

## ELEVATED PANEL

# How do you invest in the themes of robotics, digitalization, artificial intelligence and big data?

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**Speaker(s):** Peter Button, Richard Lightbound, Matthew Lovatt, Rob Powell

**Presenter:** Simon Weiler

#### Peter Button

CFA, Head of Nectar Lab, Nectar Digital Wealth

Peter Button leads the AI-research and implementation team at Nectar and is one of a rare breed who feels equally at home in the world of asset management and the world of code. He has gained extensive practical experience in investment and asset management in several roles at banks, hedge funds and trading firms over the past 20 years. As an avid programmer he also has the skills to translate this know-how into computer code. Prior to joining Nectar, Peter worked at a global market maker where he applied machine learning to risk management, trading surveillance and compliance. He advocates a reasonable application of AI in wealth management where the reason for portfolio adjustments can be comprehended by traditional finance practitioners.

#### Richard Lightbound

EMEA CEO and Managing Partner, ROBO Global LLC

Richard Lightbound is the EMEA CEO and a Managing Partner of ROBO Global LLC, creator of the first index offering investors the chance to capture the growth opportunities of the robotics, automation and AI revolution. Legal & General Investment Management has partnered with ROBO Global to give investors a liquid, transparent and cost-effective vehicle to access this transformative megatrend.

#### Matthew Lovatt

Global Head of Framlington Equities, AXA Investment Managers

Matthew leads the Framlington Equities business, the fundamental bottom-up expertise of AXA IM. Framlington Equities manages c.\$60bn in assets with 49 investment professionals based in London, Paris and Hong Kong. Prior to his current role, Matthew held the position of Director of Equities where he was responsible for shaping investment process and developing business. Matthew has also led product innovation, including the launch of thematic strategies that have now attracted circa \$6bn in assets. Matthew started his career at Henderson where he was Head of Quantitative Research. Before joining AXA IM Matthew was CEO of Quaestor, a quantitative investment manager. Matthew has over 30 years investment experience and holds a BSc in Economics with Statistics from Bristol University (UK).

#### Rob Powell

CFA, Lead Strategist for iShares Thematic Fund Range, BlackRock

Rob Powell, CFA, is the lead strategist for the iShares Thematic Fund range, his role encompasses business development, product strategy and client communications. He joined BlackRock in January 2015 from Legal & General Investment Management, where he was Product Specialist for the fundamental active equity business focusing on Asian and UK equity income strategies. Prior to this, Rob was a member of the sales team at hedge fund provider, Gartmore. Rob earned a degree in Modern Languages from Newcastle University, and is a CFA Charterholder.

## **Simon Weiler**

Research analyst, e-fundresearch.com Data GmbH

Simon Weiler joined e-fundresearch.com Data GmbH in 2012 as a research analyst and editor focusing on both single fund strategies as well as overall fund market research (e.g. Fund of Funds studies). Additionally, he teaches Finance at the University of Applied Sciences bfi Vienna and is currently pursuing the CFA program. Prior to joining e-fundresearch.com Data GmbH, Simon Weiler worked in M&A advisory at Deloitte and Institutional Portfolio Advisory at Asset Allocation Alpha. Weiler holds an M.A. in International Banking & Finance (UAS bfi Vienna), his thesis "Dynamics of Cross-Border Flow-Performance Relationships" has been recognized through the CFA Austria Prize and Springer's „BestMasters“ award.