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Walter Stoeppelwerth joined Gletir SA in November 2020 after serving for two years as PPI SA's Chief Investment Officer and Research Director in March 2019.

Walter has thirty-two years of experience in Emerging Markets including a decade as a top ranked regional analyst, Strategist and Head of Research while living in Latin America.

He also has a twelve-year track record as a portfolio manager in two respected long/short hedge funds in the GEM space.

RAMIRO BLAZQUEZ
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Ramiro Blazquez is currently Head of Research & Strategy at BancTrust & Co. He holds an MSc in Financial Engineering from Birkbeck College, The University of London, and an MA in Economics from Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Argentina). In addition, he pursued graduate studies in Finance at Universidad de San Andrés, where he also obtained his Economics degree.

Prior to joining BancTrust, Ramiro was leading the research team at an Argentine brokerage house. In the previous ten years, he worked as Senior Latam Economist for HSBC Global Research, covering the major South American countries. He was also an economist at the IMF's Argentina office, Managing Director at Universidad Di Tella's Center for Financial Research (CIF) and adviser for the Presidential office during Fernando De la Rúa's term.

PABLO GOLDBERG
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Pablo Goldberg, Managing Director, is Head of Research and Portfolio Manager for BlackRock's Emerging Market Debt Team. Mr. Goldberg's responsibilities include formulating alpha generating research, developing investment strategies and a voting member of the team's investment committee. Based in New York, Mr. Goldberg also has a particular focus on engaging with the Americas-based clients and growing the firms' Emerging Market Fixed Income business in the U.S. and rest of the Americas.

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Mr. Goldberg joins BlackRock from HSBC, where since 2010 he was Managing Director and Global Head of Emerging Markets Research. He was responsible for HSBC's view on the emerging markets, risk analysis and portfolio allocation. Prior to joining HSBC, he was Global Head of Emerging Market Debt Strategy, and Chief Economist for Latin America at Merrill Lynch & Co, a position he held for eight years. Mr. Goldberg brings 20 years of experience focusing on the emerging markets.

Mr. Goldberg graduated in 1996 with an MSc in economics from the London School of Economics and in 1993 with a Master's Degree in economics from Instituto Di Tella in Argentina.

JANET HE
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Janet He, Executive Director, is the head of Emerging Markets Sovereign Research within the Global Fixed Income, Currency & Commodities (GFICC) group. Based in New York, Janet’s main responsibility is managing the firm’s EMD Sovereign Research capabilities. She is responsible for coordinating macroeconomic and cross-country research and oversees the team’s proprietary sovereign and ESG research tools. She is also primary coverage for several countries in Latin America, generating investment recommendations for local and sovereign debt portfolios. She also leads the team's ESG strategy.

Prior to this role, she has held portfolio management and trading roles on the team. An employee since 2010, she previously worked in the Fixed Income Client Portfolio Management group, focusing on international fixed income products and new product development.

Prior to this, she worked in the Global Multi-Asset Group on quantitative research.

Janet holds a B.A. in applied mathematics from Harvard University, an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and is a CFA charterholder.

SIMON WAEVER
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Simon has been with Morgan Stanley for 16 years and a member of the EM Strategy team since 2012. He is the Global Head of EM Sovereign Credit and LatAm Fixed Income Strategy with a focus on High Yield sovereigns. In addition, he also regularly publishes on overall market valuations and technicals.

Prior to his research role, Simon started his Morgan Stanley career in 2006 as an intern within the Valuation Review Group, returning as a graduate in 2008 to the same team. Starting with flow credit, he moved on to structured credit before becoming a manager within the Model Review Group.

Simon holds a BSc in mathematical sciences from the University of Bath and an MSc in finance and investment from Cass Business School.