance

"100 Women in Finance recognizes that finance is a network driven industry, and there are structural gaps that can limit the full participation, representation, and advancement of women. One of those gaps is access to mentoring. That is why we created the LaunchMe Mentoring Program, which helps close this gap by providing women with the guidance, support, and professional connections that are often critical to career advancement. We are grateful to MacroMinds and its community for their support of our mission and their commitment to creating a finance industry where talent and potential are the true drivers of success."

About MacroMinds Foundation

MacroMinds is a registered 501c (3) organization founded in 2019. MacroMinds is devoted to working with organizations that provide educational support to students. The fund-raising vehicle for MacroMinds is a symposium in which finance industry professionals pay to attend and listen to the most prominent investors share their views on the industry, macro economy, and ideas on profitable trades. Utilizing these funds, MacroMinds will partner with highly effective organizations that have a proven record of impacting the lives of students in communities and schools that are socioeconomically disadvantaged.

To learn more, please visit www.macrominds.org.
