

## EMTA Corporate Bond Forum in London

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#### **KAY HOPE (MODERATOR)** **BofA Securities**

Kay Hope is a managing director and leads BofA's fixed income research effort on sustainability issues globally. She is also a corporate credit analyst focusing on emerging market names across sectors, mainly in the CIS, Sub-Saharan Africa and Israel.

Prior to joining the firm in 2010, Kay held emerging markets roles at Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Bank and Credit Suisse First Boston. She also spent several years at McKinsey & Company in Moscow, and a year in Almaty, Kazakhstan, working for an international aid organization.

#### **NICOLÁS GIANNONE** **Balanz Capital**

Nicolás Giannone is a Senior Desk Analyst at Balanz, based in London. He specialises in Latin American high-yield credit and special situations, with a strong emphasis on generating short- and medium-term trade ideas for institutional clients.

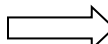
Before joining Balanz UK LLP, Nicolás spent four years at Balanz Argentina as a Corporate Credit Research Analyst, followed by two years within the International Emerging Markets Sales team. He later broadened his experience in Europe, working as an Investment Analyst at a Spanish real estate private credit firm before rejoining Balanz in a senior capacity.

Nicolás holds a Master's degree in Finance from IE Business School. He also contributes to the academic community as a guest speaker, delivering lectures on high-yield bonds and corporate restructurings.

#### **ALEXANDER ROZHETSKIN** **Citi**

Alexander Rozhetskin is a Director on the Citi Research EM Strategy team. He joined Citi in July 2021.

Alexander has a broad range of experience, most recently working as Head of Sustainable Business at Russian gold mining company Petropavlovsk PLC.

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Prior to that, Alexander worked as a CEEMEA Corporate Analyst at AXA Investment Managers in London. Before moving to the buy side, Alexander spent five years as a publishing corporate credit research analyst at UniCredit Bank AG and HSBC.

**AGNESE MELBARDE**  
**IVO Capital Partners**

Agnese Melbarde is portfolio manager at IVO Capital Partners, a Paris based asset management company focused on Emerging Market debt. Prior to joining IVO Capital Partners in 2023, Agnese spent 11 years at Lazard Asset Management in New York focusing on Emerging Market corporate debt investments across US\$10+bn of EM debt funds. Her expertise was in fundamental credit analysis, quantitative and relative valuation across a variety of Emerging Market corporate sectors.

Prior to Lazard Asset Management, Agnese spent 3 years at T. Rowe Price Group in Baltimore where she was part of the Fixed Income Quantitative Research team focusing on EM Corporate and US High Yield investment strategies.

Agnese holds an MBA from Darden School of Business with concentration in asset management, and a dual bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Economics from Kenyon College in the US. Agnese is a CFA charterholder.

**DILAWER FARAZI**  
**Loomis Sayles**

Dilawer Farazi has 20 years experience investing in EM credit. He is a Portfolio Manager and Co-Head of the EM Debt team at Loomis Sayles.

Previously he was at Royal London Asset Management as an EM senior portfolio manager.

Dilawer holds a Masters in Emerging Economies and Development from King's College London, and a bachelors in Law & Economics from Queen Mary's, University of London. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.