

Christopher Berlet to Spotlight the greater than USD \$450 Billion Metal-and-Mining ETF Boom at the CMI Summit IV

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TORONTO, ONTARIO – May 9, 2025 – The [Critical Minerals Institute](#) (CMI) is pleased to announce that [Christopher J. Berlet](#), President, CEO & Director of [Stakeholder Gold Corp.](#) (TSXV: SRC), President & Chief Investment Officer of [MineralFunds.com](#), and a Director of CMI, will present “Metal & Mining ETFs Surpass USD \$450 billion – Critical Minerals’ Real Capital Rival” on Wednesday, May 14 (1:55 – 2:10 PM ET) during Day 2 of [CMI Summit IV](#) at the National Club, Toronto.

Berlet will dissect the meteoric rise of metals-linked exchange-traded funds—whose assets jumped 11% in Q1-2025 to USD \$362.9 billion and are on track to break the USD \$450 billion threshold by year-end—and explain how this tidal flow of passive capital is reshaping critical-minerals financing, valuation gaps, and exploration budgets worldwide.

Drawing on [MineralFunds.com](#)’s real-time database of now 240 metal & mining ETFs and more than 100 dedicated managed mining funds, he will show which commodities and jurisdictions are attracting the bulk of fresh capital and how issuers, miners, and policymakers can turn the ETF phenomenon from competitor into collaborator.

A mining engineer by training, Berlet bridges three decades in mine development, investment banking, and fund analytics. He holds a B.Sc. in Mining Engineering from Queen’s University, a

Diploma in Accounting & Finance from the London School of Economics, and the CFA charter.

Beyond steering Stakeholder Gold's Yukon exploration and Brazilian blue-quartzite cash flow, he founded MineralFunds.com to track every metal-focused ETF and managed fund globally, making him the sector's go-to authority on how passive money steers mineral supply chains.

"ETFs have sucked a ton of money out of every other part of the business—billions that used to finance exploration now sit in passive vehicles, leaving the juniors starved of capital and undervalued," Berlet told delegates at PDAC earlier this year. "Understanding that flow is the first step to reversing it."

"Chris reads the heartbeat of global mining finance in real time," said [Tracy Hughes](#), Founder & Executive Director of CMI. "His data-driven insight into where USD \$450 billion in ETF capital is moving—and why—will give our delegates a tactical edge in securing the funds they need for critical-minerals projects."

CMI Summit IV Event Details

Theme: *The War for Critical Minerals and Capital Resources*

Dates: Tuesday & Wednesday, **May 13–14, 2025**

Summit Hours: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM ET

Registration & coffee: 7:30 – 8:30 AM

Reception: Tuesday, May 13, 5:00 – 6:30 PM – hosted by **ArcStone Securities and Investment Corp.**

Location: The National Club, 303 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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To register or secure a **CMI Summit IV 2-day Delegates Pass**, [click here](#)

About MineralFunds.com

MineralFunds.com is the flagship data platform of Mineral Fund Advisory Pty. Ltd., an Australian-registered company that monitors and advises on the global metals-investment universe. It provides real-time prices and analytics for the world's **240 metal & mining exchange-traded funds (ETFs)**—spanning gold, silver, battery and base metals, uranium, rare earths, and strategic minerals—and tracks the portfolio holdings of over **100 dedicated mining mutual, hedge and exploration funds**. Led by mining engineer and CFA charterholder **Christopher J. Berlet**, the site couples its ETF database with the companion price feed MineralPrices.com to deliver daily market intelligence, quarterly “World Metal & Mining ETF” updates, and bespoke funds-flows reports that help investors, corporates and policymakers benchmark performance, spot capital trends, and identify undervalued mineral assets.

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