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**Education Session No. 210:
9th Annual Risk Management Panel: Geopolitical Risk**

July 14, 2010 at 6 PM
New York

Geopolitical risk has evolved over the last several years as the balance of world political and economic power shifts to emerging economies, most notably Asia. This conference will examine how the balance of global economic power has shifted toward Capitalist States (namely China), how this may (or may not) impact the environment in which multinationals businesses operate, and investment opportunities deriving from this. In our 9th Annual Risk Management Panel, we will tackle the topic of managing risk at the macroeconomic level and the lessons to be learned from recent events (i.e., Greece and the Gulf Oil Spill).

Our distinguished panel has many years of experience analyzing such risks and applying their expertise in different ways, either through consulting assignments or in making investment decisions in a portfolio. How can a better understanding of geopolitical risk benefit our decision making?

Participants

Daniel Arbess, Perella Weinberg Partners
Willis Sparks, Eurasia Group
Helima Croft, Barclays Capital
Dagen McDowell, *Moderator*, Fox Business Network

Event Details

Date: July 14, 2010

Time: 5:15 PM Registration.

We will begin *promptly* at 6 PM; please arrive early. Since it is disruptive to everyone when latecomers enter the session, those arriving after an education session has begun will only be admitted at the discretion of 100WHF and the host. Please note the start time on this invite and plan to arrive early.

Networking and cocktails following session

Host: Barclays Capital

Location: 745 7th Avenue (between 49th & 50th Streets), New York, NY 10019 - [Directions](#)

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Admission is free, but there is a \$25 charge if you register and do not attend, even if you cancel in advance. No-show proceeds will be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters, the 2010 beneficiary of 100WHF's US philanthropic initiatives.

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Space is limited. No walk-ins will be permitted.

Biographies

Daniel Arbess, Partner, Perella Weinberg Partners

Daniel Arbess is a Partner at Perella Weinberg Partners and manager of the \$2+ billion Xerion Fund. Mr. Arbess has been professionally involved in global themes and event-driven opportunities since he began his professional career at White & Case in the 1980s. As the youngest partner in that law firm's history, and eventually Head of its Global Privatization Group, he advised governments on industrial restructuring, privatization programs and transactions. Mr. Arbess became an investment principal in 1995, first pursuing restructuring-oriented private transactions in Eastern Europe and later managing portfolio workouts and distressed credit investments for a New York-based asset manager. He launched Xerion Capital Partners in 2003 and sold the Firm to Perella Weinberg Partners in 2007. Over the past several years, the strategy has encompassed short positions in housing, mortgages, CDOs, financial institutions and sovereigns, along with long positions in distressed credit and global special situations. Xerion uses a range of macro asset classes to complement its corporate investments, including currencies, commodities and government bonds. Mr. Arbess received a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) from Osgoode Hall Law School (Toronto) and a Master of Law from Harvard Law School (LL.M).

Willis Sparks, Analyst, Eurasia Group

Mr. Sparks is an analyst at Eurasia Group, the leading global political risk research and consulting firm for financial, corporate, and government clients. His work focuses on global macro issues, particularly transnational risk and US politics. Mr. Sparks joined Eurasia in 2005 from the Council on Foreign Relations, where he wrote about terrorism and US national security. Mr. Sparks holds a master's degree from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, where he specialized in international security policy and the study of the former Soviet Union. He also earned a master's degree in international relations from the Institute d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris. Mr. Sparks holds two bachelor's degrees from Brown University and is a graduate of the Juilliard School.

Helima Croft, Director, Barclays Capital

Helima Croft is a Director and senior geopolitical strategist within Commodities Research at Barclays Capital. Based in New York, Ms. Croft is responsible for the firm's research covering the economics and politics of the key commodity producing countries of Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Prior to joining Barclays Capital in September 2008, Ms. Croft was with the Business Intelligence Group at Lehman Brothers, which advised the firm's Executive Committee on international political and economic issues. Prior to joining Lehman in 2005, Ms. Croft was the intelligence fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and spent four years as a Senior Economic Analyst in the Asia Pacific, Latin America and Africa office of the Central Intelligence Agency. She focused on energy security, economic reform and corruption in West Africa and received five exceptional performance awards for achievements. Ms. Croft received a PhD from Princeton University, where she also was a lecturer.

Dagen McDowell, Anchor, Fox Business Network

Dagen McDowell joined FOX Business Network (FBN) as an anchor in September 2007. She also continues to serve as a business correspondent for FOX News Channel (FNC). McDowell has appeared regularly on Your World with Neil Cavuto since 2003 as well as Cashin' In, on which she has appeared since the program debuted in May 2001. She interviewed Secretary of Treasury Henry Paulson just one day after FBN launched. Prior to joining FNC, McDowell wrote a personal finance column for TheStreet.com called "Dear Dagen." In addition, she also wrote for SmartMoney magazine and SmartMoney.com. McDowell began her career as a financial journalist at the Institutional Investor's newsletter division. A native of Brookneal, Virginia, she is a graduate of Wake Forest University.

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