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## 2018 FRONTIER FORUM

February 22, 2018 | London, UK | Bloomberg's New European Headquarters

### AGENDA

*\* All speakers have confirmed, timings subject to change\**

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30 am – 8:50 am

#### MORNING COFFEE

8:50 am – 8:55 am

#### WELCOME REMARKS

- John Micklethwait, Editor-in-Chief, Bloomberg

8:55 am – 9:00 am

#### INTRODUCTION

- Hung Tran, Executive Managing Director, IIF

9:00 am – 9:20 am

#### IN CONVERSATION

*Topics will include World Bank latest research and findings on frontier markets, socioeconomic inclusion and green bonds*

- Arunma Oteh, Vice President and Treasurer, World Bank

9:20 am – 10:10 am

#### FRONTIER'S ODDITY

*Close your eyes and think of a frontier market. What springs to mind? Africa, South Asia? Think again. Oil rich GCC countries are staples for many frontier funds. We explore opportunities and challenges in the commodity-rich frontier with:*

- Mazin Alnahedh, Group Chief Executive Officer, Kuwait Finance House
- Simon Galpin, Managing Director, Bahrain Economic Development Board
- Hasnain Malik, Global Head of Equity Research, Exotix Capital
- Christof Rühl, Global Head of Research, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
- Daliah Merzaban, Senior Editor, Bloomberg (moderator)

10:10 am – 11:00 am

**THE BIG VIEW**

*Is this the year of living dangerously? We explore new hazards amidst unprecedented political uncertainty. Plus, who's afraid of rising Fed rates? How to sort the vulnerable markets from pockets of resilience that will drive Frontier returns.*

- Tim Adams, President and Chief Executive Officer, IIF
- Stuart Culverhouse, Global Head of Macro and Fixed Income Research, Exotix Capital
- Giulia Pellegrini, Portfolio Manager, Frontier Markets Economist, BlackRock
- Nathan Sheets, Chief Economist and Head of Global Macroeconomic Research, PGIM Fixed Income, Prudential Financial Inc.
- Herbert Wigwe, Chief Executive Officer and Group Managing Director, Access Bank Plc
- Justin Carrigan, Managing Editor, Bloomberg Emerging Markets (moderator)

11:00 am - 11:20 am

**COFFEE BREAK**

11:20 am – 12:10 pm

**BIG DATA, BIG OPPORTUNITY**

*Where to seize the biggest opportunities? Frontier fintech growth leaders are driving an unprecedented assault on financial exclusion, with a surge in big data transformational technology—all happening thousands of miles from Silicon Valley.*

- Rahul Desai, Portfolio Manager for EM, Fidelity Investments
- Sonja Gibbs, Senior Director, Global Capital Markets, IIF
- Stewart Langdon, Partner, LeapFrog Investments
- Sandip Sarda, Chief Executive Officer, Falcon Media's Quiptel
- Laszlo Varro, Chief Economist, International Energy Agency
- Gavin Serkin, Managing Editor and Author of the Bloomberg book 'Frontier', Exotix Capital (moderator)

12:10 pm – 12:15 pm

**CLOSING REMARKS**

- Duncan Wales, Chief Executive Officer, Exotix Capital

12:15 pm - TBD

**NETWORKING BUFFET LUNCH**

This is a first-come, first-served free event and space is limited.

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