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INVESTING TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT IN MALAYSIA**



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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Institutional Investors Council of Malaysia (IIC) is pleased to host the Corporate Governance Conference on 5 March 2024 (Tuesday). This year's theme, "Countdown to 2030: Investing Towards Sustainable Development in Malaysia" wishes to relate corporate governance as a touchstone for achieving Malaysia's sustainable aspirations.

The IIC believes that corporate governance is more than a sustainability pillar - it is the necessary precondition in order to fully address social and environmental concerns. Therefore, the CG Conference will attempt to explore and analyse contemporary corporate governance issues especially through the lens of institutional investors, as is consistent with our members' mandates for long term value creation. Our goal is for such discourse to catalyse the necessary action that would raise the standards for sustainable investing and the attractiveness of the Malaysian capital market as a whole.

The conference will bring together institutional investors, company directors, government policy makers, and other stakeholders to discuss the challenges and opportunities of investing towards sustainable development. The conference will feature keynote presentations and panel discussions on a range of topics, including:

- The role of institutional investors in promoting sustainability;
- Board governance for sustainability;
- ESG reporting and disclosure; and
- Sustainability risks and opportunities

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the conference, participants will be able to:

- Identify current trends and challenges confronting Boards and companies transitioning to sustainability;
- Assess the evolution of the roles undertaken by Corporate Governance players to discharge their oversight and stewardship roles; and
- Discuss the tools and frameworks – already available and upcoming – to enhance corporate practices in Malaysia.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- IIC members;
- Government policy makers;
- Major public listed companies; and
- Other stakeholders interested in corporate governance and sustainability.

The IIC CG Conference is a unique opportunity for institutional investors, company directors, government policy makers and other stakeholders to gain insights on the future of investing for sustainability and to network with other like-minded investors, policymakers and leading experts and practitioners in the field.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

08:00 AM REGISTRATION

08:45 AM WELCOME ADDRESS

YBHG. DATUK HAJAH NIK AMLIZAN MOHAMED Chairman, Institutional Investors Council Malaysia / Chief Executive Officer, Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (Diperbadankan)

09:00 AM OPENING ADDRESS

YBHG. DATO' SERI DR. AWANG ADEK HUSSIN Executive Chairman, Securities Commission Malaysia

9:15 AM **SESSION 1: THE ROLE OF INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS IN PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY AND PERFORMANCE THROUGH GOOD CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Points of interest:

- How can institutional investors use their influence to improve the corporate governance of listed companies? What are the common misconceptions of stewardship?
- What are the levers to influence change? What are some unique challenges in corporate engagement in Malaysia? Lessons in engagement and escalation.
- Organisations such as the UNPRI have called for Stewardship 2.0 i.e., shareholder advocacy to create systemic change; do Malaysian institutions have what it takes to encourage system-wide improvements?
- KLCI has declined 13% over the last 5 years. What needs to be done to revive the market? Can sustainability and net zero strategies deliver the needed growth?

Moderator:

TEHMINA KAOOSJI Independent Broadcast Journalist & Communication Consultant

Panelists:

TAN SRI AZMAN BIN HAJI MOKHTAR Chairman, MIFC Leadership Council

STEVEN LARSON Chartered Financial Analyst, Portfolio Manager, Global Equities - Principal Asset Management (Virtual)

MUAZZAM MOHAMAD Senior Vice President, Head of Investment Stewardship Division, Permodalan Nasional Berhad

ROHAYA MOHAMMAD YUSOF Chief Investment Officer, Employees Provident Fund

10:15 AM

MORNING COFFEE-BREAK

10:35 AM

SESSION 2: FIT-FOR-PURPOSE: THE CORPORATE BOARD'S ROLE IN THE GOVERNANCE OF SUSTAINABILITY

Points of interest:

- Are Malaysian corporate boards fit-for-purpose i.e., can they prepare and lead companies when dealing with the global and local sustainability challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, treatment of labour, workforce diversity, community engagement, etc.?
- As the economy transitions; what must boards do to institute resilience and ensure just outcomes, i.e., that the rising tide does not leave some boats behind?
- Discuss some examples of board failure/success in recognising megatrends and the important lessons to learn about preparing companies for the sustainability related headwinds to come.

Moderator:

DANIEL CHOONG Chief Executive Officer, BNP Paribas Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd

Panelists:

MICHELE KYTHE LIM President & CEO, Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia (ICDM)

DATUK AMRAN HAFIZ AFFIFUDIN Executive Director and Head of Malaysian Investments, Khazanah Nasional Berhad

AMAR GILL Secretary General Designate, Asian Corporate Governance Association

DATO DR NIK RAMLAH NIK MAHMOOD Senior Independent Non-Executive Director, Axiata Group Berhad

11:45 AM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

YB SENATOR DATUK SERI AMIR HAMZAH AZIZAN Minister of Finance II

12:15 PM

LUNCH BREAK

02:00 PM

SESSION 3: HOW INVESTORS CAN ASSESS AND MANAGE SUSTAINABILITY RELATED RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Points of interest:

- ESG integration into investment strategies and its impact on company analysis, forecasts and valuation.
- Will Malaysia's approach to sustainability reporting be sufficient in demonstrating how companies are preparing for material sustainability related factors as they may impact asset values, earnings etc.?
- Malaysia's position in climate – have we “over mitigated”, whilst overlooking adaptation to climate change? Following the lead from establishment of the loss and damage fund at COP28 in December 2023 – is the Malaysian capital market able to support funding for adaptation?

Moderator:

GOH KEAT SIANG Director and Head of Investments Monitoring, Stewardship & Sustainability, Khazanah Nasional Berhad

Panelists:

JULIAN M HASHIM Chief Regulatory Officer, Bursa Malaysia Berhad

NICOLE LIM ESG Investment Manager, Asia Fixed Income, abrdn

DATUK WIRA ISMITZ MATTHEW DE ALWIS Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer, Kenanga Investors Berhad

NAZAIFUL AFFENDI ZAINAL ABIDIN Head of Portfolio Strategy & Research Department, Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (Diperbadankan)

ROHINI SAMTANI Sustainability Solutions Manager, S&P Global Sustainable1

03:00 PM

SESSION 4: BUILDING MARKET RESILIENCE BY BRACING FOR DIGITAL DISRUPTIONS

Points of interest:

- As the development in generative AI gains speed, what will this mean for the workforce, particularly in a developing nation like Malaysia?
- How can policymakers, corporations and educational institutions collaborate proactively to ensure the relevance of the Malaysian workforce particularly in light of increasing regional competition?
- Cybersecurity is a growing ESG factor given multidimensional impacts on the firm and system. Discuss some of the challenges faced by the market in terms of cyber resilience, risk pricing (e.g., for insurance innovation and investor valuation), and policy framework.

Moderator:

MUNIRAH KHAIRUDDIN Chief Executive Officer Malaysia & Global Shariah & Managing Director, Strategic Distribution & Institutional Client Relations (Southeast Asia & Global Shariah), Principal Asset Management Berhad

Panelists:

AFZAL ABDUL RAHIM Chief Executive Officer, TIME dotCom Bhd

RAFIZA GHAZALI Director of Digital Banking, KAF Investment Bank Berhad

DATUK (DR) NORA A MANAF Group Chief Human Capital Officer, Maybank Group

NICHOLAS KHAW Head of Research, Khazanah Nasional Berhad

04:00 PM

AFTERNOON TEA-BREAK

04:15 PM

SESSION 5: INVESTING FOR SOCIAL IMPACT

Points of interest:

- What are the right measurements, scopes and boundaries in assessing the social impact and SROI?
- Does the challenge to collect reliable and relevant data present a formidable barrier to investment?
- How can investors avoid “social washing”, i.e., where the companies overstate or misrepresent their social impact?

Moderator:

REJINA RAHIM Founder, Wahine Capital; Advisor & Council Member IIC

Panelists:

NADIA ISMADI Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Pod

SAIFULBAHRI HASSAN Director and Head of Private Equity Department, Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (Diperbadankan)

JOHAN ROZALI-WATHOOTH Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Bintang Capital Partners Berhad

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YB SENATOR DATUK SERI AMIR HAMZAH AZIZAN

Minister of Finance II

Amir Hamzah Azizan was appointed as the Finance Minister II effective 11 December 2023. Prior to assuming the role of Finance Minister II, he had helmed the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) as Chief Executive Officer since March 2021.

With a corporate experience spanning more than 27 years, Amir Hamzah began his career with a decade-long tenure at the Shell Group of Companies. During this period, he held diverse roles in Malaysia, Singapore, and the United Kingdom. Subsequently, he joined MISC Berhad in 2000 and held several senior management portfolios before being appointed as President and Chief Executive Officer in January 2009.

Following his tenure at MISC Berhad, Amir Hamzah took on the role of Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of PETRONAS Dagangan Berhad in June 2010. In August 2012, Amir Hamzah joined PETRONAS Lubricants International as Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, concurrently serving as the Vice-President for Downstream Marketing, and subsequently as Vice-President of Lubricants for the PETRONAS Group. In March 2016, Amir Hamzah joined Ekuiti Nasional Berhad (Ekuinas) to steer its investee company Icon Offshore Berhad as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Subsequently, he took on the role of Group Chief Executive Officer at Themed Attractions Resorts and Hotel Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Khazanah Nasional Berhad. In April 2019, he further showcased his versatility across industries by taking on the role of President/Chief Executive Officer at Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB).

Amir Hamzah has also contributed to various organisations in non-executive capacities. He formerly served as the Non-Executive Chairman of Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad (MRCB) and held directorial positions on the boards of Sime Darby Plantation Berhad and Sime Darby Oils International Limited. Amir Hamzah holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management (majoring in Finance and Economics) from Syracuse University, New York. He has also attended the Stanford Executive Programme at Stanford University, and the Corporate Finance Evening Programme at London Business School.

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YBHG. DATO' SERI DR. AWANG ADEK HUSSIN

Executive Chairman, Securities Commission Malaysia

Dato' Seri Dr. Awang Adek Hussin was appointed the Executive Chairman of the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) on 1 June 2022. He is also the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM).

Prior to his appointment as Chairman of the SC, Awang Adek served as Malaysia's Ambassador to the United States of America (USA) from 2014 to 2016 and Chairman of Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) from 2017 to 2018.

Awang Adek has extensive experience in economics and finance, having spent over 30 years in government and public service. He served as Deputy Minister of Rural Development from 2004 to 2006 and Deputy Minister of Finance from 2006 to 2013. He was also a member of Parliament from 2004 to 2008, and a senator from 2009 to 2013.

Awang Adek was with Bank Negara Malaysia for 17 years from 1985 until 2001, holding several positions and eventually rising to the rank of Assistant Governor. He had also served on the boards of directors of several financial institutions and organisations including the SC, the first Director General of the Labuan Financial Services Authority (LFSA), Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), Chairman of Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), and also Chairman of Perbadanan Nasional Berhad (PERNAS).

Awang Adek received his Bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics from Drew University, USA, as well as his Master's and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in economics from University of Pennsylvania, USA.



YBHG. DATUK HAJAH NIK AMLIZAN MOHAMED

Chairman, Institutional Investors Council Malaysia / Chief Executive Officer, Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (Diperbadankan)

Datuk Nik Amlizan Mohamed is the Chief Executive Officer of KWAP. With almost 30 years of experience in financial services and pension funds, she has held various roles within KWAP, including Chief Investment Officer. Nik Amlizan previously served as the Chief Executive Officer of Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera (LTAT) and has expertise in investment functions, fund management, transformational change, and corporate governance.

She holds positions in various organizations such as the Malaysia Institutional Investors Council, Minority Shareholders Watch Group, and the Institute of Integrity Malaysia. Additionally, she chairs Prima Ekuiti (UK) Ltd and serves on the boards of KWEST Sdn. Bhd. and edotco Group Sdn. Bhd. Nik Amlizan is a mentor for the Women Leadership Foundation Malaysia and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics/Accounting from Claremont McKenna College, United States.

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TEHMINA KAOOSJI

Independent Broadcast Journalist & Communication Consultant

Tehmina Kaoosji has a decade of live breaking news and current affairs programming experience across public, private and online broadcast sectors in Malaysia. She is an IVLP alumni, nominated by the US Embassy Kuala Lumpur in 2022 for the annual State Department's programme for broadcast journalists.

She currently anchors 'Niaga Spotlight', Astro Awani's weekly business analysis and future affairs show. Tehmina is Partner & Communications Director of The Big Picture (TBP) Communications - TBP specialises in advocacy and policy-based outcomes for gender and social development issues.



TAN SRI AZMAN BIN HAJI MOKHTAR

Chairman, MIFC Leadership Council

Tan Sri Azman Mokhtar is currently the Chairman of the Malaysia International Islamic Finance Centre (MIFC) Leadership Council, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), and the Chairman of INCEIF University (The International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance). Between June 2004 and July 2018, he was the Managing Director of Khazanah Nasional Berhad ("Khazanah"), Malaysia's strategic investment fund. From December 2021 to December 2023, he was the Chairman of Lembaga Tabung Haji Malaysia (Haji Pilgrims Fund Board).

His other current affiliations include as a member of the Global Future Council on Investing of the World Economic Forum (Davos), a member of the Steering Committee of the Global Ethical Finance Initiative (GEFI), Edinburgh, a Development Leadership Dialogue Fellow at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, a member of the Investment Advisory Council of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and a board member of MERCY Malaysia, an international humanitarian NGO. Between 2019 and 2022, Azman was a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Centre of Development Studies, University of Cambridge and a Bye-Fellow of Darwin College, Cambridge.

Azman obtained an M.Phil in Development Studies (with distinction) from Darwin College, Cambridge University, as a Chevening scholar, and a Diploma in Islamic Studies from International Islamic University Malaysia. In 2018, he was conferred an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Wawasan Open University, Malaysia. He is also a CFA Charter Holder and a Fellow of the Association of Chartered and Certified Accountants (ACCA).

His professional accolades include as the Chairman of the Year 2017, Malaysia (by MSWG-ASEAN Corporate Governance), Value Creator for Outstanding CEO of Malaysia 2016 (The Edge), Most Outstanding Individual for contributions to Islamic Finance (by KLIFF, 2011) and the Special Humanitarian Award by MERCY Malaysia (2019).

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STEVEN LARSON

Chartered Financial Analyst, Portfolio Manager, Global Equities - Principal Asset Management

Steven is a Portfolio Manager for Principal Equities. He specializes primarily in the management of global large-cap strategies. He is also active in company research, with an emphasis on the industrials and materials sectors. Steven began his career at Principal in 1992 and held several roles including co-managing international equity portfolios primarily for institutional and retirement plan clients. He also directly participated in the development of the firm's first global equity strategy in 2002. Before rejoining Principal in 2019, Steven served as a partner and portfolio manager for international equities at Arbor Capital Management, LLC and at Winslow Capital Management (an affiliate of Nuveen/TIAA). He received an MBA in Finance from University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management and a bachelor's degree in Finance from Drake University. Steven has earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and is a member of the CFA Institute.



MUAZZAM MOHAMAD

Senior Vice President, Head of Investment Stewardship Division, Permodalan Nasional Berhad

With 17 years of experience at Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), this seasoned professional currently holds a leadership role in the Investment Stewardship Division. In this capacity, he plays a pivotal role in driving PNB's ESG commitments, including the objective of achieving a Net Zero Portfolio by 2050. Another key focus is the establishment of a taxonomy to track PNB's commitment to investing MYR 10 billion in green and transition assets by 2030. Additionally, he is responsible for formulating and implementing PNB's labor rights policy while ensuring effective Board and CEO representation within key investee companies. Moreover, he actively promotes a robust voting policy and transparency. He also serves as a Non Independent Non-Executive Director of Tenaga Nasional Berhad representing PNB, leveraging his expertise in sustainability, corporate finance, and strategy.



ROHAYA MOHAMMAD YUSOF

Chief Investment Officer, Employees Provident Fund

Puan Rohaya Mohammad Yusof is the Chief Investment Officer of Employees Provident Fund (EPF), appointed in January 2020. She joined the EPF's Investment Division as Head of Corporate Finance in 2008 and was appointed as Head of Capital Market Department in 2011, overseeing global and domestic fixed income. In August 2017, she was appointed as Head of Private Markets Department, managing investments in private equity, infrastructure, global and regional real estates.

She started her career with Arthur Andersen & Co as a Senior Financial Consultant in the Audit Division. In 1990, she joined Maybank Investment Bank and was promoted to the position of Executive Vice President, Corporate Investment Banking in 2005. She is currently a board member of Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad and Tenaga Nasional Berhad. Puan Rohaya graduated from the Australian National University, Australia and is an Associate Member of CPA, Australia.

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DANIEL CHOONG

Chief Executive Officer, BNP Paribas Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd

Daniel Choong is BNP Paribas Assets Management's (BNPP AM) Malaysia CEO and is responsible for accelerating and strengthening the firm's local business interests, while driving its sustainable solution offerings across the market's clients groups. He is armed with over 26 years of experience in financial services and the investment management industry; and an excellent knowledge of Institutional client segments across conventional and Islamic businesses.

Daniel has held senior roles across financial firms in Singapore and Malaysia, including ABN AMRO Asset Management (Singapore), and Nomura Islamic Asset Management Sdn. Bhd (Malaysia). Prior to joining BNPP AM, he was Managing Director / Board of Director Head of Distribution for abrdn Malaysia Sdn. Bhd where he oversaw the overall management of the firm's local set up; and the Business Development team across the Institutional and Wholesale client segments for Malaysia and part of the South East Asia team. Daniel holds a Bachelor of Business degree, majoring in Economics and Finance from Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), Australia.



MICHELE KYTHE LIM

President & Chief Executive Officer, Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia (ICDM)

Michele brings with her a wide spectrum of leadership and advisory experience, over a career spanning 30 years, particularly on corporate governance-related matters, which includes board evaluation, director development and education, remuneration and succession planning, legal and compliance, sustainability and corporate performance.

Under her leadership, ICDM has embarked on a series of director development programmes, board advisory services, as well as research and advocacy projects to support the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC)'s vision to build and strengthen the country's corporate governance culture. She works closely with boards, the director community, regulators, and other key stakeholders in the corporate governance ecosystem to enhance board and director effectiveness and professionalism in Malaysia. ICDM currently serves a wide range of clients from both the government and the private sectors, from public-listed companies to small and medium enterprises.

Prior to her current role, Michele had held senior leadership and board positions in IHH Healthcare Berhad and Proton Holdings Berhad group companies. At IHH Healthcare Berhad, she was also a member of a subsidiary board, as well as the Chief Sustainability Officer leading the sustainability reporting and practices for the Group. Michele holds a LLB Hons degree from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, UK (1991) and is a Barrister-at-Law at Middle Temple, London, England. She completed the Senior Management Development Programme of Harvard Business School in 2009 and is also a Licensed Company Secretary.

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DATUK AMRAN HAFIZ AFFIFUDIN

Executive Director and Head of Malaysian Investments, Khazanah Nasional Berhad

Datuk Amran is currently an Executive Director and the Head of Malaysian Investments, Khazanah Nasional Berhad. He began his career in 1997 as a Corporate Finance Executive in Petroliaam Nasional Berhad ("PETRONAS") followed by other key positions in several organizations before joining Khazanah Nasional Berhad in 2011.

He is currently the Chairman of UEM Group Berhad, and a director on the boards of Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad and Iskandar Investment Berhad, as well as several private limited companies. He was formerly on the board of Tenaga Nasional Berhad. Datuk Amran is also an Adjunct Professor with University Malaya. He is a graduate of the McIntire School of Commerce, University of Virginia.



AMAR GILL

Secretary General Designate, Asian Corporate Governance Association

Amar Gill is Secretary General Designate of ACGA, and will be responsible for directing research, advocacy and educational work in 12 Asia-Pacific markets, as well as for overall management of the association.

Amar has been a passionate advocate of good governance in the region for over 20 years, and was an ACGA council member from 2005 to 2008. From 1995 to 2018, he was with CLSA, a Hong Kong-based regional securities company, where he was responsible for thematic research. Amar was coauthor of the CLSA-ACGA CG Watch reports from 2001 to 2014. He won equity research awards from publications including Asiamoney, Euromoney and Institutional Investor, and rose to become Head of Asia Research. Before joining CLSA, he held positions at Chemical Bank in Singapore as well as Southern Bank and Rashid Hussain Berhad in Malaysia.

Amar joined BlackRock in 2018. He was Head of Investment Stewardship for APAC, leading BlackRock's largest regional stewardship team and overseeing engagement and voting in the region. In 2023, Amar led the team that produced a report entitled Board Independence in Asia Pacific: A stewardship perspective, highlighting the significant governance issues in markets characterized by dominant controlled companies. He has been a member of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission's Public Shareholder Group since 2020.

Amar graduated with a first class degree in philosophy, politics and economics, and completed a master's thesis in ethics at Oxford University, UK.

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DATO DR NIK RAMLAH NIK MAHMOOD

Senior Independent Non-Executive Director, Axiata Group Berhad

DNR retired as Deputy Chief Executive of Securities Commission Malaysia in March 2016, having joined the organisation in 1993 as Manager for Law Reform and Regulatory Policy. Throughout her 23 years at the SC, DNR has worked in areas ranging from legal and regulatory reform, product and market development, corporate governance, Islamic capital market, enforcement and investor education.

DNR is currently a member of the MIFC Leadership Council and is a board member of INCEIF University as well as the Institute for Capital Market Research Malaysia. She is also Board member of Perbadanan Insurans Deposit Malaysia, Permodalan Nasional Berhad, Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad, Axiata Group Berhad, United Malacca Berhad and EDOTCO Group Sdn Bhd. Prior to joining the SC, DNR was an Associates Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Malaya.



GOH KEAT SIANG

Director and Head of Investments Monitoring, Stewardship & Sustainability, Khazanah Nasional Berhad

Goh Keat Siang is a Director at Khazanah Nasional Bhd, and Head of Investments Monitoring, Stewardship & Sustainability. His roles at Khazanah previously included coverage of Financial Services, Vietnam and Indonesia. Prior to Khazanah, his work experience includes McKinsey & Co., private equity investments in the education industry, and stints in the development sector and microfinance. KS completed his undergraduate studies at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.



NAZAIFUL AFFENDI ZAINAL ABIDIN

Head of Portfolio Strategy & Research Department, Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (Diperbadankan)

Nazaiful (NAZA) currently heads the Portfolio Strategy and Research Department which is responsible for the formulation of KWAP's investment strategy, strategic asset allocation as well as KWAP's in-house investment research.

He is also tasked with supporting the Chief Investment Officer to spearhead and manage all responsible investment related initiatives for the Investment Division as KWAP embarks on its journey towards realizing its sustainability pledges.

Nazaiful has over 25 years' experience in capital markets including various roles in strategy and research cutting across several asset classes.

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ROHINI SAMTANI

Sustainability Solutions Manager, S&P Global Sustainable1

Rohini Samtani serves as Sustainability Solutions Manager at S&P Global Sustainable1. She is responsible for leading S&P Sustainable1's efforts to engage with financial institutions including banks, asset owners and asset managers across South and Southeast Asia to integrate climate and nature related risks into decision-making.

Rohini has seven years of professional experience in financial services information. Prior to joining S&P Global Sustainable1 she was at Bloomberg, with a key focus on growing Bloomberg's Sustainable Finance solutions to banks in Southeast Asia. She also served as a news producer on CNBC's financial news show Squawk Box, covering key market events including Brexit and the 2016 US presidential election and its impact on financial markets globally.

She holds a GARP Sustainability and Climate Risk (SCR) certification, and a Certification in Climate Risk from the NYU Stern School of Business. She graduated with a Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) in Communications and New Media from the National University of Singapore.



JULIAN M HASHIM

Chief Regulatory Officer, Bursa Malaysia Berhad

Julian, an advocate & solicitor of the High Court of Malaysia, was a founder partner of a leading Kuala Lumpur law firm. In his 25 odd years of legal practice, Julian advised on all aspects of corporate transactional work including international and domestic M&As, take overs and capital market transactions. Julian also advised his clients on their on-going reporting obligations, corporate governance requirements and other compliance matters.

As the Chief Regulatory Officer of the Exchange, Julian and his team at Bursa Regulation undertakes regulatory functions of Bursa Malaysia Berhad and its licensed subsidiaries ranging from regulatory strategies and policies, listing, market and corporate surveillance, governance and sustainability, participant supervision, investigation and enforcement.

Julian is also the Chair of Sub-Committee 2: Governance & Disclosures of the Joint Committee on Climate Change (JC3) as well as a member of the newly established Advisory Committee on Sustainability Reporting (ACSR), a national-level committee set up to support the implementation of the IFRS sustainability disclosure standards (ISSB Standards) in the country.

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NICOLE LIM

ESG Investment Manager, Asia Fixed Income, abrdn

Nicole Lim is an ESG Investment Manager with the Asia fixed income team at abrdn, where she leads ESG integration in investment research and portfolio management. As the dedicated sustainability specialist on-desk, Nicole is responsible for active engagement with issuers, thematic research on sustainability issues, and contributing to development of broader sustainability processes and standards. Working with global and regional teams, Nicole supports various sustainable investing strategies, notably SDG and climate transition themed funds as well as several other Asia-focused sustainable funds. Nicole's prior experiences include sustainability consulting, climate research and stakeholder engagement for sustainability.



DATUK WIRA ISMITZ MATTHEW DE ALWIS

Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer, Kenanga Investors Berhad

Datuk Wira Ismitz Matthew De Alwis ("Datuk Wira De Alwis") is the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of Kenanga Investors Berhad ("KIB") and a member of its Investment Committee. He also serves as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director on the Board of Directors of Kenanga Islamic Investors Berhad, i-VCAP Management Sdn Bhd, as well as all subsidiaries of KIB.

As the CEO of KIB, he is responsible for the overall asset and wealth management business of KIB and its subsidiaries. He brings with him more than thirty (30) years' worth of experience, expertise and several leadership roles in the fields of financial and investment management both regionally and locally. He joined KIB in June 2013 upon KIB's acquisition of the ING investment management business in Malaysia, ING Funds Berhad, where he was the Executive Director and Country Head.

He is an alumnus of University of Cambridge, Judge Business School - ABSEP and has also attended the Advanced Business Management Program by the International Institute for Management Development, Lausanne, Switzerland. He holds an MBA and professional qualifications from the Chartered Institute of Marketing UK. He is also a Certified Financial Planner and Islamic Financial Planner. He has a Capital Markets Services Representative's Licence from the Securities Commission Malaysia for fund management, investment advice and financial planning.

Datuk Wira De Alwis serves as the Chairperson of the Malaysian Association of Asset Managers, and is currently on the board of the Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia. He is also the Vice Chairman of the Institutional Investors Council Malaysia. He was appointed as a member of Bursa Malaysia's Securities Market Consultative Panel. He is also a member of the Joint Committee (BNM & SC) on Climate Change (JC3) and participates as a member of the Sustainable Investment Platform Steering Committee – Malaysia Sustainable Investment Initiative. Additionally, he holds the position of Investment Adviser for the Olympic Council of Malaysia's Trust Management Committee.

He is a proponent of the industry's talent development initiatives as a member of the Capital Market Graduate Programme Steering Committee and the Industry Competency Framework Advisory Panel for the Malaysian Capital Market project undertaken by the Securities Industry Development Corporation. He also sits on the SC's Assessment Review Committee (ARC) - Fund Management.

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MUNIRAH KHAIRUDDIN

Chief Executive Officer Malaysia & Global Shariah & Managing Director, Strategic Distribution & Institutional Client Relations (Southeast Asia & Global Shariah), Principal Asset Management Berhad

Munirah joined Principal in November 2006 and was appointed as CEO and Executive Director of Malaysia in May 2013. She has been instrumental in leading the company to grow its Assets Under Management (AUM), deepening its retail leadership with new focus in private retirement space and innovative digital solutions to benefit all Malaysians irrespective of their financial background, and maintaining consistent risk management and investment performance. Under her leadership, Principal Malaysia has embarked on a significant journey in fulfilling its commitment towards the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG).

Munirah's responsibilities for Principal have continued to expand. In March 2023, Munirah was appointed as the Head of Global Islamic business for Principal, and most recently she was named Managing Director of Strategic Distribution & Institutional Clients for Principal Southeast Asia, overseeing key strategic institutional client and distribution relationships.

Prior to Principal, Munirah worked as a G7 Economist and strategist for a Fortune 500 multinational oil and gas company. Prior to that, she was a fixed income portfolio manager for emerging markets at Rothschild Asset Management in London.

Munirah has been recognized as CEO of the Year, Malaysia in Asia Asset Management's 2015 and 2014 Best of the Best Awards. Munirah was also selected as one of the recipients for the "Top 25 Women of Asset Management" award by Asian Investor in 2014.

Munirah is a Chartered Financial Analyst charter holder and holds the Capital Markets Services Representative's License for fund management. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Accounting & Financial Analysis, University of Newcastle, United Kingdom.



AFZAL ABDUL RAHIM

Chief Executive Officer, TIME dotCom Bhd

Mr. Afzal Abd. Rahim is the Chief Executive Officer of TIME dotcom Berhad. He brings over 20 years of extensive entrepreneurial executive experience in the technology and telecommunications sector to the role, having previously held the position of CEO at AIMS Data Centre and Global Transit Communications Sdn. Bhd. Mr. Afzal founded the non-profit Malaysian Internet Exchange in 2006 and also served as a Board Member of Endeavor Malaysia, an organization devoted to nurturing high-impact entrepreneurs. Currently, he is a Board Member of CIMB Group Holdings Berhad and Symphony Communication Public Company Limited.

Mr. Afzal started his career in the automotive sector, initially as a Chassis Development Engineer at Proton and thereafter as Business Development Manager at Group Lotus PLC. He holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering with Electronics from University of Sussex, United Kingdom. He is also a Licensed Commercial Pilot.

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RAFIZA GHAZALI

Director of Digital Banking, KAF Investment Bank Berhad

Rafiza Ghazali is with KAF Investment Bank as the Director of Digital Banking. As CEO Designate of the Islamic digital bank consortium being led by KAF Investment Bank, she will spearhead the project team for the incorporation and operational readiness process of the Islamic digital bank entity. Prior to joining KAF Investment Bank, Rafiza was the Group Chief Executive Officer of Cradle Fund Sdn Bhd, where she collaborated closely with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) and the Ministry of Finance (MOF), tasked in supporting and develop Malaysian start-ups and tech entrepreneurs.

Rafiza's wealth of experience in the innovation and digital economy, deep familiarity with various start-up businesses viability and its fund-raising journey and fostering partnership and collaboration with various stakeholders makes her uniquely positioned to drive the digital bank value proposition at providing a conducive open-banking platform-based ecosystem to its customers and partners.

Rafiza served in senior capacities for several industry leading-companies including as the Chief Financial Officer of RHB Investment Bank Berhad and Cagamas Berhad, the Finance Director at Bank Negara Malaysia, and the Head of Islamic Finance, Asia at Thomson Reuters. She also previously held the role of Head of Group Strategy and Innovation at Sime Darby Berhad.

Rafiza's academic career includes BSc Economics in Accounting and Finance from The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment majoring in Corporate Finance from the Securities Institute of Australia. She is also a Fellow Member of the Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand (CAANZ). She also graduated from the Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford with a Post Graduate Diploma in Strategy and Innovation.

SPEAKERS



DATUK (DR) NORA A MANAF

Group Chief Human Capital Officer, Maybank Group

Datuk Nora is the Group Chief Human Capital Officer and member of the Group EXCO of Maybank. Datuk Nora is also a Board Member of Etiqa General Insurance Berhad and MBB Labs Private Limited, Bangalore, India, as well as a Board of Trustees of Khazanah Foundation.

A MP (Master Professional) of the Institute of Human Resource Professionals, Singapore, Chartered Fellow (CIPD, UK), Chartered Banker (CB Institute, Scotland), Chartered Accountant (MIA), Honorary Doctor of the University, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. Datuk Nora also holds a post-grad certification in Human Resource Development from Cornell University and is a certified Gallup Strengths Finder Coach Level II. She is also a graduate of the Advanced Management Program from Harvard Business School. In November 2023, Datuk Nora was featured as the Oxford University Provost's Role Model in Oxford and a Guest Presenter at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh.

Datuk Nora is President of the Malayan Commercial Banks' Association (MCBA), Chairman of the Banking Sector HR Networking Group (HRNG), Co-Chair of the ASEAN Research Centre (ARC), Asia School of Business, Council Member of Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF), a member of the National Labour Advisory Committee (NLAC), a council member of Industry Advisory Council (IAC) of Department of Polytechnic & Community College Education (DPCCE), and an Advisory Council Member of Yayasan Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera as well as for the University-Industry Advisory Council Universiti Utara Malaysia.

Datuk Nora was recognised as a Global Top 50 Human Resource Professional and was appointed into Talent Compact 4.0, an Industry Talent Advisory Panel of Talent Corporation Malaysia Berhad. Datuk Nora was awarded the Outstanding Global Islamic Women Manager Icon Excellence by Global Muslim Business Forum and KSI Strategic Institute in November 2023 and the inaugural HR Icon Award by HRD Corp in October 2023. In November 2023, Datuk Nora was featured as the Oxford University Provost's Role Model in Oxford and a Guest Presenter at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh.

Datuk Nora is also a Member of the Board of Examiners for the Asia Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB), Member of the Asia Pacific Industry Advisory Panel for the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) and a Qualified Person for Training (QPRT) for the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

Datuk Nora is an Adjunct Professor of Pusat Citra of the National University of Malaysia, and of the College of Business, Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM). Nora is also on the Board of Advisors for UUM's undergraduate programme for Bachelor of Applied Linguistics and Business Administration with Honours.

SPEAKERS



NICHOLAS KHAW

Head of Research, Khazanah Nasional Berhad

Nick Khaw is an economist and Head of Research at Khazanah Nasional. Nick is also a trustee of the Khazanah Research Institute. Prior to Khazanah, Nick served as an economist in Malaysia's Economic Planning Unit, where he was directly involved in several national development initiatives. Nick holds a Master in Public Administration in International Development (MPA/ID) from Harvard Kennedy School and completed his undergraduate studies in Economics at Harvard College. He is currently pursuing a part-time PhD in Political Economy Research at King's College London. He writes a monthly column for The Edge Malaysia. All his writings can be found at www.nicholaskhaw.com



REJINA RAHIM

Founder, Wahine Capital; Advisor & Council Member IIC

She has under her belt over 25 years experience in the Malaysian capital markets. Up till end 2021, Rejina was the Founding MD for the Malaysian office of Nomura Asset Management which she grew from scratch to an award winning firm with over MYR30 billion in assets under management. She was one of only three Malaysians listed in the inaugural 2021 Listee of the Kindness & Leadership 50 Leading Lights Asia Pacific and was also named by Asia Asset Management magazine as 25 industry leaders of the Asian asset management industry.

She started Wahine (pronounced Wa-hee-nay) Capital as a means of helping women gain financial confidence for themselves. They released their first prototype, W Vault on 28th May 2023. Like most women, she plays multiple roles- she is a proud mum to two adults who live in Auckland, New Zealand and the only child of septuagenarian parents and the better half to her husband for the last 27 years. She also sits on various Boards and advisory committees as part of her giving back to the capital markets.



NADIA ISMADI

Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Pod

Nadia Ismadi is the co-founder and CEO of a fintech company, Pod ; a financial wellbeing platform for gig workers and the underserved in Southeast Asia. Pod enables the gig workers to save, have access to microfinancing, build credit trails and consume other financial products. The mission of the platform is to provide the underserved with financial literacy and products to empower them to be financially resilient. Pod launched in Malaysia and is currently expanding its footprints into Indonesia.

Prior to Pod, Nadia served in Nomura Asset Management focusing on business development and Shariah investment products for institutional clients in Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and the Middle East.

Nadia also sits in the Malaysia Indonesia Business Council (MIBC) to facilitate business crossover between both countries.

SPEAKERS



SAIFULBAHRI HASSAN

Director and Head of Private Equity Department, Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (Diperbadankan) [KWAP]

Saiful joined KWAP in 2012 and currently leads the organisation's Private Equity and Infrastructure activities. Prior to joining KWAP, Saiful worked for the Malaysia Venture Capital Management Berhad (MAVCAP) as the Vice President of Investments. Saiful holds a Master's Degree in Management from the International Islamic University, Malaysia and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, USA.



JOHAN ROZALI-WATHOOTH

Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Bintang Capital Partners Berhad

Johan started his career more than two decades ago in London within the corporate restructuring industry, before transitioning into the alternative investments industry which included stints working for some of the leading private equity and special situation alternative investment firms globally. Johan founded Bintang Capital Partners Berhad, an award-winning Southeast Asian impact investment focused private equity firm, in 2018. The firm is a joint venture between Johan and AHAM Asset Management Berhad. Apart from being a representative director on Bintang portfolio companies' boards, Johan also chairs the boards of TMK Chemical Berhad (a leading Southeast Asian end-to-end chemical product manufacturer and distributor) and Wise Payments Malaysia Sdn Bhd (the wholly-owned Malaysian subsidiary of Wise PLC).

Apart from his corporate interests, Johan is also a passionate advocate of impact causes where he serves on various boards and committees including the Tunku Abdul Rahman Foundation, Impact Integrated and the Malaysian Leprosy Relief Association. Johan holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the London School of Economics, which he attended as a UK Government Chevening Commonwealth Scholar. He is also a Fellow Chartered Accountant of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England & Wales and a Chartered Financial Analyst charter holder.

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