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# Panel 2

### MARK BOHLUND (MODERATOR) REDD Intelligence

Mark Bohlund is a senior credit research analyst for REDD Intelligence in London since 2020 focusing on sovereign credits in the CEEMEA region.

He has previously been an Africa and Middle East Economist for Bloomberg Economics and a senior economist for IHS.

He has a Master's degree in Economics from Uppsala University in Sweden with part of the studies undertaken at Paris-Assas (Paris II).

### ZEINA RIZK Amwal Capital Partners

Zeina Rizk is the co-head of fixed income in Amwal Capital Partners. She has 15 years of investment experience in the Emerging Credit Market, with a 12-year track record of co-managing Conventional EM Credit fund and a 9-year track record of co-managing Shari'ah Global Credit Fund.

Prior to joining Amwal, Zeina was a senior PM in Arqaam, she also 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.

### ELIE KHONEISSER BlueCrest Capital Management

Elie Khoneisser is a Senior Portfolio Manager at Bluecrest Capital focusing on Emerging Markets and more specifically on credit.

Prior to joining Bluecrest, Elie had spent 13 yrs on the sell side trading EM credit with a particular focus on the MENA region. In his previous role, Elie was a Managing Director at Bank of America in London.

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#### MOHIEDDINE KRONFOL Franklin Templeton Investment

Mohieddine (Dino) Kronfol is the chief investment officer of Global Sukuk and MENA fixed income at Franklin Templeton Investments. Mr. Kronfol is one of the founding partners and a board member of Franklin Templeton Investments (ME), formerly Algebra Capital, and has been with the firm since its inception in 2006. He is the lead portfolio manager of the FTSF Global Sukuk Fund and FTIF GCC Bond Fund.

Dino is a pioneer in Arab capital markets where he has committed the past 25 years to the development of MENA debt markets and Sharia compliant finance across the globe. He has one of the longest track records managing global Sukuk assets, since 2008, and under his leadership, Franklin Templeton has established itself as a leader in Global Sukuk investing. Dino frequently shares his views as a commentator on regional and international media and is a regular speaker at industry events.

#### HUSSEIN KHATTAB Eaton Vance/MSIM

Hussein Khattab is a portfolio manager on the Emerging Markets team. He is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction, and risk management for the team's emerging markets strategies. He is focused on the analysis of macroeconomics, politics, and financial markets of Central and Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa, and the management of regional investments in various emerging markets portfolios.

He began his career in the investment industry with Eaton Vance in 2013. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Hussein earned a Bachelor of Engineering from the American University of Beirut and an M.S. in mathematical finance from Boston University. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.