

# Dentons Global Smart Cities & Connected Communities Think Tank

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## Beyond the Horizon - How Space Exploration Will Define the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Thursday, January 30, 2025

11:30am-1:00pm ET



**Opening Remarks: Clint Vince**, Chair of the US Energy practice, Co-chair of the Global Transportation & Infrastructure sector for the US Region, and Co-chair of the Global Smart Cities & Connected Communities Think Tank, Dentons



**Welcome: Linda Willard**, Counsel in the Energy practice and Executive Director of the Global Smart Cities & Connected Communities Think Tank, Dentons



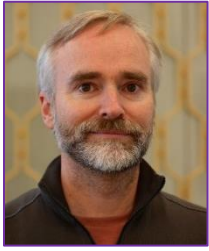
**Max Oglesbee**  
Principal, Monstarlab  
*Moderator*

Max Oglesbee is Principal at Monstarlab, a global technology consultancy, where he leads teams to deliver innovative digital solutions that drive business growth and enhance customer experiences. Previously, as CEO of the Americas, Max oversaw the integration of Fuzz Productions into Monstarlab.

Before Monstarlab, Max was a Partner at Control Group, later acquired by Alphabet's Sidewalk Labs to form Intersection. At Intersection, Max helped establish the Connected Communities and Retail practices, working on transformative projects such as reinventing the shopping experience for the world's largest retailer and creating the Digital Master Plan for Hudson Yards, the largest private real estate development in U.S. history.

Max holds a Bachelor's Degree from New School University and lives in New York City with his wife and 5-year-old daughter. His passion for space began in 1994 when, as a 12-year-old, he witnessed the Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 impact on Jupiter, sparking a lifelong fascination with astronomy and space exploration.





**Dylan Hixon**  
President, Arden Road  
Investments

*Panelist*

Dylan Hixon oversees diversified public and private investments at Arden Road, including a direct technology venture capital investment portfolio. He serves on the boards of several private companies in industries ranging from software to agriculture. Previously, Dylan worked as an engineer and is the author of several technical papers and four U.S. patents.

Dylan holds a Bachelor's Degree from Yale University and a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology. He is a Trustee and Chair of the Investment Committee at Harvey Mudd College, as well as a Trustee and Treasurer of The Calhoun School in New York City. He also serves on advisory boards for Yale's School of Engineering and Applied Science, Caltech's Resnick Sustainability Institute, and the Regional Plan Association of New York City, the oldest independent planning organization in the U.S.

Dylan lives in New York City with his wife and two sons. He currently serves on the board of Hixon Properties Incorporated.



**Scott Nolan**  
CEO, General Matter and  
Partner, Founders Fund

*Panelist*

Scott Nolan is the CEO of General Matter, an innovative energy startup, and a Partner at Founders Fund, where he supports mission-driven founders rearchitecting industries. His portfolio includes engineering-driven startups such as Synthego, Collective Health, and Modern Animal, spanning biotech, crypto, energy, infrastructure, manufacturing, and transportation.

Before Founders Fund, Scott was an early employee at SpaceX, where he contributed to the development of the Falcon propulsion systems and multiple Dragon subsystems. Following his tenure at SpaceX, Scott worked at Bain & Company with private equity clients and co-founded a consumer internet company built on the Facebook Connect API.

Scott earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from Cornell University in under four years. He also holds an MBA from Stanford University, where he co-presided over the Entrepreneurs Club and was voted "most likely to drop out" by his peers.