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Nicolas Miailhe is the co-founder and President of "The Future Society at Harvard Kennedy School" under which he also co-founded and leads the "AI Initiative". A recognized strategist, social entrepreneur, and thought-leader, he advises multinationals, governments and international organizations.

Nicolas is a Senior Visiting Research Fellow with the Program on Science, Technology and Society (STS) at HKS. His work centers on the governance of emerging technologies. He also specializes in urban innovation and civic engagement. Nicolas has ten years of professional experience in emerging markets such as India, working at the nexus of innovation, high technology, government, industry and civil society. Before joining Harvard, he was Regional Director South Asia at Safran Sagem, the world leader in aerospace, defense and security. An Arthur Sachs Scholar, Nicolas holds a Master in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He also holds a Master in Geostrategy and Industrial Dynamics from Pantheon-Assas University in Paris and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Sciences from Sciences Po Strasbourg.

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Richard De Sousa is Managing Director of Europe & Americas at ReMark International, the world leader in insurance direct marketing and a key part of SCOR Global Distribution Solutions.

Richard began his career as an entrepreneur and partner in two companies in Canada. After completing an MBA in Finance, Richard joined ReMark in 2008 and has been responsible for development and growth in some of ReMark's most dynamic and challenging markets in Europe, Latin America and North America.

From auto-underwriting solutions to e-health platforms, Richard's expert understanding of market forces and consumer behaviour ensures ReMark's clients – and their customers – benefit from technological solutions which create seamless customer journeys for a better experience on the pathway to purchase.



WILL THORNE

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Will Thorne is responsible for Channel's innovation initiatives, including new product and distribution development. Channel's Innovation team looks at how new thinking and new technology can help insurance respond more directly to the problems that our clients face, using a collaborative approach to product development.

Will joined the Channel Syndicate in 2012 following three years spent at Omega Insurance and has an underwriting background in a variety of different classes. He is also involved in several insurtech industry initiatives, including sitting on the UK Treasury/Tech City Fintech Delivery panel.

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Cécile Wendling is the head of foresight at AXA, working on long-term topics of strategic importance for the group. She is also an associate researcher and sociologist at the Centre de sociologie des organisations (CNRS-Sciences Po Paris).

Her main topics include: the future of data privacy, ethics of algorithms, blockchain, cybersecurity and Artificial intelligence, among others. Cecile Wendling teaches foresight, the sociology of risks and crisis management in various universities.

RICHARD HARTLEY

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Richard Hartley is a co-founder and CEO of Cytora, a technology startup that leverages new data sources and machine learning to enable insurers to write more premium at superior loss ratios. Cytora was incubated at the Judge Business School and was spun out of the University of Cambridge.

Previously, Richard worked in product management at eBaoTech in Shanghai - a core system technology vendor. Today, Cytora works with world-leading insurers to deliver data and insight across the underwriting lifecycle in Europe and North America.

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