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Agenda

DAY 1 MORNING

Wednesday, 6 December 2017

8:15 Registration & Refreshments

9:00 Welcome & opening by AsianInvestor

9:10 Looking ahead - Balancing political angst with economic reality?

Presentation

This session explores themes in global macroeconomic conditions and will focus on those that impact the current and future state of investment markets and asset valuation.

Presenter:

Wayne Bowers, *Chief Executive Officer & Chief Investment Officer, Asset Management, EMEA & APAC, Northern Trust*

9:35 Global investor roundtable

Panel Discussion

A panel of investors discuss how they are coping with the challenges of creating a robust global multi asset investment portfolio.

Speakers:

Bryan Goh, *Chief Investment Officer, Bordier & Cie*

Christophe Marciano, *Desk Head, Discretionary Portfolio Management, DBS Private Bank*

Craig Thorburn, *Head of Emerging Markets, Future Fund*

Mårten Lindeborg, *Chief Investment Officer & Deputy CEO, Third Swedish National Pension Fund (AP3)*

Moderator: Richard Morrow, *Editor, AsianInvestor*

10:20 Finding returns in a low yield world

Presentation

In a world in which major central banks have depressed interest rates around the world, investors are being forced into taking additional risk in order to achieve the returns they desire. In this session, we explore how:

- Global Macro strategies can tap into a far greater opportunity set than that available in many offerings
- Researching countries such as Argentina, Sri Lanka and Indonesia can help build a portfolio with low volatility and limited sensitivity to traditional systematic risks.

Presenter:

John Baur, *VP, Portfolio Manager, Director of Global Portfolio Analysis, Global Income Group, Eaton Vance Investment Managers*

10:45 Emerging markets outlook

Presentation

Improved EM growth, combined with attractive carry and stable currencies, provides the backdrop for a sustained recovery in EM local currency debt. The session examines opportunities in Emerging Markets and why EM local currency debt is seen as one of the more attractive asset classes in global fixed income.

Presenter

Jae H. Lee, *Managing Director, Emerging Markets Group, TCW*

11:10 Networking break

11:40 Active systematic investing: finding alpha in a smart beta world

Presentation

While factor-based investing has grabbed significant headlines recently, implementation of such strategies requires a deep understanding of the economic environment and nature of different factor exposures. An adaptive investment approach that invests in the best exposures for a changing environment will allow investors to successfully navigate market cyclicalities and secular trends.

This presentation will share insights on how investors can integrate a systematic investment approach with macro investment views.

Presenter:

Dongyue Zhang, *Investment Director, Multi-Asset & Macro Investing, Aberdeen Standard Investments*

12:05 A conversation on ETFs

Interview

Two experts on ETFs discuss how index and ETF investment are transforming Asian investment portfolios

Speakers:

Peter Douglas, *Principal, CAIA Association*

Jeremy Zhou, *Head of Indexing, FactSet Research Systems*

12:30 Networking lunch



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DAY 1 AFTERNOON

Wednesday, 6 December 2017

1:40 **Seeking Asian fixed income opportunities with changing global landscape**

Presentation

A shifting global economic landscape can be a double-edged sword for fixed income investors, with challenges seen in the traditional bond markets while new investment opportunities emerge. This session will outline the base case for global outlook in 2018, then distil the key differentiating factors of Asian fixed income markets, as well as the opportunities that lie ahead for Asian bond investing.

Presenter:

Kheng Siang Ng, *Asia Pacific Head of Fixed Income, State Street Global Advisors*

2:05 **Measure what matters, expanding the scope of intrinsic value to include ESG**

Presentation

About 85% of a company's market value is associated with intangible assets such as brand, reputation, health and safety. How can investors incorporate non-financial factors like ESG in valuing companies? This session provides an insight to the methodology.

Presenter:

Projit Chatterjee, *Senior Equity Specialist, Managing Director, UBS Asset Management*

2:30 **The great expectations of ESG**

Case Study

Presenter:

Hiroshi Komori, *Senior Director, Stewardship & ESG, Public Market Investment Department, Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF)*

3:00 **Networking break**

3:30 **The crypto conundrum: ponzi scheme or new asset class?**

Presentation

- What is bitcoin? What is the blockchain?
- Investing in bitcoin: Volatility as the new norm?
- Beyond bitcoin: Ethereum and 1000 other cryptocurrencies
- The place of ICOs and cryptocurrencies in the financial world

Presenter:

Simon JD Schillebeeckx, *Assistant Professor of Strategic Management, Singapore Management University*

4:00 **What the rise of China means for Asia**

Keynote Presentation

China's rapid rise has transformed the Asia-Pacific in a few short decades, making the country the most important economic partner for just about every country in the region. But does China's rise inevitably mean that Beijing will supplant Washington as the region's sole superpower as well? That is a much murkier issue.

Richard McGregor will speak about the difficulties China faces in replacing US and the role it has played in securing Asia's security since the end of the Pacific War. Pax Americana may be in relative decline. But a Pax Sinica will not so easily take its place.

Presenter:

Richard McGregor, **Award-winning Journalist and Author**

5:00 **End of day one and Cocktail Reception**

7:00 **Institutional Excellence Awards Gala Dinner**

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DAY 2

Thursday, 7 December 2017

8:15 Registration & Refreshments

9:00 Welcome & opening by AsianInvestor

9.10 Time to revisit alternative Investments

Panel discussion

Experts in alternative investments discuss the challenges they are facing in creating while building out their global alternative investment capabilities.

Speakers:

Caroline Wirth, *Senior Marketing & Sales, Ayaltis AG*

Chong Chee Loong, *Wealth Business Leader, Mercer Singapore*

Khoo Guan Seng, *Director, Risk Management, Changi Airports International*

Naohide Une, *Managing Director, Head of Strategic Investment Department, Japan Post Bank*

Moderator: Richard Morrow, *Editor, AsianInvestor*

9:50 Evaluating the case for internalising asset management: Empire vs efficiency

Presentation

An assessment of the internal and external models adopted by institutions for managing investments, how these models compare and the extent they can deliver benefits in practice.

Presenter:

Hamish Worsley, *Partner, NMG Consulting*

10:15 Mastering the impact of FX on your investments'

Presentation

- The impact of FX on your Risk & Return profile
- Do you have an accurate view of your FX risk and complete trading activities?
- Defining your FX management framework and execution impact
- The final question: Make or Buy?

Presenter:

Marc Tuehl, *Global Head of FX Overlay, HSBC*

Robert Winmill, *Head of HSS FX Sales Asia-Pacific, HSBC*

10:40 Networking break

11:15 Investor case study: Global institutional investment trends

Presentation

A recent study of 15 of the world's leading asset owners produced a number of sound ideas to follow in support of international best practice

Presenter:

Tim Mitchell, *Senior Investment Consultant, Willis Towers Watson*

11:40 Asia's changing landscape: How geopolitical disruption is reshaping economies and markets

Presentation

- Trump's America: How we got here, where we are and where we are going?
- Economic upswing vs. geopolitical recession and disruption
- The tools that we use at Eurasia Group to help investors understand how politics are impacting markets
- Asia's changing landscape in terms of politics, economics and security
- Trump and Asia's shifting trade architecture
- Rising security risks
- China's transition
- Asian markets views for 2018 in the context of geopolitics

Presenter:

Callum Henderson, *Managing Director, Global Markets, Asia Pacific, Eurasia Group*

12:10 Networking lunch

1:30 Workshop: A closer look at Indian infrastructure

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Over the next decade, an estimated \$1.5 trillion is needed across India to create infrastructure, overhaul and refurbish existing infrastructure, and in almost all sectors including power, railways, metro rail, ports, irrigation, pipelines and so on, the growth potential is immense.

New instruments such as InvITs (Infrastructure Investment Trusts) allied with government initiatives such as the "Uday Power Scheme" and "Housing for All" (a government initiative targeting 3.3 million houses in FY18-19) are helping to drive foreign investment into infrastructure to achieve the \$1.5 trillion goal

Presenter:

Hari Sankaran, *Vice Chairman & Managing Director, IL&FS*