

EMTA Webinar on the MENA/GCC Outlook Markets

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Jean-Michel Saliba is a Managing Director, Head of Emerging Europe, Middle East and Africa (EEMEA) and 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, as well as overseeing economics research across the EEMEA 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.

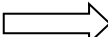
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Mohieddine (Dino) Kronfol is the chief investment officer of Global Sukuk and MENA fixed income at Franklin Templeton Investments. Mr. Kronfol is one of the founding partners and a board member of Franklin Templeton Investments (ME), formerly Algebra 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.

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Prior to joining Moody's in November 2017, Alex worked for two years as senior economist at the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Before relocating to the Middle East, Alex spent more than 12 years covering macroeconomic developments and sovereign credit risk assessment in the emerging markets of the EMEA region for AllianceBernstein and The Rohatyn Group, both US-based asset management firms in New York, as well as for Goldman Sachs in London.

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Hussein Khattab is a portfolio manager on the emerging markets debt team at Morgan Stanley Investment Management. 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.

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