

EUROPE IN THE MIDDLE

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FUND EXPERTS FORUM 2023 EUROPE IN THE MIDDLE

Europe in the middle – in so many ways. Europe has found itself between a rock and a hard place, between East and West, and needs to return to being the centre of attention. Europe is clearly experiencing a demographic decline and is more dependent on China and Russia than ever before, as has become so very obvious recently.

Whichever way we look at it Europe is in the middle and yet still maintains its worldwide prominence and status. Its relationship with Europe is also, of course, of vital importance to Switzerland and considerable pressure has been mounting on the Swiss Federal Council («Bundesrat») to provide greater clarity as to the nature of this relationship.

This year's «Fund Experts Forum» programme focuses on two main themes. Central to our programme are monetary policy and the comparison of models. How can Switzerland with its exchange rate and interest rate policies position itself against international markets? Also central to our programme are European politics. What is Switzerland's relationship with Europe really like? Switzerland is important to Europe. Switzerland, however, is increasingly looking towards markets further afield whilst the importance of Europe is meant to remain undiminished. It is a joint project in which Switzerland has a role to play too.

We invite you to meet colleagues, exchange ideas and use this opportunity to expand your network. Make sure you register today for attendance at the conference to benefit from valuable information and guidance.

Jan Schwalbe

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THE TOPICS

Monetary Policy: Do we Need New Rules?

Growth: What Influence does a Successful Monetary Policy have?

Europe in a Quandary: Claiming Leadership or Searching for Allies

Fear of Being Sidelined: How can Europe Maintain its Position in an International Context?

13 Investment Ideas: Knowing where the Next Opportunities Lie!

THE SPEAKERS

Prof. em. Dr. Michael Ambühl CEO Ambühl Meier Verhandlungsberatung, Former Under-Secretary of State and ETH Professor emeritus at the School of Negotiation and Conflict Management

Nicola Forster Founder Think Tank Foraus, President Schweizerische gemeinnützige Gesellschaft SGG and Co-President Grünliberale Kanton Zürich

Jean-Claude Juncker Former President of the European Commission (2014–2019) and Former Prime Minister of Luxembourg (1995–2013)

Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP Member of Parliament for Spelthorne and Former UK Chancellor of the Exchequer (September and October 2022)

Dr. Andréa Maechler Member of the Board of Directors, Schweizerische Nationalbank (SNB)

Prof. Dr. Gunther Schnabl Head of the Institute for Fiscal Policy at Leipzig University

PARTNER SPEAKERS

- 1 Adrian Brass** Fund Manager Artemis US Extended Alpha Fund
- 2 Miguel Tiedra** Head of Alternative Investments Banque Cantonale Vaudoise
- 3 Jurij Puth** Head of European Origination Blackstone Credit
- 4 Kevin Thozet** Member of the Investment Committee Carmignac
- 5 Nick Henderson** Director and Portfolio Manager
Columbia Threadneedle Investments
- 6 Giliola Frey** Senior Portfolio Manager Eurizon Capital
- 7 Andrew Beer** Managing Member and Co-Portfolio Manager
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- 8 Alistair Sayer** Client Portfolio Manager Investments
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- 9 Dr. Florian Weber** Senior Portfolio Manager J. Safra Sarasin
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- 10 Alexander Sperlich** Head Strategic Business Development Morningstar
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- 13 Jonas Knüsel** Senior Portfolio Manager Swisscanto by Zürcher Kantonalbank

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PROGRAMME

CONFERENCE 19 APRIL 2023

8.15 am Registration and Welcome Coffee

8.45 am **Welcome by the Day's Moderator**
Jan Schwalbe Finanz und Wirtschaft

9.00 am KEYNOTE
How Independent is Swiss Monetary Policy?
Dr. Andréa Maechler Schweizerische Nationalbank (SNB)

9.30 am PANEL
Europe at the Mercy of the Whims of Geopolitical Powers and the Consequences for Switzerland
Prof. em. Dr. Michael Ambühl Ambühl Meier
Verhandlungsberatung, Former Under-Secretary of State and ETH Professor emeritus
Nicola Forster Foraus, Schweizerische gemeinnützige Gesellschaft SGG and Grünliberale Kanton Zürich
Prof. Dr. Gunther Schnabl Institute for Fiscal Policy at Leipzig University

Your Host: **Jan Schwalbe** Finanz und Wirtschaft

10.15 am Coffee and Networking Break

10.45 am PARALLEL GROUP DISCUSSIONS – [CYCLE 1](#)

- 1 Is the US still the Land of Opportunity?**
Adrian Brass Artemis US Extended Alpha Fund
- 2 Hedge Funds and Alternative Risk Premia are Back**
Miguel Tiedra Banque Cantonale Vaudoise
- 3 Private Credit in Today's Environment**
Jurij Puth Blackstone Credit

- 4 Europe: Many Do Not Want to Invest, Some Only See the Risks, We See the Opportunities**
Kevin Thozet Carmignac
- 5 Unlocking Alpha Opportunities in the Transition to Net Zero**
Nick Henderson Columbia Threadneedle Investments
- 6 Identifying Companies Leader in the Transition from Linear to Circular Economy**
Giliola Frey Eurizon Capital
- 7 How to Deliver Hedge Fund Alpha with Less Downside Risk, Equitable Fees and Daily Liquidity**
Andrew Beer Dynamic Beta Investments together with iM Global Partner
- 8 Diversification and Liquidity – Is There Anything Else You Should Be Looking for in Liquid Alternatives?**
Alistair Sayer Janus Henderson Investors
- 9 Green Premia – another Alpha Source?**
Dr. Florian Weber J. Safra Sarasin Sustainable Asset Management
- 10 Global Thematic Funds Landscape**
Alexander Sperlich Morningstar
- 11 How to Approach Emerging Sovereign Debt Investing with a Sustainable Lens?**
Adriana Cristea Pictet Asset Management, London
- 12 What next for Post-pandemic China? Economic & Geopolitical Outlook; Winners & Losers in China/Asia**
Mayur Nallamala RBC BlueBay Asset Management
- 13 No Solution to the Global Water Problems without Involving Farming**
Jonas Knüsel Swisscanto by Zürcher Kantonalbank

11.20 am Changeover

11.30 am PARALLEL GROUP DISCUSSIONS – [CYCLE 2](#)

12.05 pm Changeover

12.15 pm PARALLEL GROUP DISCUSSIONS – [CYCLE 3](#)

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12.50 pm Networking Lunch

2.10 pm PARALLEL GROUP DISCUSSIONS – [CYCLE 4](#)

2.45 pm Changeover

2.55 pm PARALLEL GROUP DISCUSSIONS – [CYCLE 5](#)

3.30 pm Coffee and Networking Break

4.00 pm KEYNOTE

Growth Plan for Europe – How to Get Back in the Driver's Seat

Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP Member of Parliament for Spelthorne and former UK Chancellor of the Exchequer (September and October 2022)

4.30 pm KEYNOTE

What Role can Europe Play and what Shape do Partnerships Take?

Jean-Claude Juncker Former President of the European Commission (2014–2019) and Former Prime Minister of Luxembourg (1995–2013)

5.10 pm **Summary by the Day's Moderator**

Jan Schwalbe Finanz und Wirtschaft

5.15 pm Networking-Apéro with Gin Tasting



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Admission is free. Registration to the conference is subject to you choosing a total of five partner company group discussions. Conference participation can be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to the start of the conference. However, this means that you will no longer be invited or admitted to future conferences. The same applies in case of non-attendance at the five partner company group discussions.

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