

Institutional Investors Series

Maximising Returns in Uncertain Times

List Of Speakers

Session 1



Jeremy Whitley
Senior Investment Manager of Global Equities
Aberdeen Asset Management

Jeremy Whitley is a senior investment manager on the global equities team. Jeremy joined the then Edinburgh Fund Managers in 1995 as an investment manager in the Pacific team, which he later came to head. He relocated to Singapore in 2004 following EFM's acquisition. Jeremy then relocated back to the Edinburgh office to join the global equities team in 2007.

Jeremy graduated with an MA in English and Art History from the University of St Andrews and an MBA from the University of Edinburgh.

Antony Cherian
Senior Consultant
Mercer (Singapore) Pte Ltd.

Antony Cherian is a Senior Consultant with Mercer. His experience includes helping institutional clients develop asset allocation policy, select investment managers and monitor investment performance. His clients have included government institutions, corporations and multi-employer pension plans in ASEAN and Canada.

Antony joined Mercer in 2006 after having worked for 6 years with Watson Wyatt in Malaysia and Canada. He was formerly the Investment Consulting Practice Leader for Watson Wyatt in Malaysia. Prior to joining the consulting profession, Antony worked with an accounting firm and the securities industry. He has also taught financial management and business analysis for a post-graduate diploma programme.

Antony graduated from the University of Durham (UK) with a Master in Business Administration. He is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA) and a holder of the CFA designation.



Puah Ser Sze
Practice Leader & Consultant.
Watson Wyatt Worldwide

Puah Ser Sze is the local Investment Practice Leader for Watson Wyatt Worldwide, a leading global consulting firm on people and financial issues, headquartered in Washington DC. She is currently based in Kuala Lumpur.

At Watson Wyatt, Ser Sze (pronounced sir-sir) is responsible for overseeing Watson Wyatt's local investment consulting. Investment consulting helps guide the management of investments through our thought leadership on turning ground-breaking investment concepts into practical advice, deep experience with liabilities, leading edge tools and a global network of consultants to combine local, market specific knowledge with a multinational perspective. She provides investment consulting advice to the Board of statutory bodies, endowment, corporate surplus and pension funds on a variety of investment issues. She has carried out governance projects, stochastic asset liability modeling, manager structure design and analysis, manager research and selection, custodian selection and performance analysis.

Ser Sze started her career with the Benefits practice, providing actuarial services to Malaysian and Thailand clients. The areas she had been involved in include providing analysis on funding & reserving (actuarial valuations, accounting disclosures), benefit projections and strategic analysis (plan designs, harmonizations, conversions, integrations). She was the lead consultant for a few local, listed conglomerates, multinationals and Thai state-owned companies.

Ser Sze is an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia, AIAA (1999) and a Chartered Financial Analyst, CFA (2002) charterholder. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Actuarial Studies) degree from the University of Melbourne.



Roy Diao
Managing Director
Head of Business Development and Marketing – Non-Japan Asia
BNP Paribas Investment Partners (BNPP IP)

Roy joined Fisher Francis Trees & Watts (FFTW) Singapore office in March 1996. He is responsible for client service, business development and marketing activities in Non-Japan Asia. Previously, Roy had primary responsibility for Asian and Japanese bond investments.

Before joining FFTW, Roy spent four years at JP Morgan's New York office, where he was responsible for marketing Asian emerging markets products to US-based institutional investors and corporations. Before this, he worked for five years in JP Morgan's Singapore office developing the bank's capabilities in the local Asian foreign exchange, derivative and debt markets. Roy began his career in the bank's asset and liability management department trading US dollar securities and derivatives. Roy received a BS in applied mathematics and economics from Brown University (1985).

Session 2



Dr Hai Xin
Head of Currency Overlay, Asia Pacific
BNP Paribas Investment Partners (BNPP IP)

Dr Hai Xin joined BNP Paribas Asset Management in April 2005. Hai had previously worked as a financial engineer in the Foreign Exchange division of UBS Investment Bank in London for over eight years, advising a diverse group of institutional investors, central banks, private banking clients and multinationals in currency investment and risk management.

His book Currency Overlay: A Practical Guide was published by the Risk Books in October 2003 and is considered one of the most authoritative works on the subject. Hai transferred to the Equity Capital Market Group in Hong Kong with UBS in 2004 to work on IPOs of Chinese companies in the overseas market.

Hai obtained his PhD in Quantitative Finance from the Imperial College, University of London and MSc in Economics from London School of Economics. His BSc in Radio and Electronics was awarded by the University of Science and Technology of China.



Jon Lekander
CIO of Aberdeen Property Investors
Aberdeen Asset Management

Jon Lekander is the chief investment officer for Aberdeen Property Investors, with overall responsibility for the investment process and allocation policy. Jon joined the Aberdeen in January 1998, with a responsibility to develop quantitative methods for real estate markets and portfolios. In this function, Jon has developed forecasting processes for European and Asian real estate markets, as well as developed tools for strategic analysis of real estate portfolios. Jon has held the responsibility for the strategic analysis function for single funds, fund of funds and separate account mandates, as well as for implementing a consistent investment process for real estate portfolio management. He is a frequent speaker at real estate conferences and major universities, with a focus on market analysis, the role of real estate in a multi asset portfolio context and real estate strategies.

Jon has a Master of Science in Economics and a Bachelors Degree in Finance from the University of Stockholm.



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1998 CIO, Deutsche Asset Management, Singapore
1993 Fund Manager, HSBC Asset Management, Hong Kong
1988 Fund Manager, Australian Pension Funds, HSBC Asset Management
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1979 Joined Westpac as a Trainee Investment Analyst
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Eli Owaki
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Eli Owaki is an Economist at Nomura Securities Financial & Economic Research Center. She has been working on global commodity markets' research for 2 years at Nomura and has recently translated jointly a book "Commodities and Commodity Derivatives (Nikkei BP)" Eli has presented few papers for Japan academic society of ventures and entrepreneurs, she also is a member of AWF (The association for women in finance) in Tokyo.

She is a graduate of Marlborough College and University of London in Physics, holds PhD in Astrophysics. Her other research interests are in the field of black holes, quantum gravity and stellar dynamics. She is deeply attached to the sea and enjoys surfing and fishing. Eli is also a photo enthusiast and travels a lot on her own with her classic cameras.