

**40th World Petrochemical Conference to Discuss Outlook & Recovery  
For Global Chemical Markets**

*Global forum to focus on 'Investing for Market Growth and A Low Carbon Future'*

**HOUSTON** (February 27, 2025) – Celebrating 40 years of sharing unmatched market intelligence and convening top thinkers across the industry, the annual **World Petrochemical Conference (WPC)** by S&P Global returns to Houston from March 17 to 21, 2025, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel located downtown.

At this gathering of more than 550 leading companies in the global chemical industry, more than 200 speakers and close to 1500 attendees representing 53 different countries, notable thought leaders will converge to discuss the chemical industry at a critical juncture today – building on its key learnings from the past four decades and looking ahead to building a sustainable future.

**Mark Eramo, Co-President, S&P Global Commodity Insights, said,** "We are pleased to celebrate WPC's 40 years as the industry's leading platform for critical debate and constructive dialogue to drive innovation, enhance understanding and contribute to solutions for the chemical sector's most pressing challenges. Today, the industry stands at a crossroads and is poised for continued change, amid a backdrop of shifting global trade policy and a tough commercial environment, while navigating ambitious climate goals and sustainability regulations. Our esteemed speakers and experts will discuss the key trends shaping the global chemical industry in the years ahead and provide much needed insights for your business and the marketplace. We hope you will join us for WPC's 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration and an enlightening exploration of the past, present and future of the petrochemical industry."

**WPC's Key Highlights include:****Executive Conference** (March 18) – through the day

- Executive Session: 40 Years of Innovation Enabling the Path to a Sustainable, Low-Carbon Future
- Fireside Chat - Chemicals Leading the Way to a Lower Carbon Economy
- Executive Panel: Energy and Material Transition Impact on Chemical Industry
- Executive Panel: Electoral Shift and Policy Impact on World Outlook
- Executive Panel: Sustainable Financing: The New Catalyst for the Petrochemical Industry
- Executive Panel: Securing Feedstocks for a Low Carbon Future
- Executive Panel: Supply Chain Disruptions and Evolving Trade Dynamics
- Executive Session: Global Chemical Industry Outlook - Markets in Recovery?

**Wednesday Tracks** (March 19) – Concurrent

- Olefins, Polymers and Derivatives: Grow by anticipating market dynamics in a low carbon future
- Aromatics, Fibers and Derivatives: Is the energy transition beneficial or harmful for aromatics? Or both?
- Methanol & Ammonia and the Low Carbon Transition: Navigating the Future – Market Dynamics and Opportunities in Ammonia and Methanol
- Feedstocks and Integration: Feedstocks of the Future: Shifting to heavier and lower-carbon intensive

**Thursday Tracks** (March 20) – Concurrent

- Specialty Chemicals - Creating the Future
- Plastics and the Circular Economy – The Journey Towards a Circular Plastic Industry: Drivers, Initiatives and Progress

- Innovation & Emerging Technologies – Sustainable Innovation Driving Chemical Transformation and Growth
- Global Dynamics Reshaping Supply Chains - Supply Chains Driven by Geopolitics, Changing Trade Dynamics & Energy Transition
- Carbon Markets - Unlock the Future of Petrochemicals

#### Friday Regional Spotlights (March 21) – Concurrent

- China - How will the chemical industry in China manage the investments needed to meet both future demand and the country's ambitious net-zero targets?
- Latin America - Petrochemical Industry (next 40 years) driven by passion for innovation and sustainability

#### **WPC 2025 Speakers include:**

- Abdulrahman Al-Fageeh, CEO, SABIC
- Jim Fitterling, Chair and CEO, Dow
- Gina Fyffe, CEO, Integra Petrochemicals PTE Ltd
- Peter Huntsman, Chairman, President and CEO, Huntsman
- Mazuin Ismail, Managing Director/ CEO, PETRONAS Chemicals Group Berhad
- Chris Jahn, President and CEO, American Chemistry Council
- Ilham Kadri, CEO, Syensqo
- Roger Kearns, President and CEO, NOVA Chemicals Corporation
- Udo Lange, CEO, Stolt-Nielsen M.S Ltd
- Nikhil Meswani, Executive Director and Member of the Board, Reliance Industries Ltd
- Navanit Narayan, Wholetime Director and CEO, Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd
- Steve Prusak, President and CEO, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP
- Peter Vanacker, CEO, LyondellBasell Industries NV

#### **S&P Global Speakers & Experts:**

- Daniel Yergin, Vice Chairman, S&P Global
- Mark Eramo, Co-President, S&P Global Commodity Insights
- Carlos Pascual, Senior Vice President, Geopolitics & International Affairs, S&P Global Commodity Insights
- Tony Potter, Chemicals, Derivatives, Plastics & Materials Lead, S&P Global Commodity Insights
- Kurt Barrow, Head of Oil, Fuels & Chemicals, S&P Global Commodity Insights
- Atul Arya, Chief Energy Strategist, S&P Global Commodity Insights
- Satyam Panday, U.S. Chief Economist, S&P Global Ratings
- Olivier Maronneaud, Global Analytics Lead, Methanol & Plastic Circularity, S&P Global Commodity Insights
- Ravivenkatesh Narayanaswamy, Vice President, Oil, Fuels & Chemicals Research, S&P Global Commodity Insights
- Rahul Kapoor, Head of Shipping Analytics & Research, S&P Global Commodity Insights
- Jim Burkhard, Head of Research for Oil Markets, Energy & Mobility, S&P Global Commodity Insights
- Garrie Li, Chemical Insights APAC Lead, S&P Global Commodity Insights

View the complete list of [speakers](#) and the latest [agenda](#).

#### **Registration information**

WPC will be held at the [Marriott Marquis Houston Hotel](#) from March 17-21, 2025. For further information and to register, visit <https://wpc.spglobal.com/about/registration.html>

## **Media accreditation and passes**

Members of the media interested in covering WPC 2025 are required to apply for accreditation and should email [pressCI@spglobal.com](mailto:pressCI@spglobal.com).

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