

## Education Session No. 236: Emerging Markets: Friends or Foes?

March 31, 2011 at 6:30 PM Zurich

A broad spectrum of commodities have reached multi-year highs, while investors share an increasing concern that emerging market economies are over-heating. Recent events in the Middle East and North Africa have raised the issue of socio-economic and political stability as an important, if at times forgotten, investment factor. Is it time to rethink your emerging market and commodity exposures? Join us as our panel of specialist allocators, managers, and traders, discuss:

\*The role, both positive and negative, that emerging market and commodity related investment themes will play in the future.

\*Managing emerging market and commodity specific betas: examining the overlap.

\*Redefining the demand-supply equation: emerging markets as the largest consumers of commodities, and the overall impact on commodity prices.

\*Uncovering the unexploited opportunities: how can allocators gain the most efficient exposure to benefit from this volatility?

\*How are emerging market and commodity allocations likely to perform in a highly volatile environment going forward?

## Participants

Dr. Elena Clarici, Ocean Finance SA Sean Taylor, GAM Keith Tomlinson, CFA, Generation Asset Management Sona Blessing, *Moderator*, Opalesque Radio

#### **Event Details**

**Date:** March 31, 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 cocktails will follow. **Host:** Scotia Capital **Location:** The Savoy Hotel Postrasse 12, **Zurich**, 8001, Switzerland **RSVP:** http://www.100womeninhedgefunds.org/pages/event\_registration.php

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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**

### Dr. Elena Clarici, Senior Investment Analyst, Ocean Finance SA

Elena is currently a Senior Investment Analyst with Geneva-based Ocean Finance SA, a natural resources investment firm and advisor to Africa Energy Resources Fund, a Swiss-regulated fund that invests in listed energy and natural resources companies active in Africa. Prior to joining Ocean Finance, Elena was founder and Managing Partner of London-based Commodity Energy Capital - CeCap LLP, a specialist investment boutique, providing analysis and due diligence to investment funds and family offices looking to enter the natural resources sector. Intially, Elena was trained as a mining equity analyst and natural resources investment banker at various institutions in the City of London. Elena studied mining and earned her PhD from the Royal School of Mines, Imperial College, London, while she examined the application of artificial neural networks to natural resources data modelling. She is also the chairman of a company focused on farming and agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa and the Chairman of the Association of Mining Analysts in London.

#### Sean Taylor, Portfolio Manager, GAM

Sean Taylor (18 years investment experience) is an Investment Director responsible for GAM's emerging and frontier markets funds. Mr. Taylor joined GAM in January 2004, prior to which he was head of global equity at SG Asset Management and responsibile for managing global emerging market, Eastern European and Middle Eastern equity mandates. Prior to 1992, he served as an officer in the British Army having attended the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Mr. Taylor holds an MBA from Manchester Business School. He is based in Dubai.

#### Keith Tomlinson, CFA, Director of Research, Generation Asset Management

Prior to joining Generation Asset Management, a joint venture between Toronto-based Arrow Hedge Partners and Geneva-based Generation Group, Mr. Tomlinson was Director of International Research for Arrow Hedge. He was responsible for international hedge fund manager search, selection and due diligence. He was also responsible for ongoing manager due diligence as well as performance measurement and reporting at Arrow Hedge Partners. Mr. Tomlinson was a key member of Arrow's Risk Management and Investment Management committees as he has had over 17 years of industry experience. Prior to joing Arrow Hedge Partners in September 2002, Mr. Tomlinson was a Regional Director with a Canadian-based mutual fund company and from 1996 to 1999 held a senior role at BPI Financial Corporation. He is currently completing his MBA studies, specializing in risk management.

#### Sona Blessing, Research Specialist, Alternative Alternatives, Opalesque Radio

Sona is the author of the recently released book, Alternative Alternatives: Risk, Returns and Investment Strategies, Wiley, February 2011. She is an independent research specialist and consultant in 'Alternative Alternatives' and also manages and moderates Opalesque Radio. Prior to this, she served as senior advisor and Opalesque's Director of

Research. She has been a guest lecturer on Alternative Alternatives at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences and has also held positions as a hedge fund research strategist, and a global market strategist.

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