

Forbes Asia 100 TO WATCH

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The **Forbes Asia 100 to Watch Forum** was held in Singapore on April 8, 2026. The forum is an extension of the *100 to Watch* list, which spotlights notable small companies and startups on the rise across the Asia-Pacific region.

Under the theme "**Seizing The Momentum**," the event convened founders, CEOs and senior executives from the *100 to Watch* companies, leading VCs, top investors from the region and members of selected Forbes lists. Speakers at the forum shared their ideas and strategies to move beyond market recovery and harness the power of innovative technology to stay ahead.



Highlights from the forum included panel discussions featuring *100 to Watch* list alumni, VCs and founders of unicorn companies.

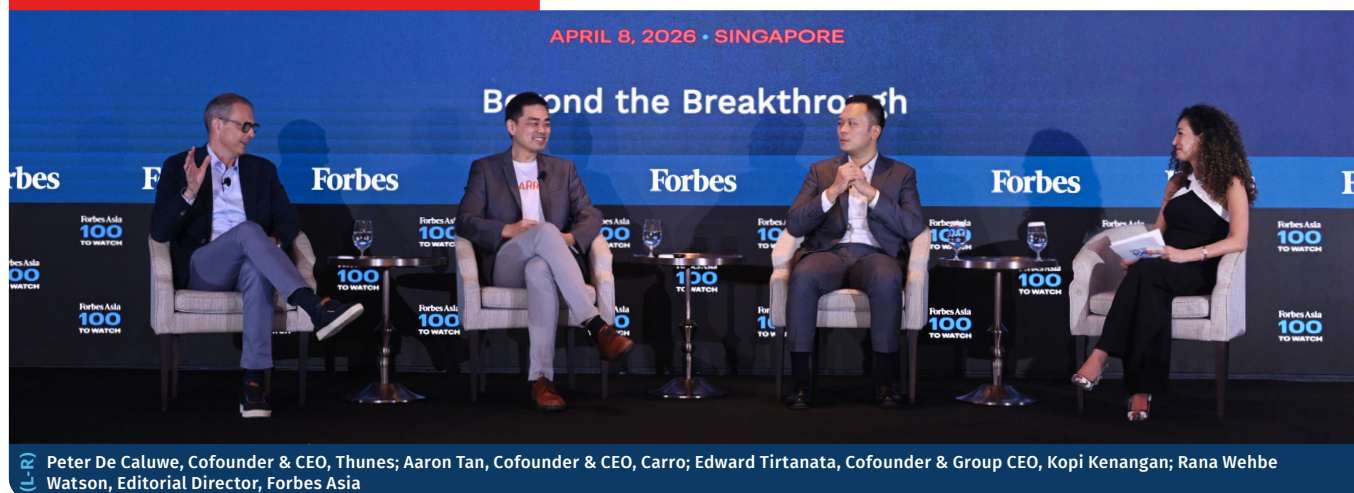
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FedEx Small Business Grant Contest

Selected from the latest *100 to Watch* list, four founders pitched live to a panel of judges.



Conor Madigan
Cofounder & CEO, Aether Fuels



Andrew Minett
Cofounder & CTO, Sicona Battery Technologies



Heidi Wyle
Founder & CEO, Venti Technologies



Su Yang
Cofounder, Linkerbot

The results were announced by Salil Chari, President, Asia Pacific of FedEx.



A conversation between Salil Chari (right) and Rana Wehbe Watson, Editorial Director, Forbes Asia, before the results announcement



Salil Chari with Heidi Wyle, Founder & CEO, Venti Technologies, winner of the FedEx Small Business Grant Contest

Highlights from the Forbes Asia 100 to Watch (Class of 2025) Awards Ceremony

Naazneen Karmali, Executive Editor, Forbes Asia; Shreya Mishra, Cofounder, SolarSquare



Naazneen Karmali; Her Nam-Gu, CEO, Aimed Bio



Naazneen Karmali; Davis Chan, Cofounder & CEO, KPay



Naazneen Karmali; Kempei Monna, CEO, Kauche



Naazneen Karmali; Macy Castillo, Cofounder & CEO, Enstack



Naazneen Karmali; Muhammad Omer Khan, Cofounder, PostEx

The forum provided excellent opportunities for attendees to network and build connections.



(L-R) Grace Tan, Executive Vice President, Singapore Economic Development Board; William Adamopoulos, CEO, Forbes Media Asia; Salil Chari, President, Asia Pacific, FedEx



(L-R) George Raymond Zage III, Founder & CEO, Tiga Investments; Ray Ferguson, Board Chairman & Independent Non-Executive Director, SingLife



(L-R) Nicolas Tabardel, Investment Director, ANB Investment; Conor Madigan, Co-founder & CEO, Aether Fuels; Randy Duax, MD, Stagwell



(L-R) Roy Quek, Chairman, Ascensus Health Group; Tan Min Han, Founding CEO & Medical Director, Lucence; Denise Lee, Director, Ardent Investment Partners; Adrian Ang, Co-founder & CEO, Aevice Health



(L-R) Abdulla Ali Al-Marri, Head of QIA Advisory, Asia Pacific, Qatar Investment Authority; Lim Cheng Khai, Executive Director – Financial Markets Development, Monetary Authority of Singapore



(L-R) Michael Budiman, Co-founder, Head of Sales and Distribution, BRIK; David Gowdey, Managing Partner, Jungle Ventures; Francis Anugrah, Co-founder & CEO, BRIK; Rachel Ran Li, Gas Trader, Ampol; Takuma Honda, Co-CEO, Oceanic Constellations



(L-R) Ilya Kravtsov, Co-founder, Ringkas; Brian M Go, Chief Finance and Risk Officer, JG Summit Holdings; Andrew Kandolha, Co-founder, Saturdays



(L-R) Daniel Yu, Co-founder & CEO, MetAI; Candice Su, Chief of Staff, MetAI; Raquel Sim, Franchise Manager, Bacha Coffee; Lee G Ping, Vice President, Quantitative Research, Quantedge Capital



(L-R) Ong Zhang Quan, Co-founder & Group COO, Sleek EV; Masaaki Hamada, MD, Asuene; Suthipak Chirathivat, Advisory Member, Executive Committee, Central Group of Companies, Executive Director, Central Pattana

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