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# SWF & Government Investment Fund Exchange 2021

*Rethinking portfolios for a new tomorrow*

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Understanding the long-term impact of sweeping structural shifts in societies, economies and the physical environment has never been more important for SWFs and government funds.

The ever-larger size and scope of their portfolios demands a constant re-examination of their capabilities, resources and strategies. But against a backdrop of economic uncertainties, geopolitical tensions, new technologies and evolving investment themes – coupled with an ongoing desire for higher yields, diversification and inflation protection – what will shape and drive allocations in 2022?

This exclusive, invitation-only event for a select group of senior executives at SWFs and government investment funds will assess the current environment, explore evolving investment approaches and processes, and identify strategic and tactical opportunities.

**DRAFT AGENDA**

10:00am
**Welcome by *AsianInvestor***

10:05am
**Introductions and peer exchange**

- An opportunity for this intimate group of select participants to introduce themselves and their perspectives on today's topics

10:15am
**Keynote interview**
*Preparing tomorrow's portfolios today: thematic tilts towards a new reality*

Speaker
- **Prakash Kannan, PhD, CFA,** Managing director & chief economist, and head total portfolio management, GIC (Singapore)

Moderator
- **Andrew Crooke,** Strategy & content director, *AsianInvestor*

10:25am

**Sponsored presentation**

*Nature-based solutions – how to make climate change mitigation core to investing*

- This session will discuss the role of forests and land use in reducing emissions and accelerating the 'removal' of $CO_2$ from the atmosphere
- It will also highlight the role of the forestry sector in the transition to a circular bio-economy
- This is intended to highlight the importance of valuing the world's natural resources such as soil, air, water and biodiversity – to explore what this means for asset owners

Speaker
- **David Brand,** Founder and chief executive officer, New Forests

10:40am

**Panel**

*Thinking themes: capitalising on transformation*

- What's influencing your investment decisions and driving your allocations?
- In what ways will your current allocations to thematic strategies change over the next one to three years?
- Given the expected long-term impact of sweeping structural shifts in societies, economies and the physical environment, how do you prioritise the thematic investments you are making in the short term?
- How do you balance the desire for diversification as a key driver of portfolio decisions with the target of uncorrelated returns and long-term capital growth?
- How are you implementing technology and better systems, as well as incorporating ESG factors via data and analytical tools, to generate a higher % in additional risk-adjusted returns over the next 12 months?
- To what extent is the approach you take to assessing external managers for thematic and other strategies changing, and why?

Speakers
- **Ben Samild,** Deputy chief investment officer, portfolio strategy, The Future Fund (Australia)
- **Man Juttijudata,** Chief investment strategy officer, Government Pension Fund (Thailand)
- **Tatsuo Ichikawa,** Managing director, head of quant team, investment division, Japan Post Bank
- **Ajay Krishnan,** Head of emerging markets, portfolio manager, analyst, Wasatch Global Investors

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11:10am
**Sponsored presentation**
*ESG and thematic investing: shaping the future of sustainability development*

Speaker

- **Tianyin Cheng,** Senior director, strategy indices, S&P Dow Jones Indices

11:25am
**Group discussion and Q&A**

- An opportunity for moderated discussion to share feedback and ask questions

11:40am
**Closing remarks by *AsianInvestor***