

Education Session No. 238: Battle of the Emerging Markets

February 16, 2011 at 6:30 PM Geneva

With the developed market nations submerged in debt crises, investors' attention has unsurprisingly turned to emerging markets with their favourable demographics, abundant natural and human resources and high convexity growth as incrementally more of the population rise above the poverty line. Our experts on Brazil, Africa, China and India will state their case for their home market, highlighting on the risks as well as the opportunities, to be followed by a fierce debate on the merits of each. The discussion will culminate with a vote on which market our audience has been persuaded has the most interesting risk/reward.

## Participants

Nicolas Clavel, Scipion Capital Eric Mookherjee, Shanti Asset Management Lan Wang Simond, Pictet Asset Management Artur Wichmann, Alpha HG Fund and CSHG Global Macro Master Fund

**Event Details** 

Date: February 16, 2011
Time: 6 PM Registration.
We will begin *promptly* at 6:30 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 canapés will follow.
Host: Pictet & Cie
Location: Route des Acacias 60, Geneva, CH-1211, Switzerland
(Please see below for directions.)
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Admission to this event is free, but there is a 30 SFr charge if you register and do not attend (even if you cancel in advance). No-show proceeds will be donated to our 2011 beneficiary.

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

**Biographies** 

Nicolas Clavel, Portfolio Manager and founder, Scipion Capital

Nicolas Clavel has been actively involved with Africa for over 20 years, and has held senior positions in some of the continent's largest banks and asset managers.

In 2007 Nicolas founded Scipion Capital, a high performing African focussed hedge fund manager that invests in a range of sectors across the continent. In July 2007, the firm launched the Scipion Ai40 Index Tracker Fund, the first ever pan-African index made available to investors. This was swiftly followed by the launch of the firm's flagship fund, the Scipion Commodity Trade Finance Fund, which has returned over 40% since inception. In May 08, Scipion launched the Scipion Alpha Seeker Fund, an absolute return fund focussed on African equities.

Nicolas began his career with four years at the Midland Bank Group. He left to join Citicorp Investment Bank Ltd., London in their forfaiting / structured trade finance team covering EMEA with a strong African focus. Here he implemented an IMF funded Debt-for-Equity swap programme for Zaire, re-financed the shipping fleet of an African country with a debt-for-equity element, pre-financed various crops from West and North Africa. His last position at Citibank was that of CEO of Citibank NA, Dakar, Senegal

After managing a Merchant Bank in Geneva with a focus on trade finance in the emerging markets, mainly Latin America and Africa, he returned to Africa as CEO of Standard Bank's Congo subsidiary before returning to Switzerland to Standard Chartered Grindlays Bank in 2000, when he started being involved with African quoted equities.

Nicolas holds a MBA from Instituto de Empresa, Madrid, and is a non executive board member of Symphony Environmental Technologies Plc, an AIM listed company.

Eric Mookherjee, Founder and CIO of Shanti Asset Management and Portfolio Manager of the Shanti India Fund

Eric Mookherjee has more than 20 years of investment management experience and has held numerous positions as analyst, manager and head of investment management team. Prior to founding Shânti Asset Management in 2002, he was in charge of the equity research and investment management teams at Crédit Lyonnais Asset Management.

Shanti Asset Management is an independent AM house licensed and regulated by the French market Authority (AMF), specialized in asset allocation, European L/S equities and Emerging markets. It is registered by the Indian Authority (SEBI) as a Foreign Institutional Investor (FII).

Eric is managing the Shânti India Fund, which is focusing on Indian equities and convertible bonds from Indian issuers. He is also one of the managers of the Shânti Convertibles Asia Fund, which is invested in Asia-Pacific, ex Japan, CBs.

Lan Wang Simond, Senior Investment Manager, Emerging Markets Specialist, Pictet Asset Management Lan Wang Simond is a Senior Investment Manager in the Emerging Markets Specialist Equities team. She has managed the Greater China fund since its inception in May 2003. Lan joined Pictet & Cie's Financial Research Department in 1997 as a Fund Manager and a Senior Analyst specialising in the Asia ex Japan region.

In 2000, Lan launched an absolute return mandate within the Greater China space and in 2007, based on the tremendous track record of the mandate, it was transformed to Asia Focus fund, an off-shore absolute return fund based on the same philosophy. Lan has also been managing a market neutral long/short mandate for Alphanatics fund for 5 years.

Before joining Pictet she worked as a fund manager with Gérifonds, the fund management company of the Banque Cantonale Vaudoise, where she managed one Asia ex Japan fund and one China fund. Born in China, Lan obtained a BA from the Beijing Normal Institute of Foreign Languages before coming to Switzerland where she gained a Business Administration degree from HEC University of Lausanne. She is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charterholder, and is fluent in Mandarin, English and French. **Artur Wichmann**, Global Equities Portfolio Manager, Alpha HG Fund and CSHG Global Macro Master Fund Artur Wichmann holds a BA in Economics and is a Post-Graduate in Finance from Catholic University in Rio. Before he joined Credit Suisse Hedging-Griffo, Mr. Wichmann worked 10 years for UBS Global Asset Management in Rio, Zurich and in Toronto.

Mr. Wichmann began his career in 1994 as an analyst at Banco Icatu S.A. and subsequently occupied positions as portfolio manager for Pactual Asset Management.

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