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Edwin Gutierrez is the Head of Emerging Market Sovereign Debt. Edwin joined Aberdeen via the acquisition of Deutsche Asset Management's London and Philadelphia fixed income businesses in 2005, where he held the same role since joining Deutsche in 2000. Edwin joined Deutsche Asset Management from Invesco Asset Management where he was an emerging debt portfolio manager. Prior to that, Edwin was a Latin American economist at LGT Asset Management.

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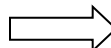
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Based in Eurasia Group's London office, Emre Peker follows Turkey and EU issues, with a focus on foreign policy.

Prior to joining the firm, Emre worked for the Wall Street Journal in Brussels, where he wrote about transatlantic trade tensions, relations with China, energy, climate action, EU-Turkey ties, the WTO, and NATO. Before arriving in the EU's capital, Emre covered Turkey's social, political, and economic transformation amid unceasing turbulence. He was a member of the WSJ team that was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for its coverage of the 2016 coup attempt and aftermath.

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