The capital market of Asia is set to change with the advent of alternative investments being incorporated into its financial portfolios.

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23rd & 24th January 2006

"If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten"

Anthony Robbins

Asia Pacific is seen as a region of global opportunities - across Asia, international manager assets grew from USD827 billion to USD1.1 trillion from 2003 to 2004.

Key benefits of attending this event:

- Diversifying risk and maximising returns through alternative investments
- Multiplying investment opportunities by utilising hedge funds and exchange traded funds
- REITs: Exploring the investment opportunities and assessing the risks of real estate
- Choosing the right benchmarks for your investment strategies
- Determining the risk of positioning alternative investment products within a traditional portfolio
- Exploring new markets in the forms of China and India
- Accounting for the previous year and preparing for the opportunistic 2006

Your distinguished chairpersons:

Stefan Nilsson Managing Director Tokyo
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Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran Founder-Chief Investment Officer
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Monday 23rd January 2006

0830 Registration and morning coffee

0900 Opening & welcome remarks from the Chairperson
Stefan Nilsson Managing Director Tokyo
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0915 Session One
Identifying real opportunities in alternative investments in Asia
- Dissecting the investment industry for 2005 and whether investors’ need have been met
- Pin-pointing concerns raised by institutional investors and pension funds
- The continuing evolution of the alternative investments for Asian investors
- What foundations does this set for Asian Alternative investors in 2006

Peter Dobson
Director
Basis Capital Funds Management, Australia

1005 Session Two
Understanding investors’ need
- Investment vehicles have grown consistently but what do investors need?
- Creating an automated, centralised and streamlined environment to boost investor confidence
- Choosing the right benchmarks for the alternative investment objectives in Asia

Alex Ng
Chief Executive Officer
ABN AMRO Asset Management, HK

1055 Morning refreshments

1125 Session Three
Practising Strategic Asset Allocation
- Identifying asset classes that best produce the desired return on investments
- Enhancing profits and dampening volatility through alternative investments
- Delivering uncorrelated returns to traditional asset classes

Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran
Founder - Chief Investment Officer
Libran Asset Management, Singapore

1215 Session Four
Achieving a balance by investing in REITs
- Leveraging on its financial capability to raise capital
- Transparency versus Liquidity: How does REITs measure up?
- Comparing REITs to other investment vehicles
- Summing up the valuation of risks and returns in a property portfolio
- Assessing the real value in its underlying assets

Elvin Fernandez
Managing Director
Khong & Jaafar Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia

1305 Networking luncheon

1430 Session Five
Measuring Asian REITs against offshore REITs
- Evaluating the difference between local Asian REITs and international REITs
- Exploring the investment opportunities and assessing the risks of real estate in Asian countries
- Identifying the characteristics that offshore REITs has that Asia has not developed yet
- Grasping the triggered rising interest in Islamic REITs

Peter Mitchell
Senior Foreign Legal Advisor
Colin Ng & Partners, Singapore

1520 Afternoon refreshments

1550 Session Six
Capitalising on Exchange Traded Funds
- What are ETFs?
- Understanding the various types of ETFs E.g. Bond ETF, Commodity ETFs
- Exchange Traded Funds vs. Mutual Funds
- Achieving the best of both worlds through ETFs

Hon Cheung
Managing Director
State Street Global Advisors, Singapore

1640 Session Seven
Highlighting the characteristics of Asian ETFs
- Setting up ETFs in the Asian market
- Examining the opportunities and the risks of ETF as a new structured product
- Exploring the terrain of commodity ETFs - how lucrative is it?
- Incorporating ETFs into a well-diversified portfolio

Glenn Doody
VP Index Services Asia
Standard & Poor’s, Hong Kong

1730 Closing remarks & close of day one

Why you cannot miss this event
The whirlwind of alternative investments is sweeping across the shores of Asia, opening up alpha-driven opportunities and revolutionising the traditional investment climate. With a myriad of investment products flocking the market, investors are hard-pushed to gain better understanding on the efficiencies and returns of the investment instruments chosen.

Thus far, Asia has appeared an underdog in sophisticated investment vehicles but could it have pretended to be the sleeping Gulliver of the east? Strong in-flow of foreign investments, high domestic savings, undervalued currencies and increased governance in capital management indicates that Asia may just be awakening. A land of opportunity, international manager assets have grown from USD827 billion to USD1.1 trillion from 2003 to 2004.

Discovering Alternative Investment Asia 2006 may just be the first step in unlocking the investment “black box” of Asia.

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- Risk Management
- Credit Management
- Credit Policies
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Karen Lim, Conference Producer
Day 2
Tuesday 24th January 2006

0830 Registration and morning coffee

0900 Opening & welcome remarks from the Chairperson
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0915 Session One
Adding hedge funds to your existing long-only portfolio to achieve absolute returns
- Incorporating hedge funds into your portfolio to diversify risk and achieve alpha
- Creating greater transparency and accountability in hedge funds - is it possible?
- Where is Asia heading - will Asian investors follow their western counterparts?
- Choosing the right hedge fund managers - are there really 10,000 talented hedge fund managers out there?
Stefan Nilsson Managing Director Tokyo
ProfitFundCom AG, Japan

1005 Panel Discussion
Understanding hedge fund and its capabilities
- Is hedge fund a 'bubble' and what constitutes a 'bubble'?
- Selection Criterion - what to look for when selecting a fund?
- Single funds Vs. Fund of funds - Risk Vs. Cost
- Is there a size limit to a fund of hedge funds?
- How do you choose a specific hedge fund strategy over another?
- Where is the hedge fund industry heading?
Moderator:
Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran Founder-Chief Investment Officer
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1055 Morning refreshments

1125 Session Three
Analysing the quantitative side of hedge funds management to create excellence and profitability
- Comparing the static versus dynamic quantitative approach in managing equity portfolios
- Broadening strategies by analysing the differences between the 'multi-factor' models
- Exploring the dynamic weighting process
- Using the dynamic hedge process for optimum returns
Frank Holle Managing Director
Quant Asset Management, Singapore

1215 Session Four
Comparing passive and active investors
- Evaluating the hedge fund strategies as compared to traditional techniques
- Identifying the contributions of hedge fund managers
- Foreseeing the challenges that may face hedge funds
David Walter Senior Portfolio Manager
KBC Alpha Asset Management, Singapore

1305 Networking luncheon

1430 Session Five
Determining the risk of hedge-fund linked structured products within a traditional investment portfolio
- Determining the risks of a traditional portfolio with a hedge-fund investment
- Adopting successful models to mitigate risks
- Leveraging on risk to generate alpha returns
Fabien Labouret Head of Financial Engineering
Structured Alternative Investments Asia
IXIS Asia Ltd., HK

1520 Afternoon refreshments

1550 Session Six
Strategic Fund Management in Asia - Practical tips for due diligence
- Examining why funds fail and ways to ensure they do not
- Risk culture vs risk management
- Recognising over-dependence on 3rd parties and determining how heavily we should rely on them
- Receiving the right amount of fund transparency
- Critically analysing the role of quant analysis
Brian MacDougall Executive Director
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1640 Panel Discussion
Making a quantitative comparison on each region
- Evaluating the various REIT models in Asia - Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia
- Renewing the role of governmental administration towards funds in Asia
- Gauging the growth of ETFs as a fixed income investment vehicle and its degree of transparency
- Assessing the risks and opportunities of asset-backed securities against index-based investments
- Fund management in China and India opening up - will they be competition to Japan in 2010?
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