



Rohit Talwar

AUTHOR · FUTURIST

Most organisations can name the technologies that will disrupt them. Very few have a structured way to decide which to act on, when, and how fast. The gap between awareness of change and the capability to respond to it is where strategy fails. Leaders who can scan the horizon accurately but cannot translate that into decisions are as exposed as those who aren't looking at all.

Rohit Talwar is a global futurist and CEO of Fast Future who helps organisations move from awareness of technological disruption to structured, human-centred strategies for responding to it.

Rohit Talwar's 2026 Biography

Why organisations work with Rohit Talwar

- His “Very Human Future” argument that the central strategic task is keeping human outcomes at the centre of AI and technology adoption, not merely managing adoption itself gives leadership teams a framing that is both commercially grounded and defensible at board level.
- He edits and contributes to multi-author research books that aggregate the work of 60+ futurists and practitioners across a single question; this publishing model means his content draws on current collective intelligence rather than a single perspective frozen at a point in time.
- As Co-Chair of the UK Node of The Millennium Project, he sits inside a global futures research network. His material reflects active scenario-building methodology, not retrospective trend commentary.
- He builds entire talks around sector-specific strategic implications: financial services, aviation, local economies, rather than delivering a generic future-of-technology keynote with surface-level industry references.
- Ranked among the Global Gurus Top 30 Futurist Professionals for 2025, he is a verifiably credentialed figure in an industry where credibility is difficult to assess.

Biography highlights

- CEO and founder of Fast Future, a foresight research, publishing, and advisory firm
- Editor or lead contributor to more than eight books including *A Very Human Future*, *Beyond Genuine Stupidity: Ensuring AI Serves Humanity*, and *The Future of Business*
- Co-Chair of the UK Node of The Millennium Project, a global futures research organisation
- Ranked in the Global Gurus Top 30 Futurist Professionals for 2025;

AVAILABLE FOR

- Moderating and Emcee
- Panel Participation
- Speaking
- Training and Workshops

ROHIT'S SPEAKING THEMES

- Artificial Intelligence & Generative AI
- Business Strategy & Growth
- Digital Transformation
- Economic Trends & Global Markets
- Future of Technology
- Innovation & Disruption
- Scenario Planning & Strategic Foresight

LANGUAGES: English

previously profiled by *The Independent* as a top 10 global futurist

- MBA from London Business School; BA in Electronics and Computer Science from the University of Keele; early career at British Telecom on AI research and at Andersen Consulting
- Delivered more than 1,500 keynotes and workshops across 70+ countries on six continents; regular contributor to international news networks on technology and innovation

Biography

Fast Future is not a typical consultancy. Rohit Talwar built it as a research and publishing operation, an ongoing mechanism for aggregating the work of futurists, practitioners, and emerging thinkers into books and advisory frameworks. That structural choice shapes the quality of what he brings to a leadership conversation.

His central argument, developed across titles including *A Very Human Future* and *Beyond Genuine Stupidity: Ensuring AI Serves Humanity*, is specific: the question organisations are not asking clearly enough is not whether to adopt AI, but what kind of organisation they want to be when the adoption is complete. Strategy that treats AI as a technical problem consistently misses the governance, cultural, and human-capital decisions that determine whether the investment pays off.

Talwar holds an MBA from London Business School and began his career in AI research at British Telecom before moving into management consulting. His foresight work is grounded in structured methodology: he serves as Co-Chair of the UK Node of The Millennium Project, a global futures research body, and brings scenario-building rigour to topics that, in other hands, often remain speculative. The Global Gurus research organisation ranked him among the Top 30 Futurist Professionals for 2025.

The effect on senior audiences evidenced consistently across client feedback is a specific one: not inspiration, but productive disruption of existing strategic assumptions. His talks are built to destabilise complacent planning rather than to validate it.

Key speaking topics

- Artificial intelligence and exponential technologies
- Strategic foresight and scenario planning
- Human-centred responses to digital transformation
- Business model innovation in the face of disruption
- Global megatrends and drivers of change
- The future of financial services and fintech
- Long-range futures and organisational resilience

Ideal for

- Executive leadership teams and boards stress-testing long-range strategy
- Chief Strategy Officers and Chief Innovation Officers building foresight capability
- Financial services leadership navigating AI and platform disruption
- Conference and association audiences in technology, aviation, professional services, and public sector

Audience outcomes

- A structured vocabulary for discussing AI strategy that goes beyond adoption and automation
- Practical scenario-thinking tools that can be applied directly in strategy workshops
- Clearer understanding of which emerging technologies require immediate strategic response versus longer-horizon monitoring
- A sharper framing of the organisational and human-capital implications of accelerating technological change
- Reduced gap between awareness of disruption and the leadership confidence to act on it

Rohit Talwar's 2026 talks & topics

A Very Human Future

Explores how organisations and their leaders can place human outcomes at the centre of technology adoption strategy, drawing on Talwar's book of the same title.

Key takeaways:

- Why the dominant AI adoption frameworks systematically underweight governance and human-capital decisions
- Practical steps for building an organisational culture that can absorb and direct rapid technological change
- A leadership checklist for evaluating whether emerging technology investments serve stated organisational values

Global Megatrends / Drivers of Change

Maps the economic, political, environmental, and technological forces most likely to reshape organisations over the next three to ten years, and draws out the strategic decisions that cannot be deferred.

Key takeaways:

- A clear-eyed picture of which global forces are accelerating versus plateauing, and why the difference matters strategically
- Insight into how macro shifts are already reshaping business models across sectors
- A framework for distinguishing signal from noise in a high-volume information environment

The Futurist Leader

Teaches current and emerging leaders the structured thinking habits of a futurist – applied to the

practical challenge of future-proofing their organisations and careers.

Key takeaways:

- Specific tools for anticipating emerging risks before they become operational crises
 - Approaches to future-focused strategy and capability development that do not require specialist foresight teams
 - A replicable method for embedding longer-range thinking into standard leadership practice
-

Exponential Technologies

Explains the mechanics and strategic implications of AI, blockchain, quantum computing, and related technologies for non-specialist leadership audiences.

Key takeaways:

- A working understanding of key exponential technologies and why their pace of development is strategically significant
 - Organisational implications by technology, including risks, competitive threats, and growth opportunities
 - Guidance on accelerating internal learning and structured experimentation without high-cost infrastructure
-

The Future of Identity, Money, and Financial Services

Examines how AI and blockchain are restructuring identity, money, and financial services over a five-to-twenty-year horizon.

Key takeaways:

- A clear map of technology-driven disruption scenarios across financial services verticals
- Strategic preparation frameworks for institutions operating on planning cycles shorter than the rate of change
- Insight into emerging competitors, new market structures, and the regulatory environment likely to emerge

Rohit Talwar's Videos



What Rohit Talwar's clients say

We were delighted you could make it – your keynote was absolutely outstanding, and I have never seen a reaction like that from an audience, and we have had some great speakers at our events down the years like Simon Woodroffe, Gerald Ratner, and most recently Richard Reed from Innocent Smoothies. Your presentation received an extraordinary response from delegates with many saying it was the best they had ever seen. You were mobbed! Thanks again for all your effort and collaboration to make the presentation the perfect fit for the audience/event.

Dan Coleman

Event Director, Future Travel Experience

Dear Rohit, I'd like to express our sincere thanks and most heartfelt appreciation for your excellent presentation at the Middle East Duty Free Conference last week in Abu Dhabi. The delegate feedback we have received on you is also nothing short of outstanding. We greatly appreciated your commitment to the conference theme and the way you responded to the brief – it was spot on. Not only was your presentation informative and provided real learning experience, you also delivered it in a truly entertaining manner keeping delegates on the edge of their seats throughout.

Michael Barrett

Conference & Research Manager, Tax Free World Association

Rohit Talwar is a revelation. Why is he not on our television screens every night? He is easily one of the most thought provoking presenters I have seen and authors that I have read. He challenges everything that we assume about technology and work, and has an incredible ability to draw non-intuitive insights from what is happening now and what might happen in the future. Rohit kindly agreed to be a keynote speaker at our annual fintech event. The feedback was universally positive. Many of our guests said that they went home and tore up their assumptions and IT strategies, and started again. What more can you ask for?

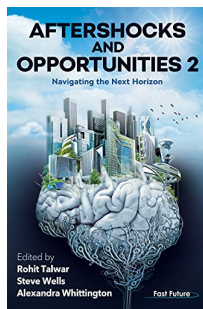
Cliff Moyce

Global Head of Finance Practice, DataArt

ROHIT'S LATEST BOOKS



Aftershocks And Opportunities: Scenarios for a Post-Pandemic Future



Aftershocks and Opportunities 2: Navigating the Next Horizon

Rohit Talwar's 2026 speaking fees

Specific fees fall within the ranges shown. These are presented as a guide only and are subject to change without notice.

	EUR	GBP	USD
Home Country	€12000 to €40000	£10,001 - £35,000	\$15000 - \$50000
Asia Pacific	€12000 to €40000	£10,001 - £35,000	\$15000 - \$50000
Europe	€12000 to €40000	£10,001 - £35,000	\$15000 - \$50000
Middle East & Africa	€12000 to €40000	£10,001 - £35,000	\$15000 - \$50000
South America	€12000 to €40000	£10,001 - £35,000	\$15000 - \$50000
United Kingdom	€12000 to €40000	£10,001 - £35,000	\$15000 - \$50000

US East Coast	€12000 to €40000	£10,001 - £35,000	\$15000 - \$50000
US West Coast	€12000 to €40000	£10,001 - £35,000	\$15000 - \$50000
Virtual	€12000 to €40000	£10,001 - £35,000	\$15000 - \$50000