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**Education Session No. 451:
Global Outlook 2014: A Multi-Asset View**

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Some observers anticipate that markets will enter a distinct new phase in 2014 -- one in which central bank liquidity will have a weaker impact on investor sentiment and potentially, in favour of economic growth. As this transition from a liquidity to growth-influenced market unfolds, what are the opportunities within asset allocation?

- Will Europe's incipient recovery bear fruit in terms of sustained earnings and equity performance?
- Will the long-term underperformance of EM asset classes finally reverse?
- Is there a secular bear market in government bonds ahead?
- What are the perspectives for distressed investing in 2014?

Join us for an engaging debate on these topics, and gain valuable insights on undiscovered opportunities in 2014.

Participants

Elif Aktug, Pictet Asset Management
Olivier Blechner, Polygon
Veronika Schachenmayr-Schlick, Pictet Wealth Management
Henry Wigan, Blackrock
Supriya Menon, *Moderator*, Pictet Asset Management

Event Details

Date: January 29, 2014

Time: 6 PM Registration.

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Host: Pictet

Location: Pictet

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Biographies

Elif Aktug, Portfolio Manager, Agora Fund, Pictet Asset Management

Elif Aktug is Portfolio Manager of the Agora Fund, a European equity market-neutral Fund. Prior to joining Pictet Asset Management in 2011, Elif spent 13 years at Goldman Sachs. Having started there in Investment Banking, she later joined Goldman Sachs Principal Strategies (GSPS), where she spent 10 years in a senior proprietary investing role. In 2010, Elif became Head of the European equities long/short strategy, for which she has been jointly responsible since 2008.

Elif holds a degree in Finance from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris and an MBA from Stanford University.

Olivier Blechner, Senior Portfolio Manager, Polygon

Olivier Blechner joined Polygon Global Partners in 2013 as a Senior Portfolio Manager. He has responsibility for sourcing and managing distressed and special situation credit investments for our various funds, invested in by our clients and our parent Tetragon Financial Group. Prior to joining Polygon, he was a Research Director at Alden Global Capital where he invested (long and short) in distressed debt and equity securities globally. From 2006 to 2008, Olivier was a Partner and Portfolio Manager at TPG Credit Management, where he was responsible for its investment activities in the European distressed and undervalued leveraged debt space as well as in special situations. From 2004 to 2006, he was Head of European Credit Opportunities with Sandell Asset Management, where he made investments across the entire credit spectrum, with particular emphasis on distressed, stressed and event-driven credit. Prior to that, Olivier concentrated on leveraged finance and rescue financing transactions in the financial restructuring group at Houlihan Lokey, and at Credit Suisse First Boston/Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. Olivier, a Swiss national, received a B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1998. He is based in the London office.

Veronika Schachenmayr-Schlick, COO, CIO Office, Pictet Wealth Management

Veronika has more than 25 years' asset management experience servicing institutional investors and private clients. Since 2013, she has been responsible within the CIO's office for the organisation and risk management of the investment platform, as well as continuing to manage clients' accounts. Upon joining Pictet, Veronika was responsible for the Portfolio Engineering unit, managing the Quantitative & Fund Investment team as well as being responsible for the Investment Solutions team. Prior to joining Pictet, Veronika worked for Paribas and Crédit Agricole. She started her career in international equities and commodities before going on to specialise in asset allocation.

Veronika holds a DEA in Economic Sciences from Paris University, a DESS in trilingual translation from ESIT (Paris), and an SFAF (French Society of Financial Analysis) diploma.

Henry Wigan, Portfolio Manager, Global Emerging Markets Specialist Team, Blackrock

Henry Wigan is a member of the Global Emerging Markets Specialist team within Fundamental Equity division of BlackRock's Alpha Strategies Group. He focuses on investments in Emerging Europe, and Latin America. He also devises macro strategy for the GEM Specialist Team. Prior to joining BlackRock in 2009, Mr Wigan was a Senior Associate at Brazilian hedge fund 3G Capital. Mr Wigan began his career at Goldman Sachs where he was involved with proprietary macro investing in the Principal Strategies Group.

Mr Wigan earned a BSc degree, with First Class Honours, in Economics and Economic History from the London School of Economics.

Supriya Menon, Multi-Asset Strategist, Pictet Asset Management

Supriya Menon joined Pictet in 2012 and is a Multi Asset Strategist in the Strategy unit of the Balanced & Quantitative Investment team. Before joining Pictet, Supriya worked for three years at Aviva Investors as a Macro Strategist, where she developed investment views, models and indicators to help portfolio management of tactical asset allocation and global macro funds. From 2005 to 2009 she worked at Lehman Brothers, first as an Equity Strategist for three years and then as an Investment Analyst. She started her career as an Associate at Morgan Stanley in 1999.

Supriya holds a BA (double major) in Economics and International Relations from Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts, USA and an MBA from Harvard Business School.



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