

Speakers



Dr. Indrajit Coomaraswamy **Governor of Central Bank of Sri Lanka** **Chairman of the Monetary Board**

Dr. Coomaraswamy has over 30 years of experience in policy making and providing economic advisory services, on both macroeconomic and structural issues at National and Intergovernmental levels. He served as Director of Economic Affairs at the Commonwealth Secretariat, Sri Lanka. He was an official in the Central Bank of Sri Lanka from 1974 to 1989 where he worked in the Economic Research, Statistics and Bank Supervision divisions. During this time he was also seconded to the Ministry of Finance and Planning from 1981 to 1989.

He was employed by the Commonwealth Secretariat from 1990-2008. During that time he held the positions, inter alia, of Director, Economic Affairs Division and Deputy-Director, Secretary-General's Office. He was subsequently Interim Director, Social Transformation Programme Division, Commonwealth Secretariat (Jan-July 2010). He served various times and was involved in advising the Prime Minister and the Minister of Economic Reform, Science and Technology, Sri Lanka on negotiating with Bretton Woods Institutions and other major donors, Central Bank of Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Finance & Planning on matters relating to macroeconomics and structural reforms.

Dr. Coomaraswamy served as a Non-Executive Independent Director at Tokyo Cement Company (Lanka) PLC from March 2011 to July 3, 2016. He served as an Independent Non-Executive Director of John Keells Holdings PLC from February 7, 2011 to July 8, 2016. He served as Director of MMBL-Pathfinder.

Dr. Coomaraswamy obtained his B.A. (Hons) and Masters in Economics from the Cambridge University of UK in 1972 and subsequently obtained a Doctorate from the University of Sussex in 1981.



Dr. Harsha de Silva, MP **Minister of Economic Reform and Public Distribution of the Government of Sri Lanka**

Harsha de Silva is Member of Parliament from Colombo and currently Minister of Economic Reform and Public Distribution of the Government of Sri Lanka.

An economist by training, Harsha's objective in politics is to help create a prosperous nation where all citizens enjoy the same rights and privileges. His most satisfying achievement thus far has been founding the much loved '1990 Suwa Seriya' nation-wide pre-hospital care ambulance service.

Harsha has a PhD in economics from the University of Missouri and has had executive training at both MIT and Harvard. He is married with two children and lives in Colombo.



David Mann

Global Chief Economist, Standard Chartered Bank

David is responsible for Standard Chartered's global economic research, based in Singapore. He leads a team of economists based in 12 locations, including China, Hong Kong, Korea, India, Singapore, Indonesia, Dubai, the UK and the US. David was previously Chief Economist for Asia at Standard Chartered and before that was based in New York, responsible for Americas research coverage and providing clients with the Bank's views on Asia in the US time zone. Prior to his time in New York, David was a founding member of the FX strategy research team based in London (2000-05) and Hong Kong (2005-09) with Standard Chartered.

David has macroeconomic and FX expertise in Asia and the G7. In 2001 he was awarded the Rybczynski Young Economist Prize for his work on the Malaysian Ringgit Barometer. David appears regularly on BBC World, CNBC and Bloomberg Television. He was formerly a member of the British Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong Business Policy Unit Committee. He holds a BSc in economics from the University of Warwick and an MSc in finance from the University of London (Birkbeck College).



Suan Teck Kin, CFA

**Head of Research, Executive Director, Global Economics and Markets Research
United Overseas Bank**

Teck Kin joined UOB as an economist in 2006. In his current role as Executive Director in Global Economics and Markets Research, he is responsible for macroeconomic and foreign exchange research with a primary focus on China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, and secondary coverage for the ASEAN region. As a member of the Research team, he presents the team's market views regularly to the Bank's management team and clients in Singapore and the region.

Teck Kin has more than ten years of experience in macroeconomic and equity research. Fluent in English and Mandarin, Teck Kin is interviewed frequently by local and international print and broadcast media, as well as financial newswires on the economic and market outlook.

Prior to UOB, Teck Kin held various positions in equity and credit analysis in other financial institutions in Singapore, Canada and Taiwan.

Teck Kin graduated with a Master's degree in economics and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the Simon Fraser University, Canada. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst charter holder.



Dr. Tuan Q. PHAN (PhD Harvard, BSc MIT)

Associate Professor

Faculty of Business & Economics, University of Hong Kong

Dr. Tuan Q. Phan is an Associate Professor at the University of Hong Kong (HKU), Faculty of Business & Economics. His research uses large and population-size datasets and spans multiple disciplines including economics, marketing, consumer behavior, computer science, and statistics. His expertise covers various industries including retail and e-commerce, logistics and transportation, social media, news and video media, technology and consumer products, education, and FinTech. His research has been published in leading scientific and management journals including the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science (PNAS), Marketing Science, Journal of Marketing Research (JMR), and Information Systems Research (ISR).

Dr. Phan is currently on leave from the National University of Singapore (NUS) in the Department of Information Systems & Analytics (School of Computing), and the Department of Analytics and Operations (Business School), a Research Team Lead at the Institute of Application of Learning Science and Educational Technology, and affiliated with the Business Analytics Centre. He received his doctorate from Harvard Business School, and an undergraduate from MIT. He is also an entrepreneur, and frequently consults industry leaders.



Dr. Michael Spencer

Managing Director / Chief Economist and Head of Research Asia Pacific

Deutsche Bank

Dr. Michael Spencer is Chief Economist and Head of Research, Asia Pacific. He has been a senior member of Deutsche Bank's research department since joining the bank in Hong Kong in December 1997 as Senior Economist. Since 2013, he has also been Head of Research, Asia Pacific, overseeing the bank's equity, fixed income, foreign exchange and economics research throughout the region. He is also a member of the Management Committee of Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong.

Prior to joining Deutsche Bank, Michael worked at the International Monetary Fund between 1990 and 1997, the last six years of which were in the International Capital Markets division, which pioneered the IMF's surveillance of capital markets and financial system soundness in all its member countries. He has published numerous articles on different aspects of financial economics in both academic and policy fora.

Michael has a PhD and a Bachelor of Arts degree (Honours) from Queen's University, Canada, and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Toronto.



Martin Liebi

Dr.iur., LL.M., Attorney-at-law

Legal FS Regulatory and Compliance Services / Head Capital Markets, PwC

Martin has more than 14 years of work experience in the areas of private banking, asset management, capital markets, and investment banking. He has worked for leading U.S. and Swiss law firms.

He advises banks, securities dealers, financial market infrastructures, and other financial market participants on all matters related to financial market regulation, financial products, contracts, and other documentation with a focus on trading and financial market infrastructure topics such as MiFID II, FinfraG, SFTR, MAR, PSD, and others. Martin is also involved in M&A, restructurings, IPO, share & bond placements. He plans and leads also large scale regulatory change and compliance alignment projects. Digital Banking/Fintech especially related to payment systems and financial market infrastructures is a growing part of his practice. One of his key focus areas is also accompanying Chinese financial services companies in their market entry into Switzerland.

Martin holds a Master in General Management from Harvard University (MSc.), a Master in Law from Stanford University (LL.M.), a PhD in Law from the University of Zurich (Dr.iur.), and a Master in Law from the University of Fribourg (Lic.iur.). Martin is also a CAIA-Chartholder and admitted to the bars in Zurich and New York.

Martin regularly publishes on actual topics in financial market regulation, asset management, capital markets, restructurings, corporate law, and M&A. He is also a frequent speaker on conferences and industry gatherings (University of St. Gallen, University of Zurich, Swiss Finance Institute), especially about capital markets and banking.

Martin is lecturer in capital markets law at the University of Zurich's LL.M. program in Banking and Finance and a judge at the commercial court of Zurich (Banking/M&A/Capital Markets).



Marcel Zimmermann

**Head of Money Market and Foreign Exchange
Swiss National Bank**

Marcel held the position of Deputy Head in the SNB's Money Market and Foreign Exchange unit from 2000 – 2009. He was the General Manager of the SNB StabFund, a special purpose vehicle set up to take over illiquid assets from UBS totaling USD 39 billion. The liquidation of the SNB StabFund portfolio was successfully completed in 2013.

Furthermore, while at the SNB, he regularly worked as a consultant in order to strengthen central bank operations in developing and transition countries. In this role, he also participated in technical assistance missions by the IMF in Central Asia, the Caucasus and Africa. He was a member of the SNB's Investment Committee (2008-2014) and the Board of the SNB's Pension Fund (2001-2015). In 2007, he joined the Board of ACI Suisse where he currently serves as its Vice-President.

Additionally, he represents the SNB on various working groups and committees, Currently at the Official Sector Steering Group (OSSG) established by the FSB and as the public sector representative for Switzerland on the Global Foreign Exchange Committee (GFXC). He co-chairs the National Working Group on Swiss Franc Reference Rates.

Marcel holds a business diploma from the Cantonal School in Zug and a Diploma of Advanced Studies in Banking from the Swiss Finance Institute, Zurich.



Mr. Amlan Chaudhuri

Vice President – Head of Local Market sales , JP Morgan India

Amlan is part of the Fixed Income Sales team handling Institutional clients across India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. He has been with JPM for over 7 years; prior to that he was with DB in India in their corporate sales team for 3 years.

Amlan has extensive experience across different facets of the fixed income business, including foreign exchange, interest rates, derivatives and structured credit. He has handled clients across the entire spectrum of local corporates, MNCs, and financial institutions including Banks, asset managers and non-Bank FIs. He has been a key contributor in growing JPM's franchise across the region and has a deep understanding of Fixed Income markets, including market infrastructure such as derivatives clearing / margining as well as repos and other structured funding products.



David Woolcock

**Chair - Committee for Professionalism ACIFMA & Vice-Chair – ACIFXC
ACI representative - BIS Foreign Exchange Working Group (FXWG)**

David is a Committee member of ACI UK; Chair, ACI FMA's Committee for Professionalism, Vice Chair of the ACIFXC and the ACI representative on the BIS Foreign Exchange Working Group (FXWG). After working for a number of banks between 1977 and 2003, specialising in e-FX from 1998, David did a decade at FXall leaving on completion of the sale to Thomson Reuters and was an independent consultant and Director, Business Consulting at Eurobase.

At present he is the Head of Banking for the financial services company Disberse.



Anushka Wijesinha

Economist, Advisor to the Ministry of Development Strategies and International Trade

Anushka is an economist with experience across Asia. He has published many national and international publications, focusing on innovation, private sector development and international economics. Currently is an advisor to the Ministry of Development Strategies and International Trade. Formerly, Chief Economist and Head of Economic Intelligence Unit of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and a consultant to the World Bank, International Trade Centre, ADB, UNDP, GIZ and UNESCAP. Research Officer to the Presidential Commission on Taxation and Assistant Director of Economic Affairs at Government Peace Secretariat.

He is an Asia Development Fellow of the Korea Development Institute and headed the Industry, Competitiveness and Regulatory Policy Unit of the Institute of Policy Studies. Mr. Wijesinghe serves as a board member of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board, Seylan Bank PLC and is a Council Member of the World Economic Forum's Global Council on Innovation Ecosystems.

He holds a MA Economics and Development (University of Leeds Business School, UK), BSc (Hons.) Economics (University College, London, UK).



Liang Thow Ming

Chief Sales and Marketing Officer - Port City, Colombo

Port City, Colombo is a 269 hectares brand new city in Sri Lanka. This is a USD 1.4 billion investment project by China Communications Construction Company (CCCC). When completed, Port City Colombo will provide some 5.6 million square meters of build-up area and aims to function as a hub to South Asia with plans to incorporate an International Financial Center, Luxury Residences, Retail Destination, Marina, International School, Medical Facilities, Convention & Exhibition Center, Theme Park and other various Lifestyle Concepts. Development timeframe is expected to be 25 years with an eventual total investment estimated at USD 15 million.

In his capacity as the CSMO, Liang is responsible for the commercial success of the project. In addition to the sales and marketing function, Liang took charge of the crisis management public relations function and is also a key member of the product development team.

Liang has spent more than 20 years in sales and marketing of real estate portfolios, both with developers and the consultants. Over this period, Liang has been involved in every aspect of the real estate development cycle, starting from land evaluation, development concepts, product development, advertising, public relations, sales and customer development and relations. His experience has brought him through major public listed developers across Asia and with top real estate international consultants.

Liang holds a BSc with a major in Mathematics and a MBA (Real Estate) from the National University of Singapore



Arun Prasad

Head of Sales, South Asia, Refinitiv

Arun has over 20 years of broad management experience in sell side across trading systems, algorithmic trading, market risk and middle office processing for Equities/Fixed Income and Derivatives.

As Head of Sales, South Asia at Refinitiv, Arun is responsible for driving top line revenue growth across the South Asia region for Refinitiv across all our product lines and performance models (Trading, Wealth, Investment & Advisory, Enterprise, Risk). Arun started his financial career in Deutsche Bank in Japan building market risk models across asset classes. Prior to joining Refinitiv Arun was based in Hong Kong and served as the Head for Electronic Trading Connectivity for Asia-Pacific at Deutsche Bank. In this role he was responsible for high frequency trading algorithms and infrastructure across Asia-Pacific.



Eraj Ratnayake

Chief Customer Officer and CEO Sri Lanka, Lillardia Capital Pvt Ltd.

Eraj has extensive banking experience across Transaction Banking, Treasury and Cash Management and pioneered the initiative to introduce RIPPLE Blockchain technology to Westpac Bank in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. He was the architect of Payments Plus and Quickstream, Westpacks API to manage payments and cash 24/7. Eraj is a multi-recipient of awards in banking and finance and innovation for introducing RIPPLE Blockchain Technology including innovation. Pursuant to a career in transaction banking and technology, Eraj now is the CEO of Lillardia Capital Pvt Ltd, a peer to peer Supplier Chain Management and Financing platform built on blockchain technology.



Rui Correia

Director and Chair of Board of Education, ACI Financial Markets Association (ACIFMA)

Having had roles in financial markets since 1989, Rui spent the initial 7 years of his professional life as a FX Trader. After moving to roles in structuring and marketing, he developed skills to cover a wide range of assets and a diversified number of customers in various geographies such as Eastern Europe, Iberia and Australia. Until 2014, Rui worked for large financial institutions such as Credit Lyonnais, Royal Bank of Scotland and Barclays, in London, Madrid and Lisbon. Rui then became a senior consultant and trainer in financial markets' topics, having delivered MiFID II training for over 20.000 professionals in Portugal and Spain.

At ACIFMA, Rui has the global responsibility over education, including e-learning, physical training/workshops, certification and delivery of exams (on product/markets knowledge and good market practices). Rui is also completing his master's thesis on ethical conduct applied to the distribution of financial products.

Moderators



Bernard Sinniah

Former Managing Director of CitiBank NA

Bernard is a former Managing Director of Citi and Global Head of FX Corporate Sales and e-FX Solutions. He retired in 2018 after 38 years, having started at Citi Colombo, then moved to Citi Australia and finished his career based out of London. Currently, he is a Non-Executive director of NDB, co-founder of iCAN – a personal motivational app and Director of a few Technology start-up companies in Sri Lanka.

During his career at Citi, Bernard has run numerous global, regional and country businesses. He has built successful teams across the globe which focussed on helping Fortune 500 Companies to identify and manage their FX risks to hedge against currency movements. His teams were instrumental in developing cutting edge electronic solutions to streamline clients' Risk Management processes. He was known to build highly energetic teams and develop individuals to achieve ambitious targets.



Mr. Naomal Goonewardena

Partner, Nithya Partners

Naomal is one of the most established capital market lawyers in the country, with over 30 years of experience in the Sri Lankan financial sector, sourcing a strong portfolio of local and international clientele, spanning local corporates to major global investment banks and multinationals. With a proven track record of service and delivery, he has been instrumental in guiding the Firm to achieve a Tier 1 status in the fields of 'Banking and Finance' and 'Tax'.

He been widely recognized for his multidisciplinary strengths and has been appointed to several prestigious positions in the public and private sector. He was a Legal Advisor to the Board of Review of the Inland Revenue Department of Sri Lanka. He was also appointed by the Monetary Board of the Central Bank as a Director of one of Sri Lanka's largest commercial banks to oversee its successful rehabilitation after the Asian financial meltdown in 1998. He currently serves as a Member of the Monetary Board Risk Oversight Committee of the Central Bank, Member of the Financial Systems Stability Committee of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and as a Member of the Taxation Committee of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.

In testament to his legal proficiency in diverse financial law related areas of practice including international bond issues, securitisations, debt syndications, derivatives, taxation and foreign direct investments, he has acted as the local legal counsel on multiple International Bond

Issuances and large syndicated loans involving both the Government of Sri Lanka as well as public sector and private sector banks and corporates.

Mr. Goonewardena has been ranked continuously as a leading individual in the fields of Banking and Finance and Tax by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific. He has also been ranked by Chambers & Partners as a leading individual in the fields of Banking and Finance and Corporate and M&A.

Mr. Goonewardena was admitted as an Attorney at Law by the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka in 1986 and has a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), an Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (ACA) and an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK (ACMA).



Savithri Rodrigo

An award-winning journalist with Presidential, Zonta Woman of Achievement and Women in Management awards, she has over thirty years' experience in the media. She is the Managing Director of Stratyx Promotions & Media Concepts (Pvt) Limited and Stratyx Write (Pvt) Limited. A Fellow of the ICSA (UK) and ICCS (SL), she is a corporate writer, event manager, professional moderator, interviewer and MC. She is also a Consulting Correspondent for LMD and LIVING and hosts the TV programme Benchmark.

She has penned biographies on two Sri Lankan corporate captains - Ken Balendra – *They Call Him Ken* and Hemaka Amarasuriya – *Riding the Zeitgeist* besides various other publications which have included coffee table books, annual and sustainability reports and co-authored *No Water No Future* – a book on climate change presented to South African President Nelson Mandela during the Johannesburg Earth Summit. She is a Trustee of The Salvation Army and sits on the Board of Intercoir Limited.