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JEAN-MICHEL SALIBA (MODERATOR) Bank of America

Jean-Michel Saliba is a Director, Middle East – North Africa (MENA) region economist at Bank of America (BofA Global Research). He is responsible for the formulation of the regional macroeconomic outlook and related forecasts, and Fixed Income/FX investment strategies across the MENA region.

Prior to joining the firm in 2010, Saliba served as a MENA economist and strategist at both Pantera Capital Management and J.P. Morgan. He has been the #1 ranked Middle East - North Africa economist in the Institutional Investor research surveys since 2013. He is a frequent commentator on regional economic affairs in local and international media outlets.

Saliba holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer and Communications Engineering from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, and a Master's degree in economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He is based in London.

DEAN TYLER BancTrust

Dean Tyler is Chief Business Officer & the Head of Global Markets at BancTrust, based in London. He has 27 years of experience in Fixed Income Markets, 25 of them in Emerging Markets. He has run Fixed Income, Currency & Commodity businesses for Exotix Capital, Sberbank, VTB Capital & ING Bank amongst others and has over 10 years of experience at various asset management firms including AIG and F&C as both a Portfolio Manager.

Dean holds a BSc Econ (Hons) in Banking & Finance, is a qualified Non-Executive Director and certified in Responsible Investment. He has served on numerous Boards & Committees in several countries and has been a Founding Member of the Guild of Investment Managers since its inception in 2015.

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SIMON WILLIAMS HSBC

Simon Williams joined HSBC in 2006 as Chief Economist for MENA in Dubai, before moving to London in 2014.

Simon returned to Dubai in 2023, where he continues to head the Central and Eastern Europe, Middle East, and Africa (CEEMEA) region's economics coverage and lead the bank's macro research in the Middle East.

Simon has more than 25 years' experience as a country analyst and economist for the emerging markets.

CARLA SLIM Standard Chartered

Carla is an economist covering the Middle East, based in Dubai. She has close to a decade of experience in sell-side research, providing on-the-ground analysis to external and internal stakeholders of the Bank. She speaks at industry conferences and regularly appears in global and regional media. She was nominated in 2020 to represent the Bank at the Institute of International Finance's (IIF's) Future Leaders programme, which recognises young leaders in the financial services industry.

Carla holds a Bachelor of Arts in economics from the American University of Beirut and has completed the IIF's course on forecasting macroeconomic variables in the Middle East. She speaks French, English and Arabic fluently.