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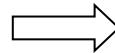
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Richard Cooper is the Global Head of the Restructuring Group at Cleary Gottlieb. His practice focuses on international and domestic restructurings both in the private and public sectors. He has represented corporate, sovereign and municipal debtors, creditors, creditor committees, buyers and sellers of distressed assets, DIP lenders, and other participants in out-of-court and in-court bankruptcy proceedings.

Mr. Cooper advised the US Treasury in its bail-out of the US airline industry at the beginning of the pandemic. Mr. Cooper has represented, among others, sovereign and state-owned enterprises in Argentina, Mexico, Indonesia, Colombia, Lebanon and many others, and he led the team that advised the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with the restructuring of approximately \$73 billion of indebtedness from 2014 –17. He also played a lead role in the development and passage of the federal statute known as the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act, or "PROMESA", which creates the first federal debt restructuring regime available to U.S. territories, including Puerto Rico.

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Ben Ramsey is J.P. Morgan's Head of EM Sovereign Credit Strategy, based in New York. He leads a global team delivering views on top-down EM debt themes and specific sovereign special situations, as well as directional and relative value recommendations in hard currency bonds and derivatives covering 70+ EM countries.

He previously was head of J.P. Morgan's Latin America Economics Research team, managing regional economics products, while also serving as Chief Economist for the Northern Andean region, a role in which he was consistently ranked in the top 3 by *Institutional Investor*. In addition, in 2022 Ben co-founded JPM's EM Data Watch Edge, a weekly economics product covering some 30 frontier economies.

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