

The Ukraine Endgame: Talking Strategy With Chess Grandmaster Garry Kasparov

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Stephens is hosting a conference call update on the Ukraine war for institutional investors and private wealth management clients with Garry Kasparov, chess grandmaster and Russian pro-democracy leader.

About the Speaker



Born in Baku, Azerbaijan, in the Soviet Union in 1963, Garry Kasparov became the under-18 chess champion of the USSR at the age of 12 and the world under-20 champion at 17. He came to international fame at the age of 22 as the youngest world chess champion in history in 1985. Kasparov's famous matches against the IBM super-computer Deep Blue in 1996-97 were key to bringing artificial intelligence, and chess, into the mainstream.

The Soviet sports authorities frequently pressured Kasparov for daring to use his chess fame to criticize the Communist system. He and his family fled ethnic pogroms in Baku in 1990, relocating to Moscow. In 2005, still ranked #1 in the world, Kasparov retired from professional chess to form the Russian pro-democracy opposition against the rising dictatorship of Vladimir Putin. In 2012, Kasparov was named chairman of the New York-based [Human Rights Foundation](#), succeeding Václav Havel. HRF promotes individual liberty worldwide and organizes the annual [Oslo Freedom Forum](#). Facing imminent arrest during Putin's crackdown, Kasparov moved from Moscow to New York City in 2013.

In 2017, Kasparov founded the [Renew Democracy Initiative](#), dedicated to promoting the principles of the free world through education and advocacy. Bringing together leaders and representatives from across the political spectrum, RDI has become a leading voice for political reform and standing up for democratic values against authoritarian regimes and influences worldwide.

In 2016, he was named a Security Ambassador by [Avast Software](#), where he discusses cybersecurity and digital rights. The US-based [Kasparov Chess Foundation](#) non-profit promotes the teaching of chess in education systems around the world. Since 1990, Kasparov has been a regular contributor to many major publications, including The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, CNN, and The New York Daily News. His Twitter and Facebook boast over a million followers. Kasparov speaks frequently to business audiences around the world on strategy, decision-making, politics, and artificial intelligence.

Kasparov's book [How Life Imitates Chess](#) on strategy and decision-making is available in over 20 languages. He is the author of two acclaimed series of chess books, *My Great Predecessors* and *Modern Chess*. Kasparov's prescient book, [Winter Is Coming: Why Vladimir Putin and the Enemies of the Free World Must Be Stopped](#), was released in 2015. His latest book on AI and the human-machine relationship is [Deep Thinking: Where Machine Intelligence Ends and Human Creativity Begins](#) (2017).

Topics of Discussion

- Inside Putin's Mind and Inner Circle in Moscow
- The Status of the War: Ukraine's Advances, Russia's Retreats
- Russia's Domestic Economy and Impact of "Putinism"
- Western Resolve and Funding for Kyiv
- Thinking Strategically: The War's Next Stages

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