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Jean-Michel Saliba is a Director, Middle East – North Africa (MENA) region economist at Bank of America (BofA Global Research). He is responsible for the formulation of the regional macroeconomic outlook and related forecasts, and Fixed Income/FX investment strategies across the MENA region.

Prior to joining the firm in 2010, Saliba served as a MENA economist and strategist at both Pantera Capital Management and J.P. Morgan. He has been the #1 ranked Middle East - North Africa economist in the Institutional Investor research surveys since 2013. He is a frequent commentator on regional economic affairs in local and international media outlets.

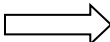
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Matt joined Moody's in 2007 after a decade of macroeconomic and public policy experience. Prior to managing the Middle East and Africa sovereign ratings team, Matt was the Director of Sovereign Research, responsible for coordinating and contributing to the research produced by Moody's global team of sovereign risk analysts. Matt previously managed the affairs of the Moody's Economy.com Sydney office, providing independent economic analysis, data and forecasting and credit risk services to Moody's Analytics' worldwide client base. Before joining Moody's, Matt worked as an economist and policy adviser in a number of public and private sector organizations, including Commonwealth Treasury and the Economic Division of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in Australia.

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