

EMTA Forum on the MENA/GCC Outlook

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Panel One

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JEAN-MICHEL SALIBA (MODERATOR)
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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.

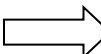
Saliba holds a Bachelor’s degree in Computer and Communications Engineering from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, and a Master’s degree in economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He is based in London.

HUSSEIN KHATTAB
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Hussein Khattab is a portfolio manager on the Emerging Markets team. He is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction, and risk management for the team’s emerging markets strategies. He is focused on the analysis of macroeconomics, politics, and financial markets of Central and Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa, and the management of regional investments in various emerging markets portfolios.

He began his career in the investment industry with Eaton Vance in 2013. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Hussein earned a Bachelor of Engineering from the American University of Beirut and an M.S. in mathematical finance from Boston University. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

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TOBY ILES
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Toby Iles is the Head of Middle East and African Sovereigns at Fitch Ratings, where he has worked since 2015.

Prior to joining Fitch, he was a senior economist at the Economist Intelligence Unit, concentrating mainly on the Middle East and African region.

Toby holds a BA from Oxford University and graduate degrees in Economics from Birkbeck College London and International Relations from the University of Vienna.

CARLA SLIM
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Carla is an economist covering the Middle East, based in Dubai. She has close to a decade of experience in sell-side research, providing on-the-ground analysis to external and internal stakeholders of the Bank. She speaks at industry conferences and regularly appears in global and regional media. She was nominated in 2020 to represent the Bank at the Institute of International Finance's (IIF's) Future Leaders programme, which recognises young leaders in the financial services industry.

Carla holds a Bachelor of Arts in economics from the American University of Beirut and has completed the IIF's course on forecasting macroeconomic variables in the Middle East. She speaks French, English and Arabic fluently.