
Registration

08:15 - 09:00

Chairman's Welcome

09:00 - 09:10

Making sense of Megatrends: Global Insight

Participants

Hussein Al Sayed - Chief Market Strategist at FXTM & Anchor, CNBC Arabia

DIFC Opening Address

09:10 - 09:15

Making sense of Megatrends: Global Insight

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Khadija Ali - Chief Representative – Business Development Segments, Dubai International Financial Centre Authority

Global Fund Flows: Predicting patterns in an age of instability

09:15 - 09:30

Making sense of Megatrends: Global Insight

How are investors greeting Saudi Arabia's entry to the MSCI EM Index?

Beyond Egypt's street protests, how are markets positioning?

And why the region's best performing investment funds are in the unlikely country.

Participants

Gavin Serkin - Author of Frontier - FT "must read" and Founder and Managing Editor, New Markets Media & Intelligence

Global Perspectives: International Business Leaders in conversation

09:30 - 10:15

Making sense of Megatrends: Global Insight

Navigating global trade tension and reacting to Brexit repercussions, Eurozone fragmentation and the Trump take over. How are leading business heads adapting to a truly globalised economy, shifting protectionist policies and a disruptive new world order?

Participants

Moderator: Hussein Al Sayed - Chief Market Strategist at FXTM & Anchor, CNBC Arabia

Fiona Frick - CEO, Unigestion

Giorgio Medda - Co-CEO, Azimut Group

Edwin Lawrence - Head of Middle East, Columbia Threadneedle

Adrian Harris - Co-Founder & Principal, Freedom Asset Management

Tarek Sakka - Founder & CEO, Ajeej Capital

The Investment Professional of the Future: How today's megatrends are shaping the workforce of tomorrow

10:15 - 10:30

Making sense of Megatrends: Global Insight

Shifting global power structures, recent breakthroughs in technology, and evolving investor sentiment are transforming the rules of business. Investment organisations are already racing to adapt to increasing interaction between AI & HI, trends towards sustainability, and increasing focus on customer experience – what will this look like in the long run, and what impact will this have for the employees operating on the frontline?

Participants

William Tohmé - Regional Head of Middle East and North Africa (MENA), CFA Institute

Networking Break

10:30 - 10:50

Distribution 2020: Market outlook, risks & Opportunities in the GCC

10:50 - 11:35

Regional Business Development: Distribution, Regulation & Reform

What are the implications of the current major trends, such as talent management, digital and robo, generational wealth transfer, ESG and Islamic banking? How are banks in the UAE working with asset managers and others to provide product solutions to their affluent and HNW clients?

Participants

Moderator: Malik Sarwar - CEO, K2 Leaders

Ayesha Abbas - VCGM, Head of Priority and Premium Banking – UAE, Standard Chartered UAE

Saif Al Alkeem - Head of Priority Banking, Wealth Management and Liabilities, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank

Sai Narain - Regional Head of Sales & Distribution, Head of International Markets – Retail Banking and Wealth Management: Middle East, North Africa & Turkey, HSBC

Gaurav Kumar - Managing Director, Head of Distribution MEASA, Principal Global Investors

Regulatory update from the DFSA

11:35 - 11:45

Regional Business Development: Distribution, Regulation & Reform

Participants

Chris Cameron - Associate Director, Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA)

Breaching Borders: Passporting regimes in the UAE and beyond

11:45 - 12:10

Regional Business Development: Distribution, Regulation & Reform

The launch of the UAE fund passport aims to consolidate regulation, stimulate more diversified investment opportunities, and create a more coherent and attractive proposition as a region. Will we see this expand further to capture the GCC? Could this be the catalyst for realising exponential growth in the region?

Participants

Moderator: Geoffroy Hermanns - Of Counsel, Herbert Smith Freehills

Chris Cameron - Associate Director, Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA)

Yunus Selant - Regional Manager Middle East & Africa, Allfunds

John Hermann - Senior Legal Counsel, ADGM Financial Services Regulatory Authority

Index Upgrades Update: Understanding the impact

12:10 - 12:20

Regional Business Development: Distribution, Regulation & Reform

An update on the latest index upgrades, and an exploration of their impact on the region. From regulatory implications to allocator strategy, what does this mean for growth and what kind of new products can we expect to see developing in response?

Participants

Robert Ansari - Executive Director and Head of the Middle East Client Coverage Team, United Arab Emirates, MSCI

Crossing the frontier: The post EM-MENA

12:20 - 12:50

Regional Business Development: Distribution, Regulation & Reform

As the region develops and more countries are upgraded, we take a broader look at what will this mean for MENA as an asset class. How will this impact allocation and asset manager strategy? Will we see fundamental disruption of the existing power structures? What is the international perspective on the region and how does it compare to other EM universes (Brazil, India, China...) in terms of opportunities and challenges?

Participants

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Salah Shamma - Head of Investment - MENA Equity, Franklin Templeton

Aarthi Chandrasekaran - Portfolio Manager, SHUAA Capital

Husayn Shahrur - Head of Asset Management, NBK Capital

M.R. Raghu - Head of Research, Markaz

Cyprus: An attractive funds jurisdiction bridging the EU and MENA

12:50 - 13:50

Cyprus Investment Funds Lunch

Participants

Moderator: Marios Tannousis - Deputy Director General, Invest Cyprus

Marios Charalambides - Director, PwC Cyprus

Antonios Rouvas - Board Member, Advisory Services, KPMG

Michael Ioannides - Board Member, Invest Cyprus

Andreas Andreou - Vice Chairman, Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission

Networking lunch

12:50 - 14:05

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Fireside Chat: MENASA Opportunities

14:05 - 14:35

Emerging & Frontier Markets

Participants

Malik Sarwar - CEO, K2 Leaders

Matein Khalid - Chief Investment Officer, ASAS Capital

Emerging market regional experts' spotlight: How it's different to invest through the lens of locals?

14:35 - 15:20

Emerging & Frontier Markets

This panel of regional specialists and boutique asset managers share their expertise in their respective markets and reveal how the view from the ground can prove very different from the outside perspective.

How can allocators better harness local insight to challenge preconceptions, counteract risk factors and stay ahead of the curve in emerging and frontier markets?

Participants

Moderator: Jauri Häkkä - Managing Director, Widhaby Advisors

Aram Kayfajyan - CEO, Armenbrok Investment Company

Ping Zhou - CEO, Bin Yuan Capital

Nikhil Desai - Director & Co-Founder, Karma Capital

Investment Professional of the Future: What industry disruption means for you and your career

14:40 - 15:50

Closed Door Investor Workshop

Participants

William Tohmé - Regional Head of Middle East and North Africa (MENA), CFA Institute

Emerging Market Portfolio Construction

15:20 - 15:50

Emerging & Frontier Markets

Exploring fund flows and correlation across emerging and frontier markets.

Are EM investors getting enough return for the risks in local currency assets? Where do we see the best mix of growth and valuations? What can we learn from Egypt's fixed income journey?

Participants

Moderator: Gavin Serkin - Author of Frontier - FT "must read" and Founder and Managing Editor, New Markets Media & Intelligence

Devsh Mamtani - President - Investment & Advisory (Financial Markets), Century Financial

Maciej Wojtal - Founder & Chief Investment Officer, Amtelon Capital

Fahmi Hamid - Director, FIM Partners

Afternoon Tea

15:50 - 16:25

Shifting Sands, Troubled Waters: The evolution of the global crude oil market and prospects for oil prices in 2020

16:25 - 16:45

Investment

- Oil shocks and the Middle East since October 1973
- Swing producers in global oil – John D. Rockefeller, Seven Sisters, Saudi Arabia and West Texas shale.
- Supply/Demand and the global oil market in 2020
- Oil and economic diversification strategies in the GCC: A retrospective analysis of the UAE and Saudi Arabia

Participants

Matein Khalid - Chief Investment Officer, ASAS Capital

SESSIONS

CONFERENCE DAY 1 - 04/11/2019

FundForum Middle East & Emerging Markets

4-5 November 2019
The Ritz-Carlton, DIFC
Dubai, UAE

Geopolitical blind spots in the middle east: Are investors asking the right questions?

16:45 - 17:05

Investment

Sometimes we miss what's right in front of us...

Whether we are looking for our keys, or someone we know is waving at us and not noticing or even missing that left turn right after Google maps told you where to go. But did you know we have this blind focus even in our analysis of the middle east?

For instance, overvaluing your quantitative analysis in projecting future earnings instead of checking the vital signs of their qualitative signals.

In this age of geopolitical black swans we need more of a focus on the liquid qual, we need horizon scanning that is bespoke to you and your organisation and less of a reliance on quantifiable risk management.

This session delves into what you may be missing in your analysis of the middle east and how to improve it.

Participants

Klisman Murati - CEO & Founder, Pangaea Wire Group

The Performance Review: Which asset classes / products have done best for 2019 and how to plan for 2020

17:05 - 17:50

Investment

Is diversification the answer in the age of volatility and the zero-fee future? Or will fixed income prove to be the holy grail in the hunt for yield?

Assessing the latest trends and spotting the next big thing: PMs in discussion

Participants

Moderator: Malik Sarwar - CEO, K2 Leaders

Mohamed Hage - Head of Investment and Research, CPG Research and Advisory (Australia)

Racha Alkhwaja - Group Chief Distribution & Development Officer, Equitativa

Dr Peter Marber - Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager, Emerging Markets, Aperture Investors LLC

Charles-Henry Monchau - Managing Director - CIO & Head of Investment Management, Al Mal Capital

Manish Kumar Garg - VP & Head of Fund Approvals, HSBC Retail Banking and Wealth Management

Chairman's closing remarks

17:50 - 17:55

Investment

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Hussein Al Sayed - Chief Market Strategist at FXTM & Anchor, CNBC Arabia

Close of Day 1 & Evening Networking Reception

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Making Sense of Megatrends: Disruption, Innovation & Transformation

Participants

Malik Sarwar - CEO, K2 Leaders

Bringing MENA up to date: Agility, innovation and staying relevant in the age of disruption

08:55 - 09:15

Making Sense of Megatrends: Disruption, Innovation & Transformation

In the face of low interest rates, sluggish growth and a low oil environment, banks are cutting, sovereign funds are consolidating, and M&A is on the rise. We are also seeing social overhaul with shifting demographics and generational wealth transfer.

How can financial institutions stay relevant and evolve not just the business model but organisational culture, in response to the structural shifts impacting the industry

Participants

Saeeda Jaffar - Managing Director, Strategy & Performance Improvement, Alvarez & Marsal

How is technology reshaping the UAE wealth management landscape?

09:15 - 09:55

Making Sense of Megatrends: Disruption, Innovation & Transformation

09.20 Research Briefing - Chain Reaction: How Blockchain will Transform the Developing World
Gavin Serkin, Founder & Managing Editor, **New Markets Intelligence & Media**

09.30 Panel Discussion

Participants

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Gavin Serkin - Author of Frontier - FT "must read" and Founder and Managing Editor, New Markets Media & Intelligence

Saeeda Jaffar - Managing Director, Strategy & Performance Improvement, Alvarez & Marsal

Pooja Singh - International Relations & Organizations Senior Specialist, Securities & Commodities Authority

Emilio Escartin - Professor of Islamic Finance, IE Business School

Mohammed Alsehli - CEO, Wethaq

A new infrastructure for scaling the greening of brown investments in Middle East, Asia Pacific and Africa: How blockchain and smart contracts are transforming impact investments and the shifting the transformation of the carbon-economy

09:55 - 10:20

Making Sense of Megatrends: Disruption, Innovation & Transformation

Participants

Steve Barnett - Financial Centre Development Director, Abu Dhabi Global Market

Innovation for the business: Cutting costs, driving efficiencies and improving client experience

10:20 - 10:50

Making Sense of Megatrends: Disruption, Innovation & Transformation

Using AI & big data to drive new investment ideas, business growth and product development. Finding instant wins and return on investments in tech

Participants

Neale Croutear-Foy - Change & Transformation Director, Ditraro Consulting

Hamish Gowen - Director – International Client Relations, Quoniam Asset Management

David Martínez de Lecea - Chief Technology Officer, Brite Advisors

Omar Bin Brek - Founder, Foloosi

Entering the ETF market using a white label service – a case study of the recent Kuwait ETF

10:50 - 11:05

Making Sense of Megatrends: Disruption, Innovation & Transformation

Participants

Hector McNeil - Co-CEO, HANetf

Networking Break

11:05 - 11:35

The Institutional Forecast: Predicting correlation and consolidation in an era of volatility

11:35 - 11:55

HNWI & Institutional Outlook

Brand new research into the key trends in managing institutional money in the GCC. Measuring market sentiment, predicting macro-political shifts and the outlook for asset allocation over the next 5 years – where can we expect to be in 2025?

Participants

Richard Banks - Managing Director, RMBanks & Co

Sustainable Legacies: Harnessing impact investing as a tool to build and strengthen family legacy

11:55 - 12:10

HNWI & Institutional Outlook

Setting up a charity and foundation is easy – sustaining and continuing to create impact, building the family legacy through the activities and using impact activities as a way to bring the family together is a key challenge. Families of wealth often have conflicts in family business and wealth. Explore how well selected impact activities can bring the family together.

Participants

Leah Zveglich - Executive Director, Aster Impact

Family Office insight: Responsibility, Reputation & Optimisation

12:10 - 12:50

HNWI & Institutional Outlook

- What strategies are elite investors choosing to generate returns and ensure growth in the current market?
- How are they adapting to evolving trends and demographics resulting from generational and cultural shifts?
- Private equity - a preferred asset class?
- How are they managing enhanced compliance and risk rules, including AML?
- What impact is sustainability having on portfolio composition?

Participants

Moderator: George Triplow - Senior Vice President, Global Family and Private Investment Office, EMEA., Northern Trust

Leah Zveglich - Executive Director, Aster Impact

Noor Quek - CEO and Founder, NQ International Pte. Ltd.

Houssam Nasrawin - CEO, Olam Partners

Simon Fentham-Fletcher - Chief Investment Officer, Freedom Asset Management

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Networking Lunch

12:50 - 14:05
Networking lunch

Workshop - Geopolitical blind spots in the middle east: Are you asking the right questions?

13:00 - 14:00
Investment

Following on from his session on day 1, Klisman Murati will be hosting this exclusive workshop to explore in greater depth how investors could be benefiting from better analysis into risk factors and red flags.

Participants

Klisman Murati - CEO & Founder, Pangaea Wire Group

Close of FundForum Middle East & Emerging Markets

14:05 - 14:10

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