

EMTA Winter Forum

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### **BRETT DIMENT (MODERATOR)**

**abrdn**

Brett Diment is the Head of Global Emerging Markets on the fixed income team. Brett joined abrdn via the acquisition of Deutsche Asset Management's London and Philadelphia fixed income businesses in 2005 where he previously held the same role since 1999. Brett joined Deutsche Asset Management in 1991 as a graduate and began researching Emerging Markets in 1995.

Brett graduated with a BSc from the London School of Economics.

### **GUSTAVO MEDEIROS**

**Ashmore Investment Management**

Gustavo Medeiros, Head of Research at Ashmore Group, is responsible for following macroeconomic and political developments across developed economies and emerging markets. He is responsible for providing a review and forward-looking views of macro top-down developments on a weekly basis to the Investment Committee and, where required, works with the investment teams to translate these views in actionable investment ideas.

Before joining Ashmore, Gustavo worked for ten years at HSBC in São Paulo and London, where he traded Latin American local rates and currencies. After joining Ashmore in 2011, Gustavo worked for six years with the local currency team covering Latin America before joining the sovereign external debt team as portfolio manager responsible for Eastern European and African markets. Gustavo was appointed to Deputy Head of Research in October 2019 and became Head of Research in October 2021.

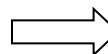
He holds a degree in Business Administration from Fundação Armando Alvares Penteado in São Paulo and is a CFA charterholder.

### **ISHITAA SHARMA**

**JPMorgan Asset Management**

Ishitaa Sharma is a senior portfolio manager on the EM Local Currency Funds at JPM Asset Management. She has global coverage across debt & FX.

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Prior to JPMAM, Ishitaa was a PM at BlackRock, also managing local currency funds. She started her career as a strategist with Citibank.

Ishitaa has a Master's degree in Mathematical and Computational Finance from Oxford University, and a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from LSR, Delhi University.

**VICENTE MIRA**  
**Marathon Asset Management**

Vicente Mira is a Managing Director and a senior member of the Fund Management Team at Marathon, overseeing the London operations for Emerging Markets which currently manages around \$4bio in Long-Only EM Debt

He is responsible for credit trading, strategy and research, focusing on the execution and idea generation for the portfolio across various jurisdictions. He has 18years of industry experience, and before re-joining Marathon in 2017, was head of InvestChile, the government agency in charge of promoting FDI.

Vicente holds a B.A in Business Administration from Universidad Catolica de Chile and a Masters in Finance with a concentration in Investment Management from the London Business School.

**ROB DRIJKONINGEN**  
**Neuberger Berman**

Rob Drijkoningen, Managing Director, joined the firm in 2013. Rob is a Co-Head of the Emerging Markets Debt team and Senior Portfolio Manager responsible for over \$24.5 bn in AuM in EMD and 34 investment professionals.

Rob joined the firm after working at ING Investment Management for almost 18 years, most recently as the global co-head of the Emerging Markets Debt team responsible for managing over \$16 billion in assets. In 1990, Rob began his career on the sell-side at Nomura and Goldman Sachs, after which he became senior investment manager for global fixed income at ING Investment Management. In 1997 he became global head of the Emerging Markets Debt team and in 2004 was named global head of the Emerging Markets Debt and High Yield teams. From 2007 through 2009 Rob created and led ING Investment Management's Multi-Asset Group in Europe, managing mandates across asset classes including fixed income, equities, real estate and commodities. In 2009 he was appointed global head of emerging markets for both emerging markets equity and debt strategies.

Rob earned his Macro-Economics degree from Erasmus University in Rotterdam and has authored numerous articles on emerging markets debt subjects. He is a member of DSI.