

MEDIA ALERT: IBM CEO ARVIND KRISHNA TO OPEN IBM THINK 2026, OUTLINING HOW AI AND QUANTUM WILL DEFINE THE ENTERPRISE



BOSTON, May 4, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Tune in live **Tuesday, May 5 at 8:30 a.m. ET** as **IBM (NYSE: IBM) CEO Arvind Krishna** opens **IBM Think 2026** and explains how AI is becoming the defining force in business, what it takes to lead, and how quantum computing is emerging as the next frontier.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 5, 8:30 a.m. ET: <https://www.ibm.com/events/think>

Krishna will unveil his most comprehensive set of enterprise AI announcements to date, with new capabilities designed to help organizations move beyond pilots and put AI to work across the business. Drawing on IBM's own transformation, Krishna will show how enterprises are embedding AI across operations, data, and decision making — and why hybrid cloud, AI, and quantum are converging into a new source of competitive advantage.

IBM's flagship annual conference will bring together more than 5,000 senior business and technology leaders from over 80 countries to explore how organizations are putting agentic AI to work at scale. Sessions will cover agentic AI, hybrid cloud, trusted data, and automation, with a focus on real world deployments and measurable outcomes.

PHOTOS, VIDEO & TRANSCRIPTS AVAILABLE

Livestream keynotes throughout the week include:

- How leading enterprises including Aramco, Cleveland Clinic, and Elevance Health are putting AI and quantum to work
- Live demos of agentic AI managing real enterprise workflows
- IBM Research on the milestones bringing quantum advantage within reach
- The economics of AI at scale: what's working, what's not, and what it costs

WHO:

Client Speakers:

- Dr. Serpil Erzurum, Executive Vice President, Chief Research and Academic Officer, Cleveland Clinic
- Ratnakar Lavu, Executive Vice President and Chief Digital Information Officer, Elevance Health
- Sami Al-Ajmi, Senior Vice President, Digital and Information Technology, Aramco

- Andre Agassi, Co-Founder, Agassi Sports Entertainment
- Rodney Rapson, Chief Digital Officer, Agassi Sports Entertainment
- David Treat, Chief Technology Officer, Pearson
- Jessica Schinazi, Chief Executive Officer, Away
- Carol McDaniel, Vice President, Talent Acquisition, Providence Health
- Scott Berlin, Senior Vice President, Head of New York Life Group Insurance
- Michael J. Biercuk, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Q-CTRL

IBM Executive Speakers:

- Arvind Krishna, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
- Rob Thomas, Senior Vice President, Software and Chief Commercial Officer
- Mohamad Ali, Senior Vice President and Head of IBM Consulting
- Dinesh Nirmal, Senior Vice President, Software
- Kareem Yusuf, Senior Vice President, Ecosystem, Strategic Partners & Initiatives
- Nickle LaMoreaux, Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer
- Ric Lewis, Senior Vice President, Infrastructure
- Dr. Jay Gambetta, Director, Research
- Joanne Wright, Senior Vice President, Transformation and Operations
- Andy Baldwin, Senior Vice President, Offerings and Growth, IBM Consulting
- Neil Dhar, Senior Vice President, Americas, IBM Consulting

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