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Yvette Babb is a hard and local currency portfolio manager on William Blair’s emerging markets debt (EMD) team where she focuses on CEEMEA with an emphasis on sub-Saharan Africa and co-Leads a Frontier Market Debt Fund (with Daniel Wood).

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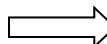
Yvette graduated from the Erasmus University of Rotterdam where she obtained a Bachelor of Science in International Economics and Business Studies and from the University of Amsterdam, where she obtained a Master of Science in Economics. She also spent a semester at the University of Stellenbosch where she participated in numerous post graduate classes.

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Giulia Pellegrini is a Lead Portfolio Manager for Emerging Markets Debt at AllianzGI, where she focuses on EM sovereign debt strategies and sustainable investing. She is also on the board of the Emerging Markets Investors Alliance.

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Ayomide Mejabi is Head of Frontier Markets Strategy for J.P.Morgan's Commercial and Investment Bank, with over 12 years of experience in emerging markets research. His expertise spans Macro, Fixed Income, Emerging and Frontier Markets, Geopolitical, and Strategic Research. Ayomide has held many leadership positions in research since joining J.P.Morgan in 2018, including Chief Economist for sub-Saharan Africa, Chief Economist for Africa and Head of Frontier Markets Research. Ayomide began his career as a West Africa Economist in 2012 and held top rankings in Institutional Investor, Exel and Financial Mail surveys for EM Research. He is the founding member of J.P.Morgan's frontier markets strategy research team and has grown the team into becoming a critical part of the firm's frontier markets expansion strategy.

Ayomide is an expert in frontier market economies, especially in Africa, South Asia and Latin America, with a specific focus on local market developments as well as low-beta distressed credit markets. Ayomide and his team integrate detailed country analysis with a top-down approach that views the global economy as a whole. On several occasions, he has participated in advisory projects with governments, quasi-sovereign, corporate and multilateral development institutions in Africa, Middle East and South Asia. He is a frequent speaker at industry events hosted by the World Bank, IMF and African Development Bank. Furthermore, he is the principal organizer and host of J.P.Morgan's premier Frontier Markets Fixed Income Conference, which attracts around 400 investor clients annually.

Ayomide loves visiting and learning about new frontier and emerging economies and obtained his MSc. in Economics from the University of Warwick.

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Ravi Bhatia is Director and Lead Analyst, in S&P Global Ratings' Sovereign and International Public Finance Ratings Group, and focuses on Africa and the Middle East.

Ravi has covered a number of advanced, emerging and frontier market sovereigns including the UK, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Russia, Nigeria and Kenya amongst others. Ravi has been at S&P since January 2010, and is based in London.

Before joining S&P Global Ratings, Ravi was Head of Country Risk, Asia, at Standard Bank, based in Hong Kong, covering China and India, amongst others.

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