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A warm welcome to WORKTECH26 Zurich

WORKTECH is the fastest growing forum for all those involved in the future of work and the workplace as well as real estate, technology and innovation.

You are invited to join over 100 senior professionals for an insightful program of peer-to-peer discussions and thought leadership sessions with workplace visionaries, exploring the changing landscape of work and the purpose of the workplace.

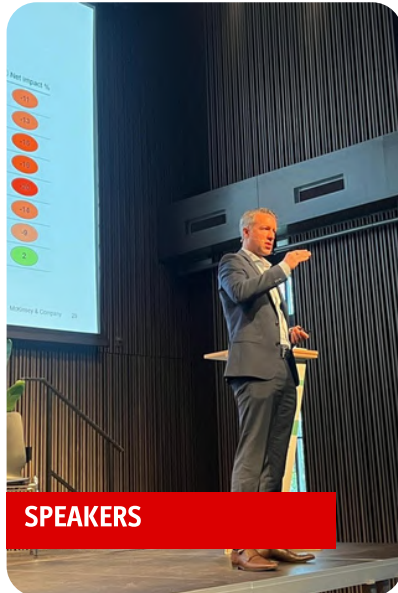
Our agenda will explore transformative shifts in work culture, technology integration, and employee expectations. Join us to gain perspectives from industry leaders and thought pioneers, on the evolving world of work in 2026.

We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to welcoming you to the event at Microsoft Zurich - The Circle on 30th September.

Warmest regards,

Samantha

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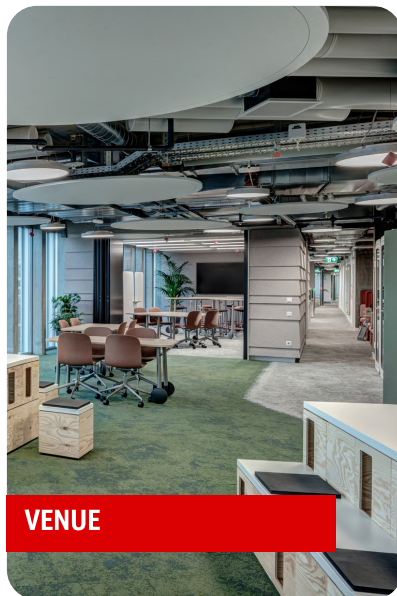
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MEET THE SPEAKERS



WORKTECH26 Zurich will attract some of the biggest and brightest names to debate, discuss, and divulge the latest thinking on the future of work and the workplace.

The conference will feature leading international thinkers from industry and academia. Our speakers represent some of the world's biggest brands and best universities and research departments, alongside radical visionaries from new innovative organisations.

Through interdisciplinary speakers and learning experiences, we focus on bringing cutting edge ideas and inspiration to the workplace community to enhance creativity and move thinking forward. Instead of focusing on peer to peer innovation through imitation, we aim to curate a unique programme, bringing together experts in the fields of people, place and technology and relevant adjacencies to reflect on the future of work and workplace.

Alongside the conference series, the WORKTECH Academy knowledge hub explores the future of work through six key themes: people, place, technology, design, culture and innovation. Creating leading commentary, research and publications that places scientific research at the heart of key business problems. www.worktechacademy.com

Full list of speakers

Peter Baumann **SAP**
Sinem Beaujean **Sedus**
Susannah Burock **Susannah Burock Consulting**
Fanny Fayal **Lombard Odier**
Malou von Gleichenstein **SOA Soundarchitecture**
Ulrike Gruber-Gremlich **Microsoft**
Nina Indina **ETH**
Mark Jenkins **SIX Group**
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Jan Medřický **Microsoft**
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Elvis Pidic, Bühler Group



Jan Medřický, Microsoft



Nicolas Rogemond, Lombard Odier



AI in the Flow of Human Ambition

Jan Medřický, AI Business Solutions Sales Lead, Microsoft

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Transforming a 160-year-old Industrial Site into an Innovation Campus for the Future of Work

Elvis Pidic, Head Group Architecture & Real Estate Management, Bühler Group

This session explores how Bühler transformed its 160-year-old industrial site from a traditional manufacturing campus into a vibrant innovation hub for the future of work. Starting with a deep understanding of how people actually use spaces, the project reimagined the site as a small city, enriching it with learning, research, health, dining, innovation, and social destinations. The transformation has strengthened employee experience, collaboration, innovation, and employer attractiveness while staying true to the values and culture of a global family-owned company.



Driving AI Adoption at Scale - How Swiss Re Is Turning Experimentation into Enterprise Value

Gabriel Schaepman, Vice President, Talent & Culture, Swiss Re

AI investment is accelerating, but the real challenge is embedding it into the everyday habits, decisions and workflows that drive lasting business value. In this fireside chat, Gabriel Schaepman shares how Swiss Re is fostering a culture of experimentation to accelerate AI adoption across the organisation. From empowering a multigenerational workforce and overcoming resistance to change, to developing innovative use cases that enhance communication, coaching and decision-making, discover how a people-first approach is helping transform AI from a technology initiative into a catalyst for enterprise-wide innovation, productivity and measurable impact.

08:30 | WORKTECH26 ZURICH CONFERENCE OPENS

09:00 | CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS

Ulrike Gruber-Gremlich, **Senior Go-to-Market Leader, Microsoft**
 Susannah Burock, **Founder, Susannah Burock Consulting**



09:10 | STATE OF THE MARKET: AUDIENCE PULSE SURVEY

Kick off the day by examining the forces driving change in workplaces today. This dynamic discussion will set the scene, surface key challenges, and explore emerging trends and strategic insights, offering a shared perspective on the future of work and the opportunities that lie ahead.

THEME: THE INTELLIGENT WORKPLACE: REDEFINING WORK IN THE AGE OF AI

09:15 | AI IN THE FLOW OF HUMAN AMBITION

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09:40 | AGENTIC AI IN PRACTICE: PREPARING THE WORKFORCE FOR AN AI-DRIVEN FUTURE

Orsolya Kovacs-Ondrejko, **Partner, Associate Director, People Strategy & HR, Boston Consulting Group**



While the potential of agentic AI is clear, turning strategy into reality requires organisations to rethink work, skills and operating models. This session combines new research on AI's impact on the workforce with practical examples and stories from leading companies. We will explore which activities are most likely to be automated, key success factors and mistakes to avoid when redesigning work around agents, and the role HR should play in enabling successful transformation.

10:00 | FROM TOOL ADOPTION TO WORK HABIT CHANGE: LESSONS FROM SCALING AI IN A REGULATED ENTERPRISE

Mark Jenkins, **Head Digital Workspace, Executive Director, SIX Group**



When SIX introduced Microsoft 365 Copilot to 4,500 employees, we expected technology deployment to be the primary adoption challenge. It wasn't. Despite extensive training, role-based learning, communications and communities, we learned that access alone does not create adoption. Employees embrace AI when they understand how it helps them in their own work. This session shares lessons from scaling AI in a highly regulated financial-services organisation, including how to build relevance, encourage new work habits, and sustain adoption through continuous learning, reinforcement and responsible AI enablement.

10:25 | NETWORKING & COFFEE BREAK

THEME - THE FUTURE WORKPLACE ECOSYSTEM: TECHNOLOGY, SPACE & HUMAN IMPACT

11:00 | EXPERT PANEL: SCALING WORKPLACE INTELLIGENCE — FROM FRAGMENTED SIGNALS TO STRATEGIC DECISIONS

Moderator: Philip Tidd, **Managing Director, Principal, Gensler**
 Alex Wilkins, **Global Lead, Real Estate Transactions, Roche**
 Peter Baumann, **Global Head of Strategy & Planning, SAP**

The workplace has changed—so why are we still using old KPIs to measure success? This future-focused panel gathers bold thinkers from banking, pharma, tech, insurance, and aerospace to explore how high-performing companies are redefining what they measure and why. From ESG and DEI to digital transformation and hybrid culture, discover how these leaders are turning people data into strategic power. Expect practical insights, cross-functional takeaways, and a sharp debate on what matters most in the new world of work. If you measure anything in 2025, make it this.



11:30 | TRANSFORMING A 160-YEAR-OLD INDUSTRIAL SITE INTO AN INNOVATION CAMPUS FOR THE FUTURE OF WORK

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11:50 | EXPERT PANEL: ELEVATING COLLABORATION & EMPLOYEE EXPERIENCE THROUGH WORKPLACE TECHNOLOGY

Speakers to be announced

This panel explores the cutting-edge technologies shaping the modern workplace—tools that enhance collaboration, elevate the employee experience, and boost productivity. Industry leaders will share how integrated AV solutions, digital collaboration platforms, and workplace analytics are transforming physical and virtual spaces into seamless, engaging environments that empower employees to perform at their best. Attendees will gain practical insights on leveraging these innovations to build more connected, agile, and high-performing teams while delivering an exceptional workplace experience.

12:20 | SESSION TO BE ANNOUNCED

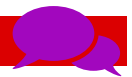
Speakers and session details to be announced

12:40 | DESIGNING MINDFUL WORKPLACES FOR BELONGING, PERFORMANCE AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Sinem Beaujean, **Global Engagement Strategist, Sedus**



12:45 | AUDIENCE INTERACTION



12:55 | NETWORKING & LUNCH BREAK

STREAM ONE | AI DEEP-DIVE: INTELLIGENT WORKFLOWS & DIGITAL PRODUCTIVITY

13:55 | THE VALUE EQUATION: COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE WORKSHOP

Susannah Burock, **Founder, Susannah Burock Consulting**



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14:50 | DRIVING AI ADOPTION AT SCALE - HOW SWISS RE IS TURNING EXPERIMENTATION INTO ENTERPRISE VALUE

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15:10 | THE DECISION DENSITY CRISIS: WHAT AGENTIC AI CREATES AS HUMAN CHALLENGE IN ORGANIZATIONS

Sylvain Rottier, **CEO & Co-Founder,**
MindMarqs



Agentic AI is not eliminating work — it is changing and further compressing it. As AI absorbs execution, what remains for humans is structurally different: overseeing more tasks, higher stakes, faster cadence. Meanwhile, the average knowledge worker's attention span has collapsed from 2.5 minutes to 47 seconds, and is still falling. Research shows that the more we trust AI, the less we engage our thinking. Tech psychologist Sylvain Rottier, who led one of the world's first large-scale robotics deployments, names the change-management challenge most organisations are starting to observe, and shows what cognitive readiness looks like and how to build it.

STREAM TWO | WORKPLACE DESIGN DEEP-DIVE: DESIGNING THE ADAPTIVE ENTERPRISE

13:55 | THE VALUE EQUATION: COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE WORKSHOP

Key Kawamura, **Co-Founder,** **Studio Banana**



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14:50 | 1ROOF: THE EARLY JOURNEY OF A SMART AND SUSTAINABLE BUILDING

Nicholas Rogemond, **Executive Vice President, Head Buildings & Facility Management,** **Lombard Odier**
Fanny Fayol, **Smart Building Manager,** **Lombard Odier**



In operation since July 2025, 1Roof, the headquarters of the Lombard Odier Bank located in Bellevue (GE), is a state-of-the art building in terms of sustainability and smart building technologies. This presentation will walk you through the early journey of this architectural landmark and will present our (early) learnings from operating such a building.

15:10 | FROM WORKMODE TO WORKMOOD – SOUNDARCHITECTURE FOR THE EMOTIONAL ADAPTIVE ENTERPRISE

Malou von Gleichenstein, **Co-Founder,** **SOA Soundarchitecture**



Sound is still an innovation in workplace design, yet it has a powerful impact on how people work, interact and feel.

The session explores how sound can move beyond noise control to become a strategic tool for wellbeing, performance and emotional adaptive workplace design, connecting practical design decisions with the principles of WELL Building. Drawing on a case study with a leading German auditing firm, SOA Soundarchitektur explores how sound can support different modes of work from focused and quiet work to communication and collaboration while shaping the mood and experience of each space.

15:30 | NETWORKING & COFFEE BREAK

THEME - BUILDING THE NEXT-GENERATION ORGANISATION

16:00 | ZOOMING OUT OF TECH

Nina Indina, **Program Director,** **Digital Twin, VP Infrastructure & Sustainability,** **ETH Zurich**



What makes change actually stick? This session zooms out from technology to explore what happens around it: how we listen before solving, follow through when momentum fades, shift narratives, find leverage points and build capabilities that last. Drawing on what worked, what stalled and what surprised along the way, Nina offers a set of perspectives and provocations — not as answers, but as hypotheses to challenge, discuss and develop further.

16:20 | THE COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE DEBRIEF: HUMAN + AI

Key Kawamura, **Co-Founder, Studio Banana**

Susannah Burock, **Senior Consultant, Susannah Burock Consulting**

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The day's conversations come together in this interactive closing session. Returning to the stage, the facilitators will reveal the key insights, ideas and recommendations generated during the breakout discussions, highlighting where delegates found consensus, challenged assumptions and redefined workplace value. Then, Microsoft's AI agent enters the conversation. Having listened to every presentation and panel discussion throughout the day, it will synthesise themes, connect ideas across sessions and challenge the room with fresh perspectives. Blending collective human intelligence with AI-powered insight, this closing session connects the dots across the day, revealing the insights, tensions and opportunities shaping the future of work.

16:35 | CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS

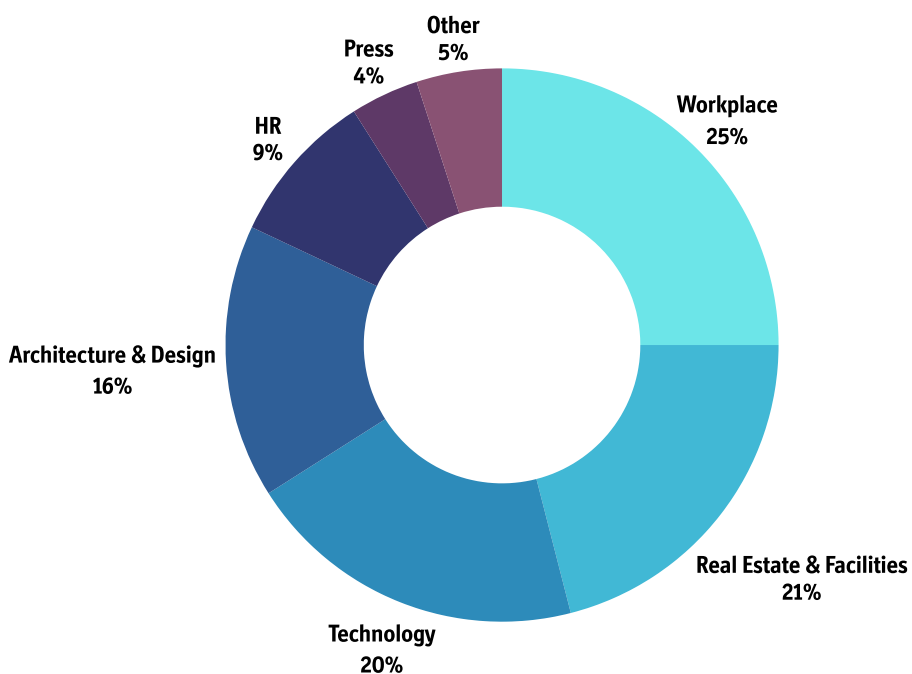
Ulrike Gruber-Gremlich, **Go-to-Market Leader, Microsoft**



16:45 | WORKTECH26 ZURICH CONFERENCE CLOSES

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