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# **EMTA FORUM on the MENA/GCC Outlook**

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### Panel Two

#### CLAIRE HUSSON-CITANNA- Moderator ADIA

Claire Husson-Citanna is a Portfolio Manager in the Emerging Markets Team, Fixed Income Department. She joined ADIA in January 2018.

Claire is a finance professional whose career has focused on fixed income in global and local currency emerging and frontier markets. She has over 20 years of experience as a Global Emerging Markets Debt Portfolio Manager at Franklin Templeton Investment Management and Wellington Management Company, out of London, New York and Boston.

Claire started her career with PriceWaterhouseCoopers in global financial services in Paris in 2000. She has also been a research consultant at Clearwater Capital Partners where she designed country risk models, as well as providing research assistance at the UN Capital Development Fund and at the Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Nobel Prize Dr. Stiglitz' research center at Columbia University in 2004-2005.

Claire completed her Master in Public Administration degree at Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs in 2005, and an MBA/Master of Sciences in Economics at the ESCP European School of Management in 2000. She has been a CFA charterholder since 2008. In 2021, she completed short courses on Cryptocurrencies at MIT (taught by Gary Gensler, now US SEC Chairperson) and on Artificial Intelligence at Berkeley.

Claire is fluent in English and French and speaks conversational German and Italian, as well as survival Mandarin. She is a frequent contributor to global forums on sovereign debt transparency, restructuring, SDG-labelled bonds and climate-resilient debt instruments led by the G20, the IIF, the IMF and the WB.

#### ZEINA RIZK Arqaam Capital Limited

Zeina Rizk has 14 years of investment experience in the Global Credit Market, with a 11-year track record of co-managing Conventional Global Credit fund and a 8-year track record of co-managing Shari'ah Global Credit Fund. The Shari'ah fund won the best Shari'ah Fund in 2014 and 2015(2).

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Prior to joining Arqaam, she was a fixed income advisor and management team member of a global fixed Income fund domiciled in Luxembourg. She also held a position as a credit and market risk supervisor. Previously worked in securitization part of the structuring of asset-backed securitization deals.

Bachelors' degree in Economics and Finance and CFA Charterholder since 2011.

#### USMAN AHMED FIM Partners

Usman is the Head of MENA Fixed Income at FIM Partners and is the Portfolio Manager for all MENA and Global Sukuk strategies. He joined the firm from Emirates NBD Asset Management where he was the Head of Investments and was responsible for Sukuk, EM Corporate Credit and MENA Fixed Income.

Prior to Emirates NBD, Usman was a director at Mashreq Capital debt team. Usman began his career at TCH Miami where he was in charge of the research team responsible for analyzing and monitoring lending policies for investment grade and speculative grade corporate issuers and structured products.

He holds a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Miami and is a CFA Charter holder.

#### ALAE CHOUAIBI Waha Capital

Alae Joined Waha Capital in January 2020, he is the lead Portfolio manager of the Waha Islamic Income Fund (covering Global Sukuks as well MENA sharia compliant Equities), and a PM within its EM Credit fund focusing primarily on Asia.

He has more than 18 years of trading and investment management experience across asset classes, having worked for more than a decade in the City of London with Citigroup and Deutsche Bank, as well as in the GCC heading Standard Chartered CEEMEA Credit trading and Al Hilal Bank's investment desks.

Alae holds a master's degree in Finance from the HEC School of Management in Paris, is FCA registered and is a member of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment in London.