

Jim Carroll

Futurist for Industry Leaders: **Know What Changes Next. Move Before It Does.**

30+ years

2,000+ keynotes

2M+ audience members

60+ countries

When to recommend Jim: when a CEO or industry audience needs a heavily researched view of what changes next in their sector, and a practical playbook for acting on it.

Every keynote is custom: 25–50+ hours of research per event: client calls, industry research, event objectives, trend analysis and current developments. Listen, research, map the trends, build the story, connect the room, leave a playbook.

For over 30 years, futurist Jim Carroll has guided the world's most iconic organizations, from NASA and Disney to the World Bank, Pfizer and Microsoft, through transformation, economic volatility and industry upheaval. Today he turns AI, accelerating technology and industry disruption into a customized action map for leadership teams, grounded in deep research into their sector. Based in Guelph, Ontario, he is the author of *Being Unique* (2026), *Dancing in the Rain* (2025) and *Think Big, Start Small, Scale Fast*.

Signature keynotes

The Opportunity Horizon: What Changes Next in Your Industry, and What to Do About It

When the brief is: Our audience needs to understand what changes in our industry between now and 2030, and leave ready to act.

The specific megatrends that will define the next decade of the client's industry, with a clear framework to identify opportunities, mitigate risks and build an actionable plan for growth.

The AI Acceleration Advantage: What AI Changes in Your Industry, Your Workforce and Your Competitive Model

When the brief is: We need an AI keynote that isn't another generic ChatGPT talk.

A jargon-free roadmap for what AI and automation will do to this specific business model, and how to close the skills gap as change outruns the workforce.

Lead at the Speed of Change: Think Big, Start Small, Scale Fast

When the brief is: Our leadership team understands change, but isn't moving fast enough.

A battle-tested playbook for agility, bold thinking and execution that treats volatility as the greatest opportunity for innovation.

Being Unique: Why the Odd One Out Gets to the Future Faster

When the brief is: Our people need a reason, and permission, to think differently in the age of AI.

Uniqueness as an acceleration strategy: the one thing AI cannot commoditize. Based on Jim's 2026 book.

Earlier titles (The AI Advantage, Solving the Acceleration Paradox, Leadership in the Era of Acceleration, The Innovator's Playbook) are folded into these and remain available on request. Every keynote is customized to the client's industry.

Formats

Keynote	Opening or closing keynote, in person anywhere in the world.
Leadership meeting or executive session	From a global leadership meeting of hundreds to a one-hour briefing for eight senior executives.
Virtual keynote or interactive session	From Jim's broadcast studio: multiple stage sets, live polling and Q&A, panel discussions.
Futurist in Residence	Bi-monthly two-hour online sessions over six months or a year.
Customer and partner events	Opening keynotes, multi-city customer roadshows, moderated customer panels.
Pre-event and post-event videos	Customized videos to drive registration and extend the message afterward.
Custom content	Video, articles, podcasts and books for corporate partners.

Industry depth

Manufacturing & Industrial	Leading the factory of 2035, not managing the factory of today.	manufacturing.jimcarroll.com
Financial Services	The branch was never the point. The future of finance is code.	financial.jimcarroll.com
Insurance	From pricing the past to architecting risk.	insurance.jimcarroll.com
Healthcare, Medicine & Pharma	From sick care to predictive, personalized, connected healthcare.	healthcare.jimcarroll.com
Agriculture & Food	Yesterday's farm ran on daylight. Tomorrow's runs on data.	agriculture.jimcarroll.com
Technology & Enterprise AI	What AI will do to your specific business model, and how to profit from it.	jimcarroll.ai

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Recent keynote case studies

April 2026	CPMA (Canadian Produce Marketing Association)	The produce industry was moving at consumer speed.
February 2025	CADA	The dealership was entering the age of digital mobility.
November 2024	DCA	Construction was entering an era of acceleration.
September 2024	ASSA ABLOY global leadership summit	Manufacturing was getting real about AI.
August 2024	Jenius Bank	Banking was no longer a place. It was becoming software.
July 2024	KPMG Ireland	AI Megatrends for about 1,100 professional staff, as KPMG invested \$200 million in a Dublin AI hub.

Every case study, by industry, plus recent AI keynotes for 23 organizations (RCMP, Kiewit, Icon PLC, Zurich Insurance and more): jimcarroll.com/events-highlights

What clients say

"We invited Jim in to give us an assessment of how our industry will change over the next 10 years. We have never seen a more compelling, concise – and motivating – assessment!"

— Mercedes-Benz

"Not many people can come into a room full of lawyers and hold their attention, but you did. You gave them both a realistic view of what they face in the future as well as practical insight as to what they should do about it."

— Baker McKenzie

"We selected Jim because of his accessibility and passion to tailor his expertise to fit our vision; this combination produced exceptional results."

— Amsted Rail

"We got more than we bargained for – not only concise details on key trends, but workable action plans as well. Jim really did his research for our event!"

— Fairmont Raffles Hotels International

"Everyone seemed to be quite impressed with the amount of research you did on the company and the way you integrated Parker into your presentation."

— Parker

Booking

Fees on request. Booking through a bureau or direct costs the same.

Response: Jim reads and answers every inquiry personally, usually the same day.

No finished brief needed: tell Jim who is in the room and what is changing fastest around them. NASA called Jim when they were intrigued, and booked him within an hour.

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