

McROCK Industrial Software SYMPOSIUM 2026

May 20, 2026
Montreal Science Centre, Montreal, Canada



The Rise of Industrial AI - AGENDA

1:00 – 1:15 pm	Opening Remarks <i>Whitney Rockley & Scott MacDonald</i> - Co-founders, McRock Capital
1:15 – 1:45 pm	Keynote - The Data Foundation Beneath the Industrial AI Revolution <i>Jim Lambe</i> - Vice President & General Manager Canada, Databricks
1:45 – 2:10 pm	Panel: Connectivity to Cognition: Who's Actually Building the New Industrial Stack <i>Martin Cossette</i> , Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategy, Bell <i>Bruce Stamm</i> , Strategic Advisor, AI and Data, FPT <i>Nick Vandivere</i> , Chief Innovation Officer, IFS Nexus Black <i>Amit Chaturvedy</i> , Global Head & Managing Partner, SE Ventures Moderator: Udit Bhatnagar , Partner, McRock Capital
2:10 – 2:35 pm	Fireside Chat - Charting an AI Native Culture <i>Joel Hron</i> , Chief Technology Officer, Thomson Reuters <i>Ha Nguyen</i> , Partner, McRock Capital
2:35 – 3:00 pm	Panel: The First Autonomous Factory: Who Gets There First? <i>Jignesh Vakharia</i> , Corporate Development Leader, Autodesk <i>Philipp Wehn</i> , Co-founder & CEO, Nexxa.ai <i>Adam Keating</i> , Co-founder & CEO, CoLab <i>Sam Nagar</i> , Founder, Terragrit Moderator: Udit Bhatnagar , Partner, McRock Capital
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Networking Break
3:30 – 3:55 pm	Panel: Humans vs Autonomy: The Tradeoffs No One Wants to Say Out Loud <i>Zack Birky</i> , Senior Investment Manager, Caterpillar Ventures <i>Carla Robinson</i> , Senior Investment Analyst, CI Global Asset Management <i>James Neufeld</i> , CEO & Founder, Samdesk <i>Ankur Saxena</i> , Investment Director, TDK Ventures Moderator: Ha Nguyen , Partner, McRock Capital
3:55 – 4:20 pm	Fireside Chat - Buying into the Industrial AI Era <i>David Hindley</i> - VP, Corporate Development, Autodesk <i>Scott MacDonald</i> , Co-founder & Managing Partner, McRock Capital
4:20 – 4:25 pm	Recap <i>Whitney Rockley</i> - Co-founder, Managing Partner, McRock Capital
4:25 – 4:40 pm	McRock Industrial Software Award Ceremony
4:40 – 5:15 pm	Special Guests - Drive to Thrive with Mayer, Decklan, Tanya & Clive Deonarine
5:15 – 6:30 pm	Networking Reception