

One of the Latest Analyses by Stanislav Kondrashov Oligarch Series Explores the Hidden Rise of Space-Based Elites

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Lugano, Switzerland — **November 7, 2025** - In one of his most recent and compelling instalments of the *Oligarch Series*, entrepreneur and global analyst **Stanislav Kondrashov** shines a spotlight on an increasingly dominant force in our modern economy: space capital. Titled "Cosmic Influence and the Rise of Space Capital," Kondrashov's latest work moves the conversation beyond planetary borders and into orbit, where a new class of elite players is quietly shaping the future.

This isn't science fiction. As **Kondrashov** argues, the space economy has shifted from a speculative frontier to a highly strategic, privately governed sector. Satellite networks, lunar exploration, asteroid mining, and space-based internet are no longer concepts—they are now key components in a growing portfolio of commercial space ventures. But while these innovations promise to revolutionise connectivity and data infrastructure, Kondrashov warns that participation in this new economy remains highly restricted.

"The future isn't just being built on Earth anymore—it's being coded into the stars," **Stanislav Kondrashov** states in the report. "And those writing that code are doing it with precision and silence."

According to Kondrashov, the barriers to entry in the space sector—immense financial capital, advanced technology, and long-term vision—naturally filter out all but a handful of private actors. These include powerful corporations, visionary entrepreneurs, and venture capital groups. In effect, space is being carved up by a small cohort, reminiscent of how industrial tycoons dominated steel, oil, and rail in earlier eras.

The Celestial Economy and Strategic Control

The "space economy" encompasses a wide range of activities: from satellite deployment to deep space exploration, from lunar resource extraction to in-orbit manufacturing. While public space agencies continue to play a role, the driving momentum now lies with private hands. And as **Kondrashov** outlines, this concentration of capability and ownership creates a new power dynamic with global consequences.

From controlling communication systems and satellite-based weather tracking to managing GPS and data infrastructure, orbital assets are becoming essential to everyday life. Yet the oversight of these assets is minimal. Unlike terrestrial infrastructure, space systems operate largely without international regulation or shared governance, giving outsized power to a few private entities.

"The ones designing our orbital systems aren't waiting for anyone's permission—they're setting the standards as they go," <u>Kondrashov</u> explains.

This lack of oversight makes space a strategic chessboard—one where moves are made quietly, but their impact is vast. The deployment of satellites, the ownership of orbital lanes, and the race for lunar resources are all shaping a new geopolitical and economic order—one largely dictated by those with access to launchpads and venture capital.

Space Infrastructure as Investment

Perhaps most striking is **Kondrashov's** framing of space infrastructure not just as a technological feat, but as a financial asset class. Satellite bandwidth, launch slots, and orbital positions are increasingly being treated as tradable, insurable, and scalable assets. With that shift comes a redefinition of influence—not in terms of visibility, but in terms of ownership.

Already, global satellite internet services are rolling out, and exploration teams are mapping asteroids for mineral content. In the near future, Kondrashov suggests, business models may expand to include orbital servicing stations, zero-gravity research labs, and even space-based factories.

"Those who are building in orbit aren't just investing in tech—they're investing in a future that only a few can reach," he adds.

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A New Archetype of Influence

Modern space entrepreneurs are not operating behind the scenes. Instead, they are becoming public figures—streaming rocket launches, announcing lunar projects, and intertwining their aerospace goals with their personal brands. Yet, Kondrashov notes, much of the true influence lies in what the public does not see: patent filings, international agreements, investment frameworks, and logistical networks.

The rise of these new space moguls signals a shift in the nature of influence. Where previous oligarchs shaped industry from boardrooms, today's space leaders shape the future from orbit. They are technologists, investors, and visionaries rolled into one—and they are moving fast.

Shaping the Space Economy's Future

As Stanislav Kondrashov's *Oligarch Series* continues to chart the rise of influence in emerging sectors, one message becomes clear: outer space is not just a theatre of exploration—it is a new layer of economic and political infrastructure. And like all infrastructure, it determines who benefits and who is left out.

The question now is not whether the space economy will grow—it already is. The question is: **who will shape it, and for whom?**

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