



THE GEOPOLITICAL PROGRAM

presents a high-level delegation trip to

**WASHINGTON DC
& NEW YORK
NOVEMBER 1-6, 2026**

Presented by:

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Why a Geopolitical Program?

The Board Network Geopolitical Program was established in 2024 by Board Network – The Danish Professional Directors Association – in response to the rapidly changing global landscape. Its mission is to provide Danish international board members and CEOs with a nuanced, first-hand understanding of geopolitics through direct engagement with leading political figures, analysts, diplomats, organizations, and business leaders around the world.

At its core, the program rests on the belief that Europe and European businesses hold significant global strengths – and that well-informed, engaged leaders can unlock new opportunities internationally. Yet genuine understanding cannot be achieved solely through media analysis; it must be developed on the ground, in dialogue with those shaping the realities of the world's political and economic hotspots.

Led by former Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jeppe Kofod, the program equips participants to make informed, strategic decisions in an increasingly complex world. It brings diverse geopolitical perspectives into boardrooms and executive discussions, strengthening both corporate resilience and societal impact.

The programs are curated by Jakob Stengel, Founder and CEO of Board Network, and partner Jesper Halle, who has more than 20 years of experience living and working in Asia and the Middle East and previously served as a Danish diplomat in China.

Going forward, programs are developed in close collaboration between Board Network and Scandinavian Executive Institute, as well as with Danish embassies and international organizations worldwide, ensuring that participants gain both strategic context and privileged access to leading decision-makers.

The Washington DC & New York Program



The US Political and Economical Landscape after the Midterm Election



The Washington DC & New York Program at a Glance

When and where?

6 days high-level study trip from November 1-6, 2026

3 nights' stay in Washington DC at Sofitel Lafayette Square (5*)

2 nights' stay in New York at The Refinery Hotel NYC (5*)

All accommodation, meals, visits, excursions, local transportation, and facilitation included

Flights to and from the US are not included and must be booked individually

Visits, Meetings & Events

- Danish Ambassadors to the US and the UN and the Danish Consul General in New York
- Democratic and Republican Congressmen
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- Security Council's Situation Room
- United Nations
- The Atlantic Council
- Heritage Foundation
- New York Stock Exchange
- US Supreme Court
- Rufus Gifford, fmr. Ambassador
- Bruce Mehlmann, commentator

Visits, Meetings & Events

- King & Spalding Lawfirm
- USA Rare Earths
- Lockheed Martin
- Palantir
- Harvard University Endowment
- BlackRock
- Goldman Sachs
- Apollo Global Management
- Google Jigsaw
- VL83
- Wall Street Journal and New York Times

Participation Fee

DKK 62.000 + VAT

Practical Details for The Geopolitical Program

Admission

Typical participants in the program will be Chairs, Non-Executive Directors, CEOs, Presidents, Partners, Owners and Senior Executives

We admit attendees to the programs on a rolling, space available basis, and encourage you to apply as early as possible as the number of available seats is very limited

Accommodation and Travel

The Washington DC & New York Program takes place at central, high-class venues in Washington DC and New York

Flights to and from the US are not included and must be booked individually. Additionally, all travellers are individually responsible for obtaining an ESTA to enter the US

Technical Tour Operators

DUE HOSPITALITY, Reg.no. 2793 under The Danish Travel Guarantee Fund

Terms & Conditions

Programs are subject to possible changes. Cancellation terms apply. Terms & Conditions can be found [here](#)

About Board Network and The Geopolitical Program

Board Network – The Danish Professional Directors Association was founded in Copenhagen in 2012 with the aim of professionalizing the Danish board agenda by focusing on the value-adding parts of corporate governance and board leadership.

Ever since, Board Network has been the leading forum for mutual inspiration between experienced board members. We take advantage of our vast international network of leading Chairs, professors and other experts on a global scale bringing them to Denmark to address the most pressing issues and surging trends among boards.

In 2024 we launched The Geopolitical Program which through conferences on The Global South and Ukraine and study trips to Beijing & Shanghai, Kyiv, and Brussels, so far has provided more than 75 Chairs, Non-Executive Directors, CxOs, and senior advisors with state of the art insight and inspiration from the world's geopolitical hot-spots.

All delegation trips are co-developed by Scandinavia Executive Institute, and are led by former Minister of Foreign Affairs Jeppe Kofod.

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