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KIERAN CURTIS (MODERATOR)
Aberdeen

Kieran Curtis is Head of Emerging Market Local Currency Debt at Aberdeen. Since joining the firm in 2013 Kieran has managed Local Currency and Blended Emerging Market Bond portfolios. He began his investment career in 2002 at Invesco Asset Management before moving to Standard Bank.

Prior to joining the company in 2013, Kieran worked at Aviva Investors as Portfolio Manager and Head of Local Currency Bonds.

RIDLE MARKUS
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Ridle Markus joined Absa Group in 2005 as Senior Macroeconomist in Group Economic Research, covering South Africa, before joining Absa's Corporate and Investment Bank in 2008 to lead the bank's Africa research and analysis.

He has previously worked at JP Morgan and the South African Reserve Bank.

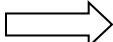
He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree from the University of the Western Cape, a Master's degree in Business Leadership from the University of South Africa and various other professional qualifications.

CHRISTIAN WIETOSKA
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Christian Wietoska is a Managing Director at Deutsche Bank and leads the CEEMEA & LatAm Research teams. In this capacity, he oversees economics, local markets, and sovereign credit strategy for these regions.

Christian joined Deutsche Bank as a graduate in 2011, initially covering Nordics & Switzerland within the European Rates Strategy team before transitioning to his current Emerging Markets role.

Christian is a CFA charterholder and he holds a Master's degree in Business Administration and Economics from the University of Muenster, Germany.

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PAUL GAMBLE
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Paul has been at Fitch Ratings since 2012 and has been Head of Middle East/Africa in Fitch's Sovereign Ratings Group based in London since mid-2024. He has primary responsibility for the analysis and rating of sovereigns in Middle East/Africa. For the previous nine years he was head of Fitch's Emerging Europe sovereign team covering Turkey, CEE and CIS. Before this Paul covered Middle East/Africa sovereigns for Fitch.

Prior to joining Fitch, Paul spent five years at Jadwa Investment in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, rising to the position of Chief Economist. Previously, Paul was a Senior Economist at Samba Financial Group, also in Riyadh. Before this, Paul was an Economist for the Institute of International Finance in Washington, DC, covering Middle East/Africa a role he took after seven years producing political and economic analysis on the Middle East/Africa region for London-based consultancies.

MICKAEL GONDRAND
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Mickael Gondrand is an Assistant Vice President - Analyst in the Sovereign Risk Group for Moody's Investors Service, with responsibilities for a number of credits in Africa and the Middle East. Currently based in London, Mickael joined Moody's in 2016 as an Associate Analyst, covering a broad range of European credits including the United Kingdom, Russia, Ukraine, and Greece.

Prior to joining Moody's Mickael was a Senior Country Risk Analyst at BMI Research (Fitch), focusing on the Middle East and North Africa. Mickael holds a Master's in International Political Economy from Science Po Paris and a MSc in Management and Strategy from the London School of Economics (LSE).