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INTRODUCTION

The 7th International Funds Summit will welcome leading fund managers and fund administration specialists from across the world to discuss the evolving regulatory and increasingly competitive landscape in the global asset management sector.



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WHY PARTICIPATE?

- 1 Listen to experts in the funds industry and other related sectors discuss the future of funds
- 2 Discover the latest trends and developments in the funds industry
- 3 Network with like-minded professionals in the funds industry and other related professions
- 4 Continue your professional development
- 5 Earn up to 7 CPD units*

SUMMIT AUDIENCE

The Summit is addressed to senior finance and investment professionals representing funds based in Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, Asia, Russia and the USA.

Who will attend?

- Chief Financial Officers (CFOs)
- Chief Operating Officers (COOs)
- Asset Managers
- Fund Managers
- Custodians
- Fund Administrators
- Legal advisors specialising in the investment funds industry
- International media representatives
- Tax lawyers
- Other investment professionals

From which sectors?

- Investment fund companies
- Asset Management companies
- Accounting, audit and tax advisory firms
- Investment banks and other financial institutions
- Private equity firms
- Family offices
- Pension funds
- Insurance companies
- Endowment trusts
- Sovereign wealth funds

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PROGRAMME

Day 1 (Monday, 1 November 2021)

08:30-09:00 Registrations – Welcome Coffee

09:00-09:25 Introduction by the Chairperson



Andreas Yiasemides, President, Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA)

09:25-09:35 Welcome Addresses



Andreas Yiasemides, President, Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA)



Marios Tannousis, Deputy Director General, Invest Cyprus

09:35-10:15 KEYNOTES

Pathway to a More Resilient Economy

The global economy is recovering from an unprecedented crisis. We need to urgently find opportunities and solutions that achieve sustainable and broad-based economic growth. Our priorities as a Government, for the year ahead, focus on setting the path towards building a stronger, fairer, and more resilient economy. We will undertake reforms and investments to improve the capabilities of the health care sector, the efficiency of the public and the private sector, modernizing the state, reforming the courts, promoting social welfare and last but not least investing in skills required for the economy of the future. Green and digital transformation is indeed the way forward. Close cooperation among all actors involved, is a prerequisite in safeguarding the achievement of our goals for recovery and resilience at both national and EU level

Constantinos Petrides, Minister of Finance, Republic of Cyprus



Regulatory Developments within the Fund Industry

Dr. George Theocharides, Chairman, Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission

COVID-19 Policy Response in a Future Perspective

Almost two years after the COVID-19 outbreak, EU banks seem to be coping well with it. Legislators, regulators, and supervisors have tried to strike a balance between providing flexibility to stimulate lending and maintaining reliable metrics in line with the single rulebook, even during these times of extreme stress. Nevertheless, two salient risks remain, for which we need to enhance our modelling toolkit: money laundering as well as environmental, social and governance related challenges. If not addressed properly, these risks might have detrimental consequences on banks and financial stability.

José Manuel Campa, Chairperson, European Banking Authority, France



Sustainable Finance: Data Gaps, Convergence and Investor Protection

Looking at the EU sustainable finance package and its three main building blocks (taxonomy, disclosure frameworks and the development of benchmarks, standards), what does the European investment management industry need to play its channeling and stewardship roles? And how can unintentional greenwashing be avoided?

Tanguy van de Werve, Director General, EFAMA, Belgium



10:15-11:05 SESSION 1

THE INVESTMENT VEHICLES AND ASSET CLASSES THAT LEAD THE MARKET

The Asset Management industry is on an ever-changing path of growth. This session will discuss the current key trends that impact the market and will explore the best options for fund managers that want to stay above the curve.



Introduction by the Moderator of the Session

Theofanis Mylonas, Chairman of the Board & CEO, Eurobank Asset Management MFMC, Greece

Evolving Asset Management Regulation

Policymakers and industry are looking at issues through a new lens. The pursuit of economic growth, changing investor demands and behaviours, and environmental and social concerns are influencing regulatory agendas. Of paramount importance are financing sustainable recovery and adjusting regulation for an increasingly digital world and hybrid working models.

Andrew Weir, Global Chairman of Asset Management and Real Estate, KPMG, China



Fixed Income Markets: What we Learned from the COVID19 Crisis and Trends for the Future

The presentation will look at the liquidity shock during March 2020, what was impacted and how the market responded. It will also discuss what to look out for an asset allocator or fund provider in the future.

Niall McDonnell, CFA, Senior Investment Manager, Architas / President, CFA Society Ireland



Investment World in a Post-COVID-19 Era: Changes and Trends

The presentation will provide an overview of the main trends since the start of the pandemic, highlighting what has changed and assessing the key lessons learned. It will also look at different mechanisms that can support investors in the uncertain times to come, while exploring financial vs. humanitarian issues in family and institutional investing organizations.



Dr. Rania Azmi, Ph.D., Founder & CEO, Alexandrite Decisions / Member of Wharton's Executive Advisory Boards, Kuwait

Questions & Answers

11:05-11:50 Networking Coffee Break

11:50-12:50 SESSION 2

CROSS-BORDER DISTRIBUTION

Global distribution is one of the practices that is heavily desired by fund managers internationally. Hence, the fund industry has seen an exponential growth of cross-border fund registrations. Has covid-19 affected these practices and/or has it led fund professionals to rethink distribution models?



Introduction by the Moderator of the Session

George P. Nicolaou, Director, Trepides Group, Cyprus

Recent Trends in Distribution of Alternatives

Presentation focusing on key recent developments in distribution of alternative investment funds. Topics to be discussed will include the effects of the pandemic on distribution, Brexit and the new EU cross-border distribution regime.



David Selden, Partner, Alternative Investment Funds, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC), UK



Latest Trends in UCITS Charges

Giles Swan, Director of Global Funds Policy, Investment Company Institute, UK



Distribution of Funds

Stéphan Pouyat, Global Head of Capital Markets, Funds, ETFs and ESG services, Euroclear, Brussels

How to Access China's US \$20trillion Wealth Management Market as a Global Fund Manager

China's fund management industry has grown from less than US\$1trillion to over US\$20trillion in less than 20 years. Mutual funds represent around US\$3trn, and with many other investment options, end investors are spoilt for choice. Now, China is allowing global fund companies to also participate in their market. Some have already begun to do so. This session will discuss how global fund companies can participate in the growing Chinese fund management industry.

Stewart Aldcroft, Asian Fund Management Industry Consultant, Independent Non-Executive Director (INED), Hong Kong

Questions & Answers

12:50-13:10



FIRESIDE CHAT: The Latest and Upcoming Regulatory Changes and what to Expect from the Future

Dr. Joseph Gavin, Chief Executive Officer, Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA)

Moderator: **Andreas Yiasemides**, President, Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA)

13:10-13:55 Networking Cocktail Lunch Break

13:55-15:15 SESSION 3

SUSTAINABLE INVESTING

While many saw it as a trend at first, sustainability is definitely here to stay and has become an integral concept for financial institution organizations. This session will discuss the steps the industry has taken in integrating sustainability concerns, what's next and how regulation can help with successful practices.



Introduction by the Moderator of the Session

Michalis G. Vasiliou, Board Member, Audit & Asset Management Services, KPMG in Cyprus



EU Disclosure Landscape

A discussion around the key pieces of European legislation making up the disclosure requirements for asset managers and others. This includes the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation, the European Taxonomy and a proposal for the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive.

Amanda Hale, Head of Regulatory Services, Global Trustee & Fiduciary, Citibank, UK



ESG Projects in Cyprus: Opportunities for Investors

From ESG to impact investing, responsible investments are gaining ground. ESG has become increasingly important for investors and businesses to embrace positive change and accomplish a sustainable and resilient future. The growing trend towards environmental and ethical consciousness is leading investors to look for opportunities that take these values into consideration. While we do observe that ESG is a top priority for investors when assessing investment opportunities, Invest Cyprus focuses on investment projects which integrate social and environmental factors and respond to the demand of investors as part of their investing criteria.

George Campanellas, CEO, Invest Cyprus / Vice-President, Cyprus Investment Funds Association



ESG Manager Research and Selection

ESG has been a strong industry trend. The presentation will address the subject of how to do ESG fund research and selection.

Jasmine Yu, PhD, CFA, CAIA, Head of Manager Research, BNY Mellon, USA



Impact Investing: Going Beyond ESG

Today the impact investment market is sized at \$715bn and is growing exponentially. In this session you will learn how impact investing is distinct but related to ESG; the drivers of market growth and key players in the sector; and emerging investment trends – from investing for the just transition to delivering place-based impact investing.

Sarah Teacher, Executive Director, Impact Investing Institute, UK



The Role of Regulation in Sustainable Finance

The presentation will discuss sustainable finance and the role that regulation plays in setting policy, influencing choice and guiding the supervisors of financial institutions across the EU.

Laura Wadding, Partner, Risk Advisory, Deloitte Ireland



The ESG Approach to Investing: Ecosystem, Metrics and Investment Techniques

ESG Ecosystem has grown significantly in recent years as the participating groups entering the system has grown in diversity and in number with each one group having a specific role in its definition and the industry evolution. In an effort to quantify and evaluate the significance of ESG factors into the investment process, the industry has developed ESG metrics and ratings which even though they attempt to arrive at a consensus on the risk management and the performance, their outcome becomes a subject of open interpretation due to the lack of uniformity between the various providers of the metrics and ratings. Consequently, the investment techniques incorporated in the investment process are becoming somewhat subjective and thus raising the issue of financial materiality of the metrics.

Omeros Nishiotis, MSTA, MCSI, Chief Executive Officer & Chief Investment Officer, Fortified Capital Ltd, Cyprus

Questions & Discussion

15:15-15:30

Closing Remarks by the Chairperson



Andreas Yiasemides, President, Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA)

15:30-17:00

Happy Hour Drinks & Nibbles

15:30

End of Day 1

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09:00-09:25 Introduction by the Chairperson



Panikos Teklos, Vice-President, Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA)

09:25-10:05

SESSION 4

ASSET MANAGEMENT – FINANCIAL STABILITY AND LIQUIDITY

Financial Institutions find themselves needing the right level of liquidity to achieve financial stability. This session will explore how different asset classes can impact liquidity and in extend financial stability while also addressing current market concerns and potential solutions.

ASSET MANAGEMENT Bank of Cyprus

Introduction by the Moderator of the Session

Tasos Hadjinicolaou, Investment Strategy & Advisory Manager BOCAM, BOC Asset Management Company

The Fragility of Stability – How Market Stability is not all that it seems

Investors and policy makers alike crave efficiency and stability. Unfortunately the efforts of policy makers to optimise systems and create stability, or the appearance of stability, over the short term result in a lack of redundancy, perverse incentives and undesirable behaviour and thus come at the cost of increased fragility over the long term.



James Athey, Investment Director & Senior Portfolio Manager on the Global Rates Team, abrdn, UK

Competing for Growth

Wealth and asset managers face a common set of challenges and opportunities driven by the macroeconomic environment, shifts in client demand, and the continued evolution of technology to deliver improved investment and advisory solutions. We see four key growth opportunities that managers should be prepared to capture going forward.



John Romeo, Managing Partner & Head of Oliver Wyman Forum, Oliver Wyman, UK

Questions & Discussion

10:05-10:25



FIRESIDE CHAT: The Future of Operations: How are Leaders Driving Change in the Face of Increased Competition from Implementing Transformative Technology to Attracting and Retaining Top Talent?

Pervaiz Panjwani, EMEA Head Custody and Fund Services, Citi, UK



Moderator: Andreas Yiasemides, President, Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA)

10:25-11:15

SESSION 5

DEMYSTIFYING THE NOUVEAU DEPOSITARY MODEL

The digitization in the financial services industry, the rapid growth of digital assets and the evolution in the regulatory frameworks of fund managers have all led Depositaries rethink about their operating models and how to position themselves to accommodate these trends and emerging fund manager needs going forward. The conventional model of a Depositary is being challenged and new models have already started to emerge. Join us in a discussion with our experts in demystifying the trends and challenges of this “Nouveau Depositary model”.



Introduction by the Moderator of the Session

Kostantinos Xanthis, Head Wealth Management Operations, Eurobank Cyprus

The Emergence of the Professional Depositary for Non-Financial Assets

The presentation will provide an overview of how the need of a professional depositary emerged for non-financial assets and how this was addressed within the AIFMD. It will also give an overview of where this is currently available, what is its function, how it operates and will close with an assessment of the future for the professional depositaries



Antonis Anastasiou, Managing Director & Head of AIFM, Alter Domus Management Company S.A, Cyprus

Accessing Indian Capital Markets

The presentation will take us through the intricacies of investing in India. There are over ten thousand foreign portfolio investors (FPI's) in India owning significant portion of India equities. They come in several formats such as the largest sovereign funds and also family offices deploying different kinds of strategies. Investing in India has never been easier. We welcome you to join this brief presentation which will broadly cover the following: Indian macro structure and forces that propel growth; Indian Capital Markets Landscape – Depository, Market structure, depth & liquidity; Ownership and participants; Foreign Portfolio Investments (FPI) regulations and Operational Requirements of accessing India; What to look for while selecting service providers; Recent regulations that make investments into India easier from Cyprus

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Atul Badkar, Head of US & UK, International Institutional Client Group, Edelweiss Asset Services, India

Digitization in the New Normal: How it is Demystifying the Depository and Custody World

In the new normal, digitization has been the only way forward where not only the infrastructure has to adapt but also the Custodians to set explosive growth in the Capital Markets across.

Avinash Kansal, Head – Capital Markets & Custody, ICICI Bank Limited, India



Questions & Discussion

11:15-12:00

Networking Coffee Break

12:00-12:20

FIRESIDE CHAT: Opportunities and Challenges in Crypto Funds

James Lasry, Deputy, Chairman, Gibraltar Funds and Investments Association / Partner, Hassans International Law Firm Limited, Gibraltar

Moderator: Panikos Teklos, Vice-President, Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA)



12:20-13:20

SESSION 6

FINTECH & REGTECH – GAME CHANGERS IN INVESTMENT AND FUND MANAGEMENT

Technology has certainly taken the front of the stage this past year and has been proven to be a game changer to asset managers, wealth managers and service providers. However, has the industry fully integrated technology to its operating practices? This session will explore how efficiency can be improved, will highlight the importance of Fintech in shaping current technologies such as machine learning techniques and artificial intelligence while examining the role of RegTech.

Introduction by the Moderator of the Session

Clea Evagorou, Risk Advisory Leader, Deloitte Cyprus



How Digital Assets De-Centralized Finance will Disrupt and Transform Asset Management

Digital Assets (assets that are cryptographically encrypted on a Blockchain) have the ability to both significantly disrupt the Asset Management industry and at the same time offer significant efficiencies and opportunities. This presentation will lay out the fundamentals and how this technology can open new distribution channels that truly democratize assets, as well as offering significant opportunities for efficiency and cost reduction in established markets.

David Reed, Director, Global Distribution Strategy & Innovation, Invesco Ltd, UK



Putting the Consumer First: How Competition in the FinTech Sector is Driving More Choice and Better Experiences

Consumers' needs have developed – they are expecting more than traditional nine-to-five bricks and mortar bank access, but want real-time finance services with a simple and efficient user experience from the comfort of wherever they are and whenever they need – this is where apps and the growing FinTech revolution comes in. Three of the main consumer truths for brands to bear in mind when considering the customer experience are: the majority of us are connected to a device 24/7; insights and data have the power to shape experiences; and technology is always driving innovation.

Siri G. Børsum, VP Finance Vertical Global Partnerships & Eco-Development, Huawei Technologies, Norway



Token Driven Revolution : Understanding the foundations of Decentralized Finance (DeFi)

This session will dive deeper into constructs that govern the crypto economics models and token economy. The emergence of Asset tokenization has led to massive disintermediation and changing the business models of many industries. With Finance as an exemplar, we will explore how Decentralized Finance or DeFi, is challenging every aspect of value movement. DeFi favors network effects, the true innovation is created by uniquely combining the applications. DeFi has become a trending topic in the blockchain community. In contrast to the decentralization of money through Bitcoin and stablecoin, DeFi aims for a broader approach of generally decentralizing the traditional financial industry. The core of the initiative is to open traditional financial services to everyone, in providing a permissionless financial service ecosystem based on blockchain infrastructure. DeFi is often referred to Lego blocks of financial services, it is hence vital to understand and craft an Investment thesis that resonates with not only the co-development of the financial innovation and instruments but also the technology infrastructure that will support these innovative structures and models.

Nitin Gaur, Director, Financial Sciences and Digital Assets, IBM, USA



Have Digital and New Technologies Changed Fund Distribution Forever?

Digital transformation is a priority to increase the value delivered to clients and attract new customers. Fund distribution is no exception. New technologies are allowing the emergence of new business models to attract new customers. Existing back-office infrastructures and client service models are being challenged by this change. New technologies are permitting unrivalled transparency of information on a timely manner, allowing the provision of the right information to the customer so that he or she can make the right investment decision or allowing asset managers to better understand their clients' behaviour and to find new ways.

Pierre Mottion, Head of DLT & Strategy – Investment Fund Services, Clearstream, Luxembourg



Questions & Answers

13:20-13:35



Closing Remarks by the Chairperson

Panikos Teklos, Vice-President, Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA)

13:35

End of Summit – Networking Cocktail Lunch





Andreas Yiasemides, President, Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA)/ Partner, in charge of Funds Services, PwC Cyprus

Andreas Yiasemides is the President of the Cyprus Investment Funds Association and Partner, in charge of Funds Services at PwC Cyprus. On his graduation from the University of Manchester with a first-class degree in Economics, he joined PwC in 1999 and qualified as a Chartered Accountant (FCA). He continued his career with the Bank of Cyprus, holding various positions including heading the Custody and Trusts Unit. He then moved on to an organization of professional services where he set up and led the Fund Services Unit. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Cyprus and of the Central Bank of Cyprus and is the President of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus Investment Fund Association (CIFA). He is also a member of the Cyprus National Advisory Council of the Charter Institute for Securities and Investment (CISI).



Marios Tannousis, Deputy Director General, Invest Cyprus

Marios Tannousis holds the post of Deputy Director General at Invest Cyprus. He has more than twenty four years of international corporate experience, with twelve years in the international banking and financial services group Societe Generale, where he served at various key posts. He is a Member of the Board of the European Fund and Asset Management Association (EFAMA) as well as the Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA). He also served as President of the Cyprus Finance & Leasing Association and Board Member in various other organizations and bodies. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment (CISI) and holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Rutgers University, NJ, USA and an MBA from Mankato State University (MSU), MN, USA. He is also certified for offering investment services and has a special interest in Economic Development through Investments especially in Banking, Financial Services and Investment Funds. He represents Cyprus in various international and European Conferences.



Constantinos Petrides, Minister of Finance, Republic of Cyprus

Constantinos Petrides assumed office as Minister of Finance of the Republic of Cyprus on 3rd of December 2019. Prior to his appointment, he served as Minister of Interior (1 May 2017 - 3 December 2019) and Deputy Minister to the President of the Republic of Cyprus since (1st March 2013 - 30 April 2017). From September 2011 to February 2013 was the Director of the Office of the President of the Democratic Rally. In 2006 he was hired at the European Commission in Brussels where he worked as an economist at the Directorate General for Agriculture and the Directorate General for Competition until September 2011. During his stay at the European Commission he served as negotiator of trade liberalization agreements between the EU and third countries and also worked on issues of public aid in the field of transportations. From 2000 until 2006 he served as Senior Officer at the Association of Cyprus Banks and as representative of the Association to the European Banking Federation and the National Euro Changeover Committee. During the negotiations for Cyprus' accession to the EU in 2000 he worked on issues of harmonization at the Directorate for EU-Cyprus relations of the Planning Bureau. He studied Economics at the University of Nottingham and then acquired an MSc in Political Economy of Transition in Europe from the London School of Economics and Political Sciences.



Dr. George Theocharides, Chairman, Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (CySEC)

Dr. George Theocharides is the new Chairman of the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (CySEC). Previously he served as CySEC's Vice Chairman since July 2020. As an Associate Finance Professor at the Cyprus International Institute of Management (CIIM) and Director of the MSc in Financial Service Programme from September 2010 until July 2020, he has extensive work experience in the wider financial sector. Prior to joining CIIM, he worked as an Assistant Professor of Finance at the Sungkyunkwan University of South Korea from 2006 to 2010. In 2006, he has also worked as an International Faculty Fellow at the Sloan School of Management of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). In the past, he served as a member of the Board of the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission a member of the Interim Board of Bank of Cyprus, Chairman of the Board of the Cyprus Blockchain Technologies Ltd, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus -Kuwait Business Association. He also served as the Chairman of the Board of Management of The English School, from July 2016 until July 2020, a member of the Training/HR Committee of the Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA), as well as a non-executive member of the Board of Directors for a number of organisations and companies in the financial services sector. He is also an Associate member of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI) and a Research Associate at the UCL Centre for Blockchain Technologies (UCL CBT). Dr. Theocharides holds a degree of BEng (Hons) in Electrical Engineering & Electronics from the University of Manchester (U.M.I.S.T.), an MBA from the University of San Diego and a PhD in Finance from the University of Arizona.

**José Manuel Campa, Chairperson, European Banking Authority, France**

José Manuel Campa is the current chairperson of the European Banking Authority. After studying law and economics at the University of Oviedo and earning his PhD in economics from Harvard University, José taught finance at New York University and the IESE Business School and consulted for a number of international organisations including the World Bank, the IMF, the Bank for International Settlements and the European Commission. He then served as the 10th Secretary of State for Economy of the Spanish government and was most recently Director of Regulatory affairs of the Santander Bank.

**Tanguy van de Werve, Director General, EFAMA, Belgium**

Tanguy van de Werve is the Director General of the Brussels-based European Fund and Asset Management Association (EFAMA) since December 2018. In that capacity, he leads in the formulation of industry positions on the main policy developments and engages with relevant EU and international authorities. Before joining EFAMA, he was Head of the Brussels office of AFME (European investment banking industry - 2015-2018), Director General of Leaseurope and Eurofinas (European leasing and consumer credit industries - 2006-2015), and Head of Banking Supervision and Capital Markets at the European Banking Federation (2001-2006). Other relevant roles include positions at Euroclear and Dexia as well as Non-Executive Director of Belgium-domiciled UCITS (2006-2018). He holds a degree in law from the University of Louvain-la-Neuve (BE) as well as a diploma in Political Sciences & International Relations and a certificate of specialised studies (DES) in Financial Risks Management.

**Theofanis Mylonas, Chairman of the Board & CEO, Eurobank Asset Management MFMC, Greece**

Theofanis Mylonas is Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Eurobank Asset Management M.F.M.C. He is also Vice-President of the Hellenic Fund and Asset Management Association. Within Eurobank, he was Head of Global Markets Trading and member of various investment and other committees. Prior to this, and within Global Markets, he was Assistant General Manager, Co-Head Global Markets Trading. In the past, he had various managerial positions within Global Markets. He has also worked as Head of Fixed Income Trading – Greece, in Treasury Dealing Room of Citibank / Schroder Salomon Smith Barney in Greece and the UK. Mr. Mylonas holds a M.Sc. in Finance from the University of Strathclyde and a high Honours B.Sc. in Business Studies from the University of Buckingham.

**Andrew Weir, Global Chair of Asset Management and Real Estate, KPMG, China**

Andrew is the Global Chair of Asset Management and Real Estate for KPMG. He has over 30 years' experience servicing listed companies, public bodies, investment funds and MNCs in Hong Kong, China, Asia and internationally. He has a keen interest in corporate governance, board leadership and business in the community and leads the quarterly KPMG Independent Non-Executive Directors Forum. Andrew is a Fellow of ICAEW and HKICPA and is a Fellow and Council Member of the Institute of Directors. He is currently Regional Senior Partner of KPMG in Hong Kong and Vice-Chairman of KPMG China, and ASPAC Chairman of Infrastructure, Government and Healthcare, which also includes the real estate, hospitality and transport sectors. Andrew previously was Head of Capital Markets at KPMG China and Asset Management in Asia Pacific. Andrew was appointed by the HKSAR Government as a council member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) and to sit on the Greater Bay Belt and Road Committee and Chair the Global Belt and Road Forum. Andrew was appointed by the HKSAR Government as a Director of the Financial Services Development Council (FSDC) and chairs its Governance Committee and sits on the FSDC Policy Research Committee. He previously chaired the Listing Committee of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and sits on the advisory panels of the Securities Institute, Hong Kong Investor Relations Association and Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). He is a Director of Asia Pacific Real Estate Association, ANREV and Community Business. Andrew was made an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2017 for his contribution to trade and investment links between Hong Kong, China and the UK and was awarded Director of the Year by the Institute of Directors for his services to the NGO sector. He has an honours degree in Economics and a Master's degree in Economic Development.



Niall McDonnell, CFA, Senior Investment Manager, Architas / President, CFA Society Ireland

Niall McDonnell is a Senior Investment Manager for Architas based in Dublin, Ireland. In Architas, Niall is the Lead Portfolio Manager for a number of multi-asset portfolios and has research responsibilities for fixed income strategies. Niall joined Architas in January 2019 from Mercer where he was an Investment Solutions Specialist in their multi-manager investment management business. Niall spent 8 years with Mercer managing currency hedging solutions, Mercer's range of European passive funds and a number of large client bespoke solutions. Prior to this Niall was a Treasury Manager with Incisive Capital Management. Niall has over 15 year's industry experience covering portfolio management, product development and asset allocation. Niall is an Associate Lecturer on a masters in finance program and is a board member of the CFA Society Ireland. Niall holds a BA in European Business and Languages, as well as a Masters in Finance from National College of Ireland. Niall is also a Chartered Financial Analyst.



Dr. Rania Azmi, Ph.D., Founder & CEO, Alexandrite Decisions / Member of Wharton's Executive Advisory Boards, Kuwait

Dr. Rania Azmi is a global expert of note, in the fields of investments, management and philanthropy, where she was chosen by the Asset International Magazine as one of the brightest "forty under forty" investment stars among the world's top chief investment officers and was designated a "Woman of Influence" by the Women Speakers Association. She is currently a member of the executive education board at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and the Aspen Global Leadership Network. With over two decades of first-hand experience, including as a strategic adviser to one of the world's largest sovereign wealth funds, and as a freelance consultant and certified trainer with the International Finance Corporation, part of the World Bank Group, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Dr. Azmi is the Founder of "Alexandrite Decisions" - the global consultancy and training, supporting global decision making in our ever-changing world. "Alexandrite Decisions" enjoys the depth and track-record stemmed from its founder, who combines institutional investors and family office/ UHNI investors' supporting experiences, while complementing academic insights with practitioners' judgments, covering various world's regions. She received her Doctorate in Decision Making from the University of Portsmouth and has contributed to many humanitarian works, including preparing for the new generation of the United Nations development goals, advocating for impact investments and sustainability, and raising awareness about cancer prevention and the quality of life of cancer patients locally and globally. Dr. Azmi is the President of "Fadia Survive & Thrive" International Cancer Association and enjoys an extensive global experience, having traveled as in-demand international speaker in over 78 cities in Europe, America, Asia and Africa besides the Middle East.



George P. Nicolaou, Director, Treppides Group, Cyprus

George P. Nicolaou is a Director at K. Treppides & Co Ltd and in particular in the International Compliance and Advisory Services department Leading the Funds and Fund Management Services including the Fund Administration Division. George holds a BA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance and is a Fellow Chartered Certified Accountant (FCCA). He is a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Cyprus (ICPAC) and member of the investment Funds Committee of ICPAC. He is also a member of the Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA). George P. Nicolaou has more than 13 years of international robust experience in the Financial Services, Assurance and Consulting fields having worked in Cyprus, UK and Malta. Over the years he has been specialized in the financial services industry by focusing on the Banking and Capital Markets, Funds, Fund Management companies and Asset Managers. He has solid and extensive knowledge and technical expertise on Fund Management Companies including Alternative Investment Fund Managers, Funds Structuring, Authorization, Regulatory Compliance Consulting and ongoing Fund Administration.



David Selden, Partner, Alternative Investment Funds, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC), UK

David is a corporate lawyer specialising in advising participants in the alternative investment fund space. David's practice touches on all areas having to do with funds, separate accounts, co-investment programs and related matters, including secondary transactions, mergers / acquisitions and seed and stake transactions. David's experience covers multiple asset classes, including hedge funds, private equity funds, commodity funds, credit funds and real estate funds. David is a Partner in PwC UK's Alternative Investment Funds team.

**Giles Swan, Director of Global Funds Policy, Investment Company Institute, UK**

Giles Swan is Director of Global Funds Policy at ICI Global. Swan joined ICI Global from the Financial Services Authority (FSA) as a technical specialist on the collective investment schemes policy team. Swan led negotiations for the FSA in the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament on the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive, and chaired an ESMA Task Force developing Directive's implementing measures. Additionally, he represented the FSA in ESMA's Investment Management Standing Committee. Swan moved to the FSA in 2005, after beginning his career in the European mutual funds sector. Swan holds a first class BA, from Guildhall University and an MSc in Finance and Investment from CASS Business School in London.

**Stéphan Pouyat, Global Head of Capital Markets, Funds, ETFs and ESG services, Euroclear, Brussels**

Stephan Pouyat is Global Head of Capital Markets and Funds Services at Euroclear. The Capital Markets business represents €33 trillion of assets under custody across the group, while the Funds Services business represents approximately €1 trillion. Stephan is a trusted advisor to Ministers of Finance, Governors and Deputies, including the Heads of Debt Management and various regulatory bodies. He is a highly regarded speaker in the industry and leads discussions with various senior level government officials, with the objective of implementing solutions that help to increase market liquidity, resulting in a stronger macroeconomic climate and financial stability. In this capacity, his business unit's fundamental role is to promote financial market inclusion, social responsibility and provide operational excellence in all global markets in which it operates, focusing specifically on 28 emerging economies and their local debt capital markets expansion and funds services requirements. The free and efficient flow of capital brings benefits to all, from the promotion of financial reform and social development to the development of new mechanisms that aid market advancement. In an increasingly interconnected world, local market success is predicated on their ability to secure capital flows and investment in physical and social infrastructure. Stephan has also held a number of senior positions within Euroclear in product management, network management, chief of staff to the UK and Dutch CEOs, corporate restructuring and corporate strategy. Prior to joining Euroclear, Stephan was employed by Federated Investors as Vice President for e-commerce, where he developed a web-based settlement engine. He has a Master's degree from both Eurecom and Polytechnique Lausanne (Switzerland) and has completed an Executive Program at Harvard Business School.

**Stewart Aldcroft, Asian Fund Management Industry Consultant, Independent Non-Executive Director (INED), Hong Kong**

Stewart Aldcroft recently retired from Citi's Securities Services business where he served for 10 years. He is now an Independent Fund Management Industry Consultant, able to provide advice, guidance and strategies for global as well as local fund management firms. In particular Stewart can advise on market entry strategies for China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and other Asian markets. Stewart was previously Chairman of Cititrust Limited and also acts as Senior Advisor for Citi's Securities Services business. In this role, he is responsible for assisting the business to develop new initiatives and grow its client-base and reach across Asia Pacific, advising global fund manager clients on accessing the Asian region. Stewart is the author of numerous thought leadership publications issued by Citi over the last few years, on topics ranging from Taiwan, Market Entry into China, Asian Fund Passporting, and Setting up in Hong Kong. He is widely quoted in the fund industry media and has a weekly radio broadcast on money matters. Stewart has had a long career working in the business development and client relationship side for traditional, hedge, ETF, structured and alternatives funds houses across Asia. Previous companies include: EIP, Horizon21, Investec Asset Management Asia, Standard Chartered in Hong Kong, Franklin Templeton Investment Services Asia, HSBC Asset Management and Schroders Asia. A frequent participant in fund management industry events, Stewart has held various memberships with the main Hong Kong industry bodies. Stewart has been based in Hong Kong since 1985.

**Dr. Joseph M. Gavin, Chief Executive Officer, Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA)**

Dr. Joseph Gavin is the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority responsible for chairing the MFSA's Executive Committee and sits on the Board of Governors of the Authority. In his role as Chief Executive Officer of the MFSA, Joseph shall be responsible for the overall management and performance of the Authority, and the implementation of reforms and consolidation in the financial services sector. Critically, Joseph acted as General Counsel within the Central Bank of Ireland between 2009 and 2015, at a time in which the Irish regulator was undergoing significant policy and structural change, and he was instrumental in guiding the Irish watchdog during a sensitive time, post-recession. Joseph was more recently employed as a Partner and Head of Financial Services at an Irish law firm, providing specialist input in areas relating to regulation and enforcement in financial services. Joseph has more than 40 years of experience as a lawyer in Financial Services generally.



Michalis G. Vasiliou, Board Member, Audit & Asset Management Services, KPMG in Cyprus

Michalis Vasiliou is a Partner offering audit services at KPMG in Cyprus and is the Head of the Asset Management Services. Michalis graduated from the University of Manchester with a first-class degree in Accounting and Finance and is a Fellow (FCA) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW). He primarily services groups operating within the investment funds and financial services sector. Michalis is a member of the IFRG team at KPMG in Cyprus, providing technical support on the correct application of IFRSs requirements. He is a presenter for IFRS seminars to the staff of KPMG, to clients and the public through KPMG Academy. He is also the Chairman of the Investment Funds committee of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Cyprus (ICPAC) and the Chairman of the Alternative Investment Funds committee of the Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA).



Amanda Hale, Head of Regulatory Services, Global Trustee & Fiduciary, Citibank, UK

Amanda manages a team of regulatory specialists with responsibility for analysing asset management specific impacts arising from global financial services regulatory change, whilst also representing Citi on external industry committees and panel discussions. Amanda also chairs an internal regulatory committee. Previous experience includes over 40 years in the Trustee/ Depository and Custody industries, as well as working for the UK Financial Services Authority (now the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)), Collective Investment Scheme Policy team, which involved developing and reviewing standards of conduct for authorised firms, in particular their relationships with consumers.



George Campanellas, CEO, Invest Cyprus / Vice-President, Cyprus Investment Funds Association

George Campanellas is the Chief Executive Officer of the Cyprus Investment Promotion Agency (Invest Cyprus) and the Vice-President of the Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA). He has nearly twenty years of professional experience in Cyprus and abroad, working with the DG Competition in Brussels and directly with the Cypriot Ministers of Health and Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism. George has been actively involved in the development of the oil & gas sector in the Cyprus Exclusive Economic Zone, dealing with licensing, exploration and exploitation activities, as well as promoting bilateral and multilateral cooperation at a regional level. Throughout his career, he also had an active role in drafting the regulatory framework and running the relevant licensing procedures for attracting Foreign Direct Investment in sectors of strategic importance and large-scale infrastructure projects, such as the LNG terminal at Vasilikos Energy Center, Cyprus Techno Park, EuroAsia Interconnector and the City of Dreams Mediterranean, Europe's largest integrated casino resort and Cyprus' largest FDI project.



Jasmine Yu, PhD, CFA, CAIA, Head of Manager Research, BNY Mellon, USA

Jasmine Yu is Head of Global Manager Research at Bank of New York Mellon where she leads research, selection and monitoring of investment managers in equity, fixed income and alternative investments for US and non-US clients in a variety of channels, including wealth management, broker / dealer, OCIO, endowment & foundation, defined benefits / defined contribution plan. Prior to joining BNY Mellon in 2016, she was Senior Portfolio Management Team Leader and Head of Global Fixed Income Due Diligence at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Previously, she had research, asset allocation, portfolio management and risk management responsibilities across multiple asset classes at Abu Dhabi Investment Council, Franklin Templeton Investments, Northern Trust Global Advisors and IBM Pensions. Jasmine received her BA degree in English Literature from Zhongshan University, MBA degree in Financial Management from Pace University, Master of International Affairs (MIA) degree in International Finance and Business from Columbia University and her PhD degree in Finance from EDHEC Business School. Jasmine was one of the six global leaders featured in CFA Institute's campaign "Future of Finance" in 2013. She is currently a member of the Advisory Board of the Sub Advisory Institute at Institutional Investor magazine. Jasmine has lived and worked in New York, London, Continental Europe, Middle East and Asia. She now lives with her family in New York City.

**Sarah Teacher, Executive Director, Impact Investing Institute, UK**

Sarah Teacher is Executive Director of the Impact Investing Institute, a non-profit organisation that seeks to accelerate the growth and improve the effectiveness of the impact investing market in the UK and internationally. Sarah came to the Institute from Lendlease Europe where she served as Social Impact Investment Manager within its European Investment Management business. Sarah was responsible for developing the impact investing strategy at Lendlease and supporting the development of impact investing propositions. Prior to her work at Lendlease Sarah worked in roles at the intersection of social impact, sustainability and private capital – be that corporate investment or philanthropic. She was a Consultant at Sancroft International (2013-2017), an international sustainability consultancy focused on the social, environmental and ethical risks faced by major businesses; an Associate at On Purpose, a one-year programme for early-career professionals identified as future leaders in social enterprise (2012-13); and Director for Next Generation Philanthropy at the Institute for Philanthropy (2006-2010), leading workshops for philanthropists interested in increasing the impact of their giving. Sarah graduated from Lady Margaret Hall College, Oxford, in 2005 with a first-class degree in Modern History, and obtained an MPhil in Development Studies from Clare College, Cambridge in 2011. She serves as a Director of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors and its European Chair.

**Laura Wadding, Partner, Risk Advisory, Deloitte Ireland**

Laura is a Partner at Deloitte Ireland, specialising in Governance, Risk Management, Compliance and Culture in financial services. Laura has over 20 years' experience in the asset management sector, holding leadership roles in operations and compliance and holds a Degree in Law. She leads Deloitte Ireland's Sustainability team with a focus on Sustainable Finance, Reporting & Assurance, the path to Net Zero and broader consulting and advisory services related to ESG and Sustainability.

**Omeros Nishiotis, MST, MCSI, Chief Executive Officer & Chief Investment Officer, Fortified Capital Ltd, Cyprus**

Omeros Nishiotis is the Managing Partner and Chief Investment Officer at Fortified Capital Ltd, a Regulated Alternative Investment Funds Management Company (AIFM) with more than 26 years of experience in the field of Asset Management, Investments and Finance. Omeros has previously served as Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer in financial services firms in Cyprus and Australia and as the Investment Manager of an International Insurance company, as well as several other managerial positions in investment firms. Since 2016, Omeros has been at the forefront of the Cyprus Funds industry, using his extensive industry and international experience for the development of the Funds industry market and is currently an elected member of the Cyprus Investment Funds Association Board of Directors. Throughout his professional career, Omeros has gained great international exposure that earned him Directorship positions in international Asset Management and Investment Banking firms and is often a speaker and moderator in international funds and industry conferences. Omeros is a holder of the Advanced Professional Competency Certificate for all investment services issued by the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission. He is a member of the Society of Technical Analysts UK with a MST designation and a full Member of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investments - MCSI. Also, Omeros holds a BA (Hons) degree in Accounting and Financial Management from the University of Essex, and a MBA in Finance and a D.I.C. in Management from Imperial College London.

**Panikos Teklos, Vice-President, Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA)**

Panikos Teklos is the Vice President of CIFA and the Group CEO of a private financial conglomerate including a brokerage group, an electronic payments group and a wealth advisory group. Panikos has more than 20 years of international experience in Investment Banking (BNP Paribas, Barclays Capital and Citigroup in London, New York, Paris, Athens), Strategy, Consulting, Asset and Wealth Management. Prior to taking his new responsibilities in January 2021, he has spent 5 years at Deloitte as a Partner leading Risk and Wealth Advisory Services. Within this role he has setup and led the Funds Advisory services. Panikos is a specialist in Governance, Risk & Regulation matters, Financial and Capital Management products, structured solutions and business advisory for Financial Institutions and Corporates. He has extensively project managed and advised on Bank restructuring projects, Asset-Liability Management, Operational efficiency, best market practice benchmarking, Economic and Regulatory Capital calculation and effective hedges. Panikos is also an expert in multi-jurisdictional investment fund and asset management advisory and was involved considerably in the setup, structuring, capital raising and distribution of multiple types of Funds in various jurisdictions. Panikos is a certified Investment Advisor (Certificate in Investments, Securities & Financial Derivatives from SII) and registered in the CySEC Public Register as a holder of the Advanced Examination Certificate offered in conjunction with the Chartered Institute of Securities & Investments. He holds a BSc in Economics from the University College London and an MSc Degree in Finance and Economics from London School of Economics and Political Science.

**Tasos Hadjinicolaou, Investment Strategy & Advisory Manager BOCAM, BOC Asset Management Company**

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**James Athey, Investment Director & Senior Portfolio Manager on the Global Rates Team, abrdn, UK**

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**John Romeo, Managing Partner and Head of the Oliver Wyman Forum, Oliver Wyman, UK**

John Romeo is the Managing Partner and Head of the Oliver Wyman Forum, the firm's platform for engaging key business, public policy and societal leaders to act on shared challenges. John also founded and continues to lead Oliver Wyman's Private Capital business, working with leading Private Equity firms and alternative asset managers on business model strategy, deal generation, diligence and value creation. He has over 25 years of consulting experience advising the boards and senior executives of the world's leading private and public sector organizations on strategy, organizational effectiveness, risk management and M&A. John is a board member of Safe Horizon (the largest victims' services agency in the United States) and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA), Chair of the London Data Commission, a member of Young Presidents' Organization, Wall Street Journal CEO Council, MMC Advantage Advisory Council and the Investment Committees of Duke Royalty and Asta Capital Partners. John has a Master's degree in Economics from Cambridge University, where he was a Senior Scholar.

**Pervaiz Panjwani, EMEA Head Custody and Fund Services, Citi, UK**

Pervaiz is the head of Custody and Fund Services in EMEA, a position he has held since 2016. He is one of Citi's most tenured securities services veterans, having spent 27 years working in five countries for the firm across Western Europe and CEEMEA. He was most recently the Citi Country Officer and Head of Investor Services for Luxembourg. Pervaiz's focus since assuming this role has been on growing the European franchise with added functionality for data management, ETF processing, regulatory intelligence whilst maintaining a focus on operational efficiency and STP. He has overseen double digit growth in the business, with the addition of significant new business in the UK and offshore funds market.

**Konstantinos Xanthis, Head Wealth Management Operations, Eurobank Cyprus**

Konstantinos Xanthis is the Head of Wealth Management Operations of Eurobank Cyprus since July 2016. Kostas has a professional experience of more than 20 years in the Banking and Finance industry with an in-depth knowledge of the Capital Markets, Securities and Funds Industry. Prior to joining Eurobank Cyprus, he held various positions in the Eurobank Group's Capital Markets & Wealth Management General Division and more specifically in the Securities Services Sector. He graduated from the University of South Carolina, Columbia with a BSc in Business Finance and has an MBA from ALBA Business School in Athens, Greece. He also holds an advance certificate for Investment Services from CySec.

**Antonis Anastasiou, Managing Director & Head of AIFM, Alter Domus Management Company S.A, Cyprus**

Antonis Anastasiou is the Managing Director of the Alter Domus Management Company S.A and Head of AIFM. Antonis joined Alter Domus in February 2018 and he is the Managing Director of the Alter Domus Management Company. In this role Antonis has the responsibility of the day-to-day management. He brings more than 10 years of experience in the Super Manco field where he previously held various operational and portfolio management positions focusing on alternative asset classes as well as listed investments and he has been instrumental in the set-up of 3 Super ManCos in Luxembourg. Antonis is an experienced Technical Specialist in structuring complex alternative vehicles, with 10 years Portfolio Management experience with a focus on top tier Asset Managers within the space of PERE/Infrastructure/Debt as well as tailored, specialized and exotic asset classes. Antonis has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of London. He was also awarded a Master's Degree from the CASS Business School in London.

**Atul Badkar, Head of US & UK, International Institutional Client Group, Edelweiss Asset Services, India**

Atul Badkar has over 17 years of experience in Indian Capital Markets. At Edelweiss, he has headed the institutional trading floor for over 10 years until Dec 2017. He has successfully managed the largest institutional equity derivatives trading floor and represented the firm on various leading electronic media platforms. Key responsibilities included managing large client relationships and overlooking cross functional areas such Sales Trading, Business Development, Technology, Risk management and Alternative Research. He has advised global investment banks, hedge funds and domestic mutual funds on their investment strategies in Indian markets. Over the last 4 years, he has taken over the role of heading the international business for Asset Services which includes providing fund structuring, India access license, custody, clearing and trading opportunities across asset classes for all institutional formats including Long only, Hedge Funds, quant funds, HFT's, family offices, FDI etc.

**Avinash Kansal, Head – Capital Markets & Custody, ICICI Bank Limited, India**

Avinash has an in-depth and diverse experience of over 15 years with ICICI Bank Limited, primarily in the area of Corporate Banking, Transaction Banking, Services, NBFC, Stressed Assets & Foreign Investments. Currently, he is leading the Custody & Capital Markets Business. He is well established and recognized for structuring products and has culminated a wide range of corporate deals. Besides managing Key corporate relationships for the Bank, he also has extensive knowledge of various sectors of the Indian economy. His area of expertise is Foreign Investments, Corporate Finance, NBFCs, Fund Raising of Corporates through various Debt Instruments and Stressed Assets Management. He has been instrumental in successful implementation of various process reengineering, risk management framework & digitization projects at ICICI Bank across various business groups. He is rank holder Chartered Accountant with B.Com (H) from University of Calcutta.

**James Lasry, Deputy, Chairman, Gibraltar Funds and Investments Association / Partner, Hassans International Law Firm Limited, Gibraltar**

James is Deputy Chairman (and past Chairman) of the Gibraltar Funds and Investments Association. He is also Head of Funds and Deputy Head of Financial Services at Hassans International Law Firm in Gibraltar. A highly regarded practitioner, he has been instrumental in the establishment many of Gibraltar's funds, including the first experienced investor fund and the first protected cell company fund. James advises the Government of Gibraltar on its funds legislation and policy. A frequent contributor on corporate governance, James serves on the boards of several funds and investment brokerage firms. He is qualified as a lawyer in Gibraltar, the UK and Israel.

**Clea Evagorou, Risk Advisory Leader, Deloitte Cyprus**

Clea Evagorou is the Risk Advisory Leader at Deloitte in Cyprus and RA FSI Leader for Deloitte North South Europe. Clea specialises in Banking and Financial Services, leading Deloitte's Investment Management and Funds offerings. She is a member of Deloitte's Banking Union Centre in Frankfurt and EMEA Centre for Regulatory Strategy; and Vice-President of ICPAC's Financial Services Committee. Clea is a Fellow Chartered Accountant, a Chartered Tax Advisor and a Member of the UK's Institute of Consulting.

**David Reed, Director, Global Distribution Strategy & Innovation, Invesco Ltd, UK**

David Reed has spent the last 26 years primarily in the asset management sector working with large firms. David has been involved with programs focused on the distribution arena, specifically, the establishment of effective client relationship platforms and driving innovation to engage customers and clients. David co-founded a specialist consultancy that focused on the emerging platform distribution market in EMEA and worked with many financial institutions to integrate this capability into their organizations. Recently, David has been involved in driving an innovation mindset to enable asset management firms to leverage new and emerging technology to transform and leverage the digital ecosystem. David holds a B.Eng. in electronics and electrical engineering from the University of Plymouth.



Siri G. Børsum, Global VP Finance Vertical Eco-development & Partnerships, Huawei Technologies, Norway

Siri G. Børsum joined Huawei as Global VP Finance Vertical Eco-development & Partnership within Business Consumer Group in March 2020. At Huawei, she's building a new team from Oslo (NO), aimed at the world banking and finance sector. Her accomplishments in the industry were awarded in March 2021 as she was named amongst Norway's 50 leading women in Tech. Siri looks back at a successful track record of being a part in building up companies: She was one of the first hires at OMD Norway, Kanal 24 (now Radio Norge), and Google Norway, hugely contributing to their today's success. At Google, she worked for 12 years, where she was the Industry Leader for Travel & Finance and served as Brand & Culture/Innovation Evangelist in Silicon Valley and latest as Leader of Digital Transformation. She is a popular speaker on topics such as fintech, digitalisation, digital marketing, digital transformation, culture and innovation. She has 20+ years of experience from marketing, sales and tech and from various board positions. Siri has a strong and passionate relationship with digitalisation, organisational culture, innovation and the opportunities technology provides, and how it can improve both the customer journey and not least the results.



Nitin Gaur, Director, Financial Sciences and Digital Assets, IBM, USA

Nitin Gaur currently leads IBM Financial Sciences research practice, as a part of IBM Research. In this role, Nitin leads a team that aspires to play a pivotal role in reshaping the future of the financial services industry with faculty, advanced technology, and superior design in the field of financial sciences and financial technology. Transforming the financial services industry with technology into a new era with Blockchain, AI, and ML, qualitative, and quantitative modeling. In previous role, Nitin Gaur, served as Founder and Director of IBM Digital Asset Labs - serving to devise industry standards, use cases, and working towards making blockchain for the enterprise a reality. In parallel Nitin also served as CTO of IBM World Wire – a cross border payment solution utilizing digital assets. Nitin also Founded IBM Blockchain Labs and led the effort in establishing blockchain practice for the enterprise. Prior to this role he was working in capacity of CTO, IBM Mobile Payments and Enterprise Mobile Solutions. Nitin holds MS in Management Information systems and MBA in Finance from University of Maryland. Nitin is also appointed as an IBM Distinguished Engineer and is an IBM Master Inventor with a rich patent portfolio. Nitin Gaur is also serves as Research and Portfolio Manager for Portal Asset Management - a Multi Manager Fund Specializing in Digital Assets and DeFi investment Strategies.



Pierre Mottion, Head of DLT & Strategy – Investment Fund Services, Clearstream, Luxembourg

Pierre Mottion serves as Head of DLT & Strategy at Clearstream Investment Funds Services. Pierre started his career in 2000 at BNP Paribas. Since then, he focused on fund distribution and asset management, holding several positions across IT, financial control and product management. He participated to the creation of the Italian Banca Corrispondente system in 2000. In 2002, he implemented the Fund Administration platform in France. In 2004, he joined Financial Control of asset management. In 2005, he moved to London to take in responsibility of the development and delivery of UK retail fund distribution solutions and business process management. In 2007, he joined Luxembourg as Global Solutions Architect for Fund Distribution and Transfer Agency. In 2011, Pierre became Global Head of Fund Distribution and Transfer Agency Products at BNP Paribas, where he initiated digital transformation projects based on new technologies such as blockchain, and coordinated strategic program on fund distribution. Pierre joined Clearstream in 2020 to take responsibility for the strategy and DLT innovation for Clearstream Investment Fund Services. In his role, he is working closely on partnerships and in particular with FundsDLT, a digital fund distribution infrastructure based in Luxembourg and launched in 2020. Pierre has an engineering degree from Centrale Supélec.

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ORGANIZERS



The Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA) represents the face and voice of the Cyprus asset management and investment fund community. Founded in 2013, CIFA currently counts over 380 members and represents fund managers, depositaries, administrators, professional advisory firms and other specialist firms involved in the fund services industry in Cyprus. CIFA's Board of Directors is comprised of high caliber industry professionals who come from all areas of the funds industry and are well-placed to support and complement the continued development of the industry. CIFA's mission revolves around assisting its members capitalize on industry trends, shaping the development of the regulatory and legislative framework, enhancing professionalism, integrity and quality, and promoting Cyprus as a leading funds jurisdiction.



Invest Cyprus (Cyprus Investment Promotion Agency) is the investment promotion agency of the Government of Cyprus, dedicated to attract and facilitate foreign direct investment into the country. In close collaboration with all governmental authorities and public institutions, as well as the private sector and international experts, Invest Cyprus is the country's lead agent in establishing Cyprus as a world class investment destination. Invest Cyprus' mandate, is to raise awareness of Cyprus as a location for FDI around the globe, providing certainty around all aspects of operating a business in Cyprus and supporting potential investors in developing their business case for investment into the country.

COORDINATOR



IMH is the largest business knowledge and information transfer organisation in Cyprus. Its services include the coordination and running of conferences, seminars and commercial exhibitions, specialist business media publishing and human resources consulting. Every year, IMH organises more than 110 conferences related to every sector of the market, commercial exhibitions and training seminars, and undertakes the entire process of five business award ceremonies. IMH publishes the only dedicated business magazines in Cyprus: the Greek language monthly IN Business and the English-language monthly Gold, which are read by tens of thousands of Cypriot and non-Cypriot professionals, managers and entrepreneurs. It also operates the magazines' accompanying news portals, the IN Business Portal (www.inbusinessnews.com), the GOLD Portal (www.goldnews.com.cy) and the REPORTER (www.reporter.com.cy). IMH also delivers via e-mail the IN Business Daily Newsletter, the GOLD News Daily Newsletter and the REPORTER Newsletter. The IMH Business Development Department bids for tenders published by local public sector bodies, the European Union and other international organisations. Through its activities, IMH gives businesses a chance to develop, to network, to find new clients and business associates, to communicate with new audiences and discover growth opportunities. www.imhbusiness.com

UNDER THE AUSPICES



The President of the Republic,
Mr. Nicos Anastasiades



SUPPORTERS



Created in 2003, CFA Society Cyprus is dedicated to professional excellence, integrity, education, volunteer service and strength of community. CFA Society Cyprus has over 180 Members representing all major banks and investment firms in Cyprus. The CFA Society Cyprus Members have earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. Awarded only to a select group of investment specialists, the CFA charter requires its candidates to master a rigorous curriculum including investment valuation, portfolio management, asset allocation, economic and market analysis and ethical practices. CFA Society Cyprus is a local Society for CFA Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia and a Member of the CFA Institute Global Network of Societies. www.cfainstitute.org



The Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI) is the leading professional body for securities, investment, wealth and financial planning professionals. Formed in 1992 by London Stock Exchange practitioners, the Institute has a global community of circa 45,000 members in over 100 countries. The CISI's world-renowned qualifications are designed by senior practitioners to help you meet the requirements of markets and regulators across the globe and achieve core competence for your job requirements.



ICAEW is a world leading professional body of Chartered Accountants with 189,500 members and students. ICAEW Chartered Accountants are talented, ethical and committed professionals, which is why all of the top 100 Global Brands employ chartered accountants. We attract talented individuals into the profession and give them the skills and values they need to build resilient businesses, economies and societies, while ensuring our planet's resources are managed sustainably. The collective skills of our membership are the reason we believe that chartered accountancy can be a force for positive changes, which can help to create strong and sustainable economies.



ICMA promotes well-functioning cross-border capital markets, which are essential to fund sustainable economic growth. It is a not-for-profit membership association with offices in Zurich, London, Paris, Brussels and Hong Kong, serving more than 600 member firms in over 60 jurisdictions. Among its members are private and official sector issuers, banks, broker-dealers, asset managers, pension funds, insurance companies, market infrastructure providers, central banks and law firms. It provides industry-driven standards and recommendations, prioritising four core fixed income areas: primary, secondary, repo and collateral and sustainable finance. ICMA works with regulatory and governmental authorities, helping to ensure that financial regulation supports stable and efficient capital markets.



GOLD

GOLD magazine was founded in 2011 as the first English-language business monthly in Cyprus. Today, it is not only synonymous with the promotion of good business practices but it has a unique and valuable readership of High- Net-Worth Individuals, international company executives, English-speaking Cypriot and non-Cypriot businessmen and women. GOLD provides a comprehensive and informed overview of the local business scene, the economy and the market and has gained a reputation for its in-depth articles and revealing interviews with key local and international personalities. www.goldnews.com.cy

15 YEARS IN Business

15 years ago, IN Business magazine began its ongoing relationship with the business world of Cyprus, profiling leaders and organisations, publicizing issues of importance and promoting best practices. Throughout these 15 years, we have shone the spotlight on countless examples of good business, photographed thousands of businesspeople and presented the most successful Cypriot enterprises to the broader reading public. To mark the magazine's first 15 years, the November 21 issue of IN Business will be a special multi-page anniversary edition that looks back over one and a half decades of business reporting, significant business and economic milestones, through articles, features and interviews with Cypriot business leaders and much more. www.inbusinessnews.com

THE INVESTOR

The Investor is the leading business and lifestyle guide on emerging markets providing insights from the world's business leaders and perspectives on the companies, trends and people that are shaping the future of the global economy. We engage with over 165,000 investors and decision-makers in 48 countries with nearly US\$60 billion in available capital for investments.

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ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

The organizers have negotiated special Summit rates with Hilton Nicosia (Summit venue). In order to book a room, please contact the hotel of your choice directly. Please quote 'FUNDS Summit' to receive the negotiated rate. The hotel will request a credit card number in order to guarantee your booking. Please note that the hotel at this time of year is very busy.

HILTON NICOSIA*****

Hilton Nicosia is situated in the heart of Nicosia, providing an easy access to everything the city has to offer. This luxury hotel in Nicosia is the pinnacle of luxury & style, combining impeccable facilities with world class hospitality and service that the Hilton brand guarantees worldwide.

Guests may enjoy bright and airy rooms, designed with convenience in mind, providing a place to unwind or start a new day. All rooms and suites are appointed with high quality furnishings and contemporary amenities subtly blending comfort with unsurpassed luxury. Corporate travellers searching for the most suitable business hotel in Nicosia will be enthralled by the spectacular setting, the opulent lifestyle and the high-end corporate services and facilities available.

 [Click here for more information](#)



Hotel Rates*	Referencing Number for Bookings FUNDS Summit	Single Room € 140	Double Room € 160
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* Hotel Accommodation should be made directly to the hotel by providing the hotel code.
All rates are per room per night on a Bed & Breakfast basis, including taxes.

Cancellation of accommodation

Any cancellation must be made to the hotel in writing. Ask the hotel about its' cancellation policy. If a cancellation is received less than 24 hours prior to the arrival date, the first night will be charged. In case of checkout prior to the booked departure date, the hotel will charge the agreed room rate for the remaining nights.

FACTS ABOUT CYPRUS

- Cyprus is strategically located at the crossroads of three continents, Europe, Asia and Africa
- It is the 3rd largest island in the Mediterranean
- Abundant copper in antiquity put Cyprus on the map
- Cyprus (Kypros in greek) gave copper its Latin name, cuprum
- It has a population of 848,300 (2015)
- The island has a mild, typically Mediterranean climate, with abundant warm sunshine and little rain
- Greek is an official language in the Republic of Cyprus and English is spoken by nearly everyone
- Convenient airline connections and excellent telecoms
- The currency of Cyprus is the Euro
- Credit cards are widely accepted and there are ATMs in all major towns and many villages

WHY VISIT CYPRUS

- Crystal clear waters - the largest number of blue flag beaches per coastline in the world
- Cleanest sandy beaches in Europe
- Warm weather and clear skies almost 365 days per year
- The island has excellent sea level temperatures between 20-27C from May to November
- Cyprus is classified as the sunniest European location
- Cyprus is well known for its attractions and millennia of history
- Abundance of local wines and spirits as well as tasty local cuisine