

## **Canadian Quantitative and Macro Investment Conference**

Conference
Tuesday, September 16, 2026
One King West Hotel – 1 King St W, Toronto, Ontario M5H 1A1

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Time	Paper & Speaker	Topic
8:00 – 8:30am ET	Breakfast Served	·
8:30 – 8:35am	Welcome and Introduction: Yin Luo, Vice Chairman, Wolfe Research Michael Kouri, Director, Head of Canadian Institutional Sales, Wolfe Res	
8:35 – 9:05am	Phantom Liquidity in Decentralized Lending Andreas Park, Professor of Finance, University of Toronto	DIGITAL ASSETS
9:10 – 9:50am	The Anatomy of Machine Learning-Based Portfolio Performance Philippe Coulombe, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Quebec at Montreal	RISK
9:55 – 10:10am	AM Break	
10:10 – 10:50am	The Global Implied Volatility Surface and Common Predictability of International  Equity Premia  Adlai Fisher, Professor of Finance, University of British Columbia	OPTIONS
10:55 – 11:35am	From Macro (Analyzing Fed Sentiment with LLMs) to Micro (Insider Transactions from Lawmakers) Yin Luo, Vice Chairman, Wolfe Research	MACRO
11:40am – 12:20pm	Generalized Factor Neural Network Model for High-Dimensional Regression Alex Shestopaloff, Statistics Lecturer, Memorial University of Newfoundland	ALPHA
12:25 – 1:10pm	Lunch Break	
1:10 – 1:25pm	Launching the Failure Model – CRACKS: Corporate Risk Assessment and Crash Key Signals Javed Jussa, MD of Quantitative Strategies, Wolfe Research	ALPHA
1:30 – 2:10pm	Learning About Fed Policy from Macro Announcements: A Tale of Two FOMC Days  Zohair Alam, Assistant Professor of Finance, McMaster University	MACRO
2:15 – 2:55pm	Latest Developments in Risk Analytics and Portfolio Construction Hallie Martin, Head of QES Risk Solutions, Wolfe Research	RISK
2:55 – 3:10pm	PM Break	
3:10 – 3:50pm	Multi-Factor Timing with Deep Learning Fred Liu, Assistant Professor of Finance, University of Guelph	ALPHA
3:55 – 4:35pm	Evaluating the Nature of Expense Classifications: Evidence from Labor Costs Nan Li, Assistant Professor of Accounting, University of Toronto	ACCOUNTING
4:40 – 4:45pm	Closing Remarks: Javed Jussa, Head of Quantitative Research and Serv	vices
4:45 – 5:45pm	Cocktail Hour	