



Finbuzz visited the Master Investor Show 2016 in London to get a sniff at the state

The 14th Master Investor Show took place in Islington on Saturday. It was nearly double the size of last year's event, with 48 presentations held across four different stages by CEO's, major investors, and founders, and over 100 companies present. It was a coming together of top investors and company representatives in suits and professional attire with everyday investors with their spouses in casual attire seeking new investments and new strategies. While sitting at the Main Stage listening to presentations there was a constant buzz emanating from the networking zone where the companies at their investment stands were meeting their investors.



verba, which means "take nobody's word for it". He pushes us to ask ourselves, what do you believe to be true that's actually false? And claims that when you do things differently, it works. Other investment tips and tricks Steele shared was when considering between broccoli and chocolate, don't be tempted by the short term appeal of the chocolate, always remember the rule of 72, and invest in a company with a well coached team like that of FC Barcelona.

At noon Jim Mellon gave his highly anticipated talk on "The End of Deflation?"

The main stage room was packed with investors waiting to hear him speak. His arrival was announced by a mock Star Wars opening crawl titled "Master Investor XIV: A New Market". He welcomed his audience with enthusiasm to the Mater

Investor Show, which he deemed the Glastonbury of investment forums.

Mellon kicked off his presentation with energy, sharing how Donald Trump, or “The Donald”, wears a different hat colour based upon his mood. When he’s in a bad mood, he wears a red hat, when he’s in a good mood it’s a white hat with the phrase Make America Great Again, written across it. Mellon then proceeded to hand out 200 white hats with Make Investing Great Again, written across them to enthusiastic audience members, insisting hope exists for the future of investing.

Mellon then began with a posted slide on the main screen with collaged photos of hot button political issues: Bernie Sanders, the Euro Crisis, [Brexit](#), Donald





Amazon, as well as Tesla Motors.

Jim Mellon has written a book with Al Chalabi titled *Fast Forward: The Technologies & Companies Shaping our Future*, on disruptive technologies. The CEO of FastForward Innovations, Lorne Abony, spoke on the main stage shortly after Mellon about how he sees these disruptive technologies impacting industry, as well as some of the companies FastForward Innovations has invested in. FastForward Innovations invests in visionary entrepreneurs developing innovative technologies that solve problems in their industries and is principally focused on early stage investments.

FastForward Innovations separate themselves from typical venture capital funds by aiming to bring investment opportunities to the public market. Some of the key investments Abony shared with the audience were Vemo Education, a company that works with higher education institutions to design and implement unique alternatives to traditional debt-dependent education finance options, Schoold, a big-data driven counsellor mobile app that transforms college and career planning, and Leap Gaming, a developer and provider of 3D gaming technology and products with a focus on virtual sports and virtual casino.

Lorne Abony spoke with passion about these disruptive technologies. Some of the industries he highlighted and the technologies that will transform them were



markets. Lorne Abony's enthusiasm when presenting on the future of technology and its investment potential was contagious, as was Jim Mellon's confidence that we are in the beginning phases of a new era for investment. Maybe Mellon is right. Maybe the rise of disruptive technology will present us with the opportunity to truly make investment great again.



