




34th Annual Accounting & Financial Reporting Symposium

Future Smart. Forward. Ready.

Our Annual Symposium, a marquee thought-leadership opportunity covering a wide range of hot topics for financial executives, drew a sold-out crowd representing over 350 different organizations at Caesars Palace Las Vegas! The event, held December 4-5, 2024, covered key issues including SEC, FASB and PCAOB updates, cybersecurity, finance transformation, AI, the economy, and tax legislation.


Keynotes



Embracing Resilience: Thriving in Conflict
Evy Poupouras

“Bulletproof Communication Skills”


- Addressed taking the stigma out of confrontation to navigate challenging situations amidst conflict and change.
- Helped us skillfully hold our ground in any setting. Silence in some cases can be power!
- Taught us how to deescalate, empathize, and even collaborate with some of the most challenging of personalities.



Fostering Connection & Wellness in the Future of Work
Mark Ostach

“Courage to Connect”

- Shared meaningful stories to create a culture of connection and belonging in our workplaces.
- Encouraged attendees to gain courage through vulnerability and had the audience laughing, crying and up on our feet.
- Engaged the audience with his activity of “Hello Neighbor” which resonated with everyone in attendance.



Unleashing Exponential Growth: Harnessing the Power of AI and Disruptive Technologies
Salim Ismail

“Exponential Organizations”

- Discussed how companies can leverage technology and strategy to scale rapidly and grow ten times faster than their peers.
- Emphasized the critical role of AI in the evolving business landscape.
- Highlighted practical strategies for cultivating an AI-ready culture that promotes agility and innovation.

Leadership Insights

Scott Flynn, Dana Foote, and Tarek Ebeid shared valuable insights on stage from recent KPMG Surveys and Market Insights.

For insight into U.S. Chief Executives’ mindsets, peruse the [KPMG US CEO Outlook Pulse Survey](#), [Disruption Decoded: Private and Recent IPO Company Outlook](#) and the [KPMG Survey: GenAI Dramatically Shifting How Leaders Are Charting the Course for Their Organizations](#).

Christian Peo shared valuable insights from the PCAOB in an insightful session on Audit Quality.

For more updates on our Audit Quality, please subscribe to our [Audit Quality Report](#).

U.S. Legislation and Tax Policy

In his not to be missed session on Tax Policy, John Gimigliano shared his insights into the New Washington, the political realignment affecting Corporate America, the Tax Cliff of 2025 and some historical perspective into first year tax legislation as we prepare for the various scenarios in front of us, including Pillar Two.

For the latest on this topic, check out the [Catching up on Capitol Hill Podcast](#).

The Economy

In her session, Diane Swonk discussed the economic outlook, focusing on policy shifts and their impact on major sectors, inflation, and rate cuts. The pandemic has caused a surge in global inflation, leading the Federal Reserve to signal a slowdown in rate cuts.

For more detailed insights and for the latest outlook, visit [KPMG Economics](#).

Finance transformation and AI

Karen Schreiber, KPMG US Corporate Services (Finance and HR Transformation) Practice Leader along with panelists from Google, Uber and Fifth Third Bank who lead their respective organizations’ finance transformation efforts shared how technology, and in particular AI, has changed the role of finance professionals.

The panelists also shared other valuable insights such as the key skills and competencies that finance and accounting professionals should develop to thrive in the evolving landscape of F&A roles.

Visit [KPMG Finance and Accounting Advisory](#) to learn more.



Accounting and financial reporting updates

Topics and disclosures receiving increased focus and interest by the FASB and SEC:

- Expense Disaggregation
- Segment Reporting
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Debt & Equity
- Sustainability—California Climate Laws and Interoperability in Reporting
- Income Taxes— Tax Credits and Pillar II



SEC regulatory agenda for public companies

A discussion of key SEC priorities and focus areas including:

- Cybersecurity
- Artificial Intelligence
- Non-GAAP measures included in segment disclosures
- SEC Comment Letter Trends



Private company perspectives

A discussion about the latest FASB Projects and developments including:

- Government Grants
- Software Costs
- Environmental Credit Programs
- Determining the acquirer in the acquisition of a VIE
- Derivatives Scope Refinements
- Hedge Accounting Improvements

Visit [KPMG Financial Reporting View](#) for more insights on these topics.



Technology Assurance and Audit Innovation

- Digital Transformation and Cybersecurity
 - Cybersecurity risks are constantly evolving, and the biggest risks today span across rapid cloud adoption, supply chain focus and AI and automation efforts.
 - The proliferation of digital transformation and reliance on service providers is also increasing the need for third-party assurance, particularly to ensure transparency and mitigate risks.
- A Financial Executive’s Guide to Navigating the AI Journey
 - An interactive session where participants learned that AI leaders are paving the way for an AI-enabled finance function and seeing greater ROI from integrating AI into their financial reporting processes.

Visit [KPMG Technology Assurance](#) and [Generative AI](#) to learn more.



Registration Coming Soon

Join us December 3-4, 2025 for the 35th Annual Accounting & Financial Reporting Symposium!

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