
Speakers' Biographies



Dr. Mike F. Balm, Managing Director, Emergo Wealth, Canada

Dr. Balm has been with the Emergo Group for over 20 years. Since joining the group he has held several positions within the company including group treasurer, corporate controller and CEO. He was, and continues to be, responsible for building and managing the company's investments. Dr. Balm qualified as a Chartered Management Accountant and Chartered Global Management Accountant with the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants in the United Kingdom. He also received his Doctorate of Business Administration from the European University of Switzerland.



Dr. Petr Zemcik, Director of Economic Research, Moody's Analytics, UK

Petr Zemcik is director of economic research at the Moody's Analytics London office. He is responsible for analysis, modeling, and forecasting for Europe. Dr. Zemcik also supervises the real-time coverage of Europe for the Dismal Scientist web site. He previously worked at CERGE-EI, a joint workplace of the Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education of Charles University in Prague and the Economics Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, and at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He has published numerous articles on asset pricing, econometric methodology and real estate bubbles in peer-reviewed professional journals. He holds a PhD and MA in Economics from the University of Pittsburgh and MSc in Econometrics and Operations Research from the University of Economics in Prague.



Gautam Chadda, Director, Investment Counsellor, Royal Bank of Canada Wealth Management, UK

Based in London, Gautam Chadda is an Investment Counsellor with RBS Wealth Management. In this role he specialises in providing bespoke and ongoing investment advice to both high net worth and ultra high net worth clients across a range of geographies. He has also worked within the investment strategy team at RBC Wealth Management where he helped to construct and disseminate RBC's house view on strategic and tactical asset allocation and as well building thematic investment portfolios. Prior to joining RBC in December 2010, Gautam worked as a Senior Associate within the relationship management team at Alliance Bernstein Limited in London, working with the firm's Institutional clients, predominantly UK and Irish pension funds. He is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments, has the Investment Management Certificate and Series 6 qualifications. He holds a BEng. (hons) Manufacturing Systems Engineering. Outside of work he enjoys spending time with family, playing sports (football and tennis), reading and the occasional crossword.



Dr. Constantinos Neophytou, Director, Investment Strategy, Emergo Wealth, Cyprus

Constantinos Neophytou has been with the Emergo Group for well over a decade, where he has held various roles, including that of Managing Director of Emergo (Cyprus) Ltd. He was, and continues to be, a member of the global management committee responsible for building and managing the company's investments. He received a Wellcome Prize post-doctoral research fellowship at Harvard Medical School in Boston. He is a certified investment management analyst (CIMA) and holds a Diploma in Company Direction (IoD). He studied on full merit-based scholarships at the Cambridge University (BA, MA) and at University College London (Ph.D.).



Dr. George Mountis, Director, Business Development, Emergo Wealth, Cyprus

George Mountis specialises in investment banking, corporate finance, strategic planning and debt restructuring advisory. Prior to joining Emergo Wealth, George worked as the Regional Managing Partner of The Parthenon Partners & Co. He also worked in London as an investment analyst for CB Richard Ellis and for HSBC in the M&A UK team. He is a graduate of Birmingham City University (B.Sc in Business Administration and Information Management and M.Sc in Real Estate Finance) and the University of Birmingham (M.Sc in Marketing Management and Ph.D in Banking).



Phoebus Theologites, Chief Investment Officer, SteppenWolf Capital LLC, Switzerland

Phoebus Theologites is CIO and coordinator of the 8-person investment committee of SteppenWolf Capital LLC. Previously, he worked for 20 years as a complex derivatives trader and structurer across asset classes, and as CIO of a Swiss MFO (multi-family office). He has managed equity, interest-rate, currency, commodity and hybrid books and proprietary positions, supervised division-wide trading risk and execution, set up or restructured client and proprietary trading desks globally, developed a variety of analytics and trading systems, advised on both discretionary and systematic trading strategies, and served as member of various trading-floor management and division-level risk committees in a series of top-tier investment banks. He holds a BA *cum laude* in Economics from Harvard University, a MPhil in Finance from the University of Cambridge, and a MSc in Mathematical Economics from the London School of Economics.”



Yannis Matsis, CEO, Point9 Financial Ltd, Cyprus

Yannis Matsis co-founded Point9 Financial Technologies Ltd in 2002 and has been its Chief Executive Officer since April 2008. He made his career in banking where he has 15 years of experience in building and managing global debt capital market teams. Prior to Point9, he was Managing Director, Head of Structured Trading at Mizuho International, where he built from scratch and managed a global team responsible for structuring and trading credit, interest rate and foreign exchange derivative products with annual volume turnovers in excess of US\$20 billion. He joined Mizuho in 2003 from ING Barings where he was Managing Director, Global Head of the Credit Derivatives business. He graduated from Cambridge University with a Bachelor’s and a Master’s degree in Chemical Engineering.



Olivier Kintgen, Chief Investment Officer, Europanel Research and Alternative Asset Management, France

Olivier Kintgen has served as CIO and Managing Director at ERAAM since joining the company in 2001. Prior to this, from 2000 to 2001, Olivier was the Manager of a fund of futures based on the models developed by Insight Finance, a quantitative research company he co-founded in 1999. Between 1991 and 1999, Olivier worked for Bank of America; whilst based in Paris he was in charge of G7 arbitrage and proprietary trading, thereafter taking the position of Managing Director of European Emerging Markets Sales and Trading in London. Olivier holds an MBA in Finance from ESSEC.



Dr. George Theocharides, Associate Professor, CIIM and Member of the Board, CySEC, Cyprus

George Theocharides is an Associate Professor of Finance at Cyprus International Institute of Management (CIIM) in Nicosia, Cyprus. Before joining CIIM he was an Assistant Professor of Finance at the Graduate School of Business at Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, Korea. Prior to that, he served as an International Faculty Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Sloan School of Management. Dr. Theocharides holds a B. Eng. (Hons) degree in Electrical Engineering and Electronics from University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (U.M.I.S.T.), an M.B.A. degree (in Marketing and Venture Management) from the University of San Diego, as well as a Ph.D. in Finance from the University of Arizona. Currently, he is a board member of the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (CySEC) and a member of the Training/HR Committee of the Cyprus Investment Fund Association (CIFA).