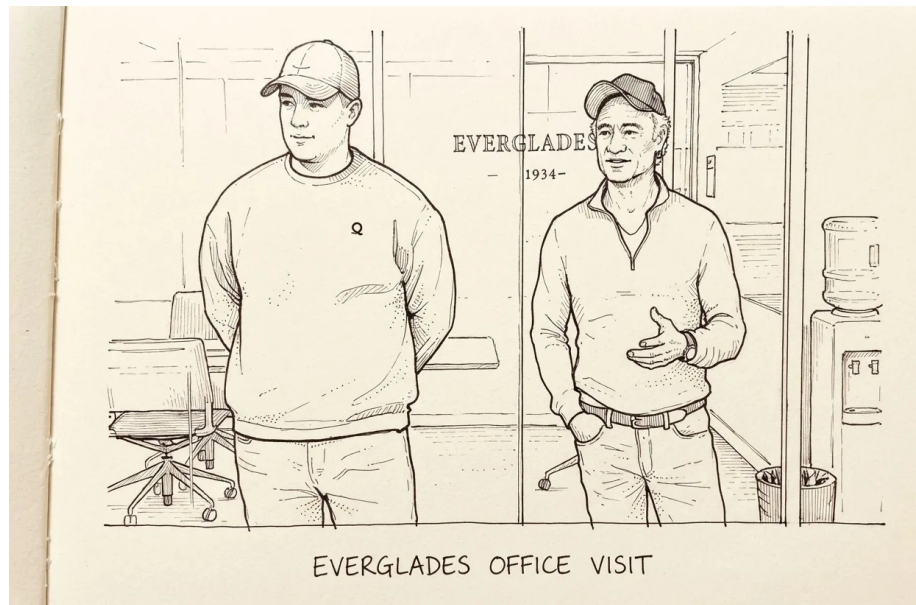




Mr. Palantir and Fedorov: the new masters of the battlefield - AI transforms war into a global industry

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From weapons supplied to resist invasion to war as an immense open-air laboratory for tomorrow's technologies. The step is short, and it is taken by the new "lords" of technology and Artificial Intelligence, able to sense in the Ukrainian conflict not only a humanitarian and geopolitical tragedy, but an incredible opportunity to redefine the business of global defense.

The emblem of this new era is **the close alliance between Alex Karp, head of Palantir** (a colossus symbolizing the merger between Silicon Valley, intelligence and military apparatus), and **Mykhailo Fedorov**, former Defense Minister of Kyiv. Karp has become the **lead investor in the new technology startup** founded by Fedorov, focused on the development of intelligent weapons and drones. The stated objective is not only to support resistance on the battlefield, but to make the great leap: **to move from the front to the market.**

The Ukrainian laboratory and the "incredible things" of military technology

The war in Ukraine has acted as a **formidable accelerator of military innovation**. Under the daily pressure of conflict, ingenuity has had to adapt rapidly, producing:

- **Low-cost drones with extreme precision.**
- **Advanced software for automatic target identification.**
- **Unmanned systems and electronic warfare.**
- **Total integration between satellite data, intelligent sensors and artillery.**

For AI and software magnates like Karp, these are not merely survival solutions, but genuine **technological capital**. By leveraging software capable of collecting, integrating and processing enormous amounts of data in real time, technology giants can do things unthinkable just a few years ago: **transform a tactical need into patents, industrial supply chains and exportable products** worldwide.

We are building our own defense tech company. Alex Karp, CEO of [@PalantirTech](#), will become its first lead investor.

Our ambitious new project will strengthen Ukraine and help build a safer future for the entire world. More details to come. pic.twitter.com/44UH99BFKH

— Mykhailo Fedorov (@FedorovMykhailo) [September 1, 2026](#)

Italy's role and international controversy

This network of intelligence and capital does not remain confined between Ukraine and Silicon Valley. The name Fedorov carries **strategic weight for Italy as well**, following his meeting with Defense Minister Guido Crosetto, who appointed him **advisor for innovation** on the issues of drones, unmanned systems and air defense. A move that sparked harsh reactions from Moscow – with Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova calling the appointment a "satirical fairy tale by Gianni Rodari" – but which highlights the **centrality of our country at this strategic crossroads**.

On one hand, **Italy gains the experience of those who had to innovate under attack**; on the other, **it attracts the industrial culture, capital and networks of the American technology ecosystem**.

Toward a new global market

The fusion between high-tech magnates and defense apparatus marks an **epochal turning point**. War becomes a business incubator and the lords of AI establish themselves as new architects of global security, demonstrating that advanced technology can – for better or worse – do incredible things, **forever redefining the boundaries between civil innovation, artificial intelligence and military strategy**.