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## ALBERTO BERNAL XP Investments

Alberto J. Bernal-León is Chief EM and Global Strategist at XP Investments. Mr. Bernal is responsible for researching and delivering the firm's macro views to a variety of multi-asset focused clients from around the world. Before that Mr. Bernal was Head of Research at Bulltick LLC., a boutique investment bank that specializes in serving international clients interested in investing in the Latin America region. Previously, Mr. Bernal was MD of Emerging Fixed Income Research at Bear Stearns Inc. in New York City. He was responsible for covering the Latin America region. Previous to Bear Stearns, Mr. Bernal was Head of Latin America Economic Research at IDEAglobal Inc. in New York City, where he was responsible for managing a team of economists focused on covering the macroeconomic fundamentals of the region. Mr. Bernal is a frequent contributor to major newswires, local press in Latin America, prominent world newspapers, and is a frequent contributor on financial television networks, such as CNN International, Bloomberg television, CNN Spanish, NTN 24, and Reuters TV.

He has also been invited to participate as a panelist on a series of official, economic, and academic events around the world. In 2014 Bernal was named one of the 10 most promising Latin American young leaders by the IADB. Bernal was also named the most accurate economist of Colombia in 2006 by Revista Dinero, one of the top five future economists of Colombia by the newspaper La República, one of the future top 40 executives under 40 years by the Latin American publication Revista Poder, and one of 100 Latin America leaders under 40 by the Revista Gerente. Mr. Bernal was also recently profiled by the Revista Dinero (The title of the article was "The Young Prophet"). Mr. Bernal was recently asked by Colombian President Iván Duque to participate in a commission of six pundits that will advise the government on how to modernize Colombia's capital markets.

Mr. Bernal is a research scholar for Columbia University's Chazen Institute and holds a Master's Degree in Macroeconomics from Germany's Kiel Institute of World Economics, where he received a full scholarship. He received his Honors Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from the University of New Orleans. Mr. Bernal was also recently invited to become an Adjunct Professor of the International Business School of the University of Miami.

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Prior to joining Fitch in 2016, Richard was a Director for the sovereign group at Standard and Poor's where he covered numerous sovereigns in Latin America and the Caribbean (2000-15). Richard also worked at Morgan Stanley in the Latin American Economics Research Group (1998-2000).

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Joydeep joined the Sovereign group of Standard & Poor's in 1996 and has worked with credit ratings in Asia and the Western Hemisphere.

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