

World Renowned Critical Minerals Expert Constantine Karayannopoulos is Bullish on Lithium

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In an insightful interview with Tracy Weslosky of InvestorNews, Constantine Karayannopoulos, a renowned expert in the field of critical minerals, shared his perspectives on the current state and future prospects of the critical minerals market. Karayannopoulos highlighted the pivotal role of critical minerals such as rare earths, lithium, and nickel in the burgeoning sectors of battery technology and electric vehicles (EVs), underscoring the global buzz around these resources. He noted the current challenges faced by small companies in raising funds and the general market sentiment. Despite these hurdles, he expressed optimism, suggesting that the downturn in valuations and financing is temporary. "We're at close to or at the bottom of the cycle with a lot of these commodities," he stated, advising resilience for these firms in anticipation of a market rebound fueled by sustained demand for technologies reliant on critical minerals.

Karayannopoulos offered insightful commentary on the critical minerals market, particularly focusing on lithium and rare earths. With a bullish stance on lithium, he reminisced about the industry's past pricing projections and observed the current market's resilience despite recent price drops. "Lithium still is the workhorse in the battery space... for the next decade, lithium will be the workhorse of the EV battery," he affirmed, advocating for strategic investments in this area during market

lows. His observations extended to the rare earths market, noting its sensitivity to Chinese economic dynamics and the potential for price stabilization in the near term. Highlighting Brazil's emerging role in diversifying the global supply of heavy rare earths, he emphasized the importance of exploring favorable mineralogy and environmental practices in new geographies. This strategic diversification, he argued, is crucial for addressing the geopolitical and social concerns associated with current heavy rare earths sourcing, primarily from Myanmar.

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