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### AGNESE MELBARDE (Moderator) IVO Capital Partners

Agnese Melbarde is portfolio manager at IVO Capital Partners, a Paris based asset management company focused on Emerging Market debt. Prior to joining IVO Capital Partners in 2023, Agnese spent 11 years at Lazard Asset Management in New York focusing on Emerging Market corporate debt investments across US\$10+bn of EM debt funds. Her expertise was in fundamental credit analysis, quantitative and relative valuation across a variety of Emerging Market corporate sectors.

Prior to Lazard Asset Management, Agnese spent 3 years at T. Rowe Price Group in Baltimore where she was part of the Fixed Income Quantitative Research team focusing on EM Corporate and US High Yield investment strategies.

Agnese holds an MBA from Darden School of Business with concentration in asset management, and a dual bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Economics from Kenyon College in the US. Agnese is a CFA charterholder.

## ALESSANDRA ALECCI Carmignac

Alessandra Alecci joined Carmignac as an emerging market debt fund manager in September 2023 from American Century Investments in New York where she was portfolio manager and head of sovereign research for seven years.

Prior to this, Alessandra was part of Lazard Asset Management's Emerging Markets Debt team. Alessandra started her career at Deutsche Bank Securities as an emerging markets analyst in 2000.

She holds a Master's degree in international economic policy from Columbia University.

### DANELEE MASIA Deutsche Bank

Danelee joined Deutsche Bank in 2010 as the South Africa economist covering equities and fixed income markets. In 2016 she was promoted to co-head of South Africa equity research.

Danelee now runs Sub-Saharan Africa research and serves on the Board of International Standards for the Institute of Certified Chartered Economists.

Before joining Deutsche Bank, Danelee was head of economic research at Standard Bank South Africa. She began her career in 2004 at Nedbank Capital and graduated from the University of Johannesburg in 2007 with a Masters in Financial Economics.

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#### ANDREW MATHENY Goldman Sachs

Andrew is a senior economist in the CEEMEA Economics Group within Global Investment Research and is responsible for the firm's macro research in South Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa and Ukraine. He joined Goldman Sachs in 2012 as an associate in Moscow and was named managing director in 2021.

Prior to joining the firm, Andrew worked in the Markets Group at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Earlier in his career, he was a consultant on Europe and CIS energy policy issues and has held advisory roles with the International Finance Corporation, the National Bank of Serbia and the International Energy Agency.

Andrew earned a BA in Mathematics and Slavic Languages from Brown University and an MPA in International Development from Harvard University in 2010. He was a Fulbright Scholar in Ukraine from 2006 to 2007.

### BRIGITTE LE BRIS Ostrum Asset Management

Brigitte joined Ostrum Asset Management (formerly Natixis AM) in late 2010 as Head of Global Fixed Income and FX: one of her duties being to start the EM franchise. In the last years she also covered Euro and Global sovereign as well as Inflation expertises before now focusing mainly on EM.

Brigitte began her career at Credit Lyonnais London in 1986 before becoming a trader in 1987 and subsequently joining Banque Bruxelles Lambert (now ING) in 1989. In 1993 she joined CDC Asset Management where she held senior money market, euro fixed income and international fixed income portfolio management positions. In 2000 she joined Societe Generale Asset Management (now Amundi) where she became Head of Currency and Global Fixed Income in 2003 and successfully developed Global Sovereign, Global Aggregate, Currency and total return strategies. She was also the dedicated fund manager for large Asian central banks.

Brigitte post graduated as an engineer from the ESTP (Ecole Speciale des travaux publics). She also holds a Master degree in Corporate Finance from the University of Paris Pantheon Sorbonne.