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# **Highlight**

### **Treasury Markets Summit**

16 September 2019

The Treasury Markets Summit 2019, jointly organised by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) and the Treasury Markets Association (TMA), was held in Hong Kong.

In his keynote address, Mr Norman Chan, Chief Executive of the HKMA, shared his insights on how Hong Kong has successfully developed itself into a risk management hub. He emphasized the importance of attracting genuine financial flows in improving and innovating Hong Kong's risk management capability. He also highlighted several important developments in the last decade that were instrumental to Hong Kong's rise to become the risk management hub in Asia. He encouraged Hong Kong's financial industry to work closely with the regulators in developing risk management framework and practices that are most suited for our market needs.

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▲ Mr Norman Chan, Chief Executive of the HKMA, gives the welcoming remarks and keynote speech at the Treasury Markets Summit 2019 held in Hong Kong.

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### **Treasury Markets Summit** ~ continued

16 September 2019

The Summit's panels covered three important topics, including the global economic outlook, the transition challenges arising from the potential discontinuation of LIBOR and the impact of new technologies on treasury operations and market dynamics. The three panels were moderated respectively by Mr Howard Lee, Deputy Chief Executive of the HKMA and Chairman of TMA Executive Board, Ms Vicky Cheng, Head of Government and Regulatory Affairs, Asia Pacific, Bloomberg L.P. and Mr Neil Pabari, Managing Director, North Asia, Refinitiv, and joined by distinguished quest speakers from the financial industry.

The Summit was attended by over 450 local and overseas participants, including representatives from regulatory authorities, government officials, treasury market practitioners, asset managers as well as senior executives and professionals from banks, other financial institutions and corporates.

#### **Panel Discussion I**



■ Mr Howard Lee, Deputy Chief Executive of the HKMA and Chairman of the TMA Executive Board (first from left), shares his views on global economic outlook. Joining him on the panel discussion are Mr Justin Chan, Co-Head of Markets, Asia Pacific, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (second from left); Mr Rayson Chung, Managing Director, Head of North Asia Treasury & Chief Investment Office APAC, JP Morgan Chase Bank National Association (third from left); Dr Cui Li, Chief Economist, Managing Director, Head of Macro Research, CCB International Limited (second from right); and Dr Wang Tao, Managing Director, Chief China Economist, Head of Asia Economics, UBS Investment Bank (first from right).

#### **Panel Discussion II**



◀ Mr Howard Lee, Deputy Chief Executive of the HKMA and Chairman of the TMA Executive Board (first from left), represents TMA to give souvenirs to moderator, Ms Vicky Cheng, Head of Government and Regulatory Affairs, Asia Pacific, Bloomberg L.P., and panellists, Mr Chordio Chan, General Manager and Head of Investment, Investment Management, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, Mr Andrew Ferguson, Chief Executive Officer, Asia Pacific Loan Market Association, Mr Francis Ho, Senior Director, Group Treasury & Project Finance, CLP Holdings Limited and Mr Soo Thiam Tan, Regional Director of Investment Management—Fixed Income, Group Investment, AIA Group (from left to right).

### **Panel Discussion III**



■ Mr Jack Cheung, Chief Executive Officer of the Treasury Markets Association (first from left), represents TMA to give souvenirs to moderator, Mr Neil Pabari, Managing Director, North Asia, Refinitiv, and panellists, Mr Geoff Kot, Managing Director, Global Head of FX Trading, Standard Chartered Bank, Mr James Wall, Executive General Manager International, Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Mr Tim Wong, Former Chairman, Man Group Asia and Man AHL (from left to right).

## 貿易戰陰影下的中國經濟展望 2018-2023

22 January 2019



中美兩國元首 2018 年 12 月 1 日的會面後, 為僵持多月的貿易戰問 題帶來突破,美國暫緩原定在 2019 年 1 月 1 日提高中國商品關稅的計劃,中國承諾向美國購買大批農業及能源商品,美國設下了 90 天的談判期,假如談判不成功,美國表明會繼續提升關稅。貿易戰的發展,正震動及衝擊全球市場。 本會很榮幸邀請到中信銀行(國際)有限公司廖群博士作為這次座談會演講嘉賓,與會員探討貿易戰陰影下的中國經濟展望。

▼ 廖群博士

### **Mindful Leadership**

#### 21 February 2019

For the last few years, mindfulness has been getting a lot of attention and coverage. Large companies, such as Google, Facebook and Goldman Sachs have been implementing large-scale mindfulness programs. Thousands of employees have gone through their programs showing that there is a definite impact on leadership skills by practicing mindfulness. TMA was delighted to have invited Dr Helen Chan, former Assistant Director of Immigration, HKSAR, to introduce TMA Members the concept and benefits of mindfulness.



Dr Helen Chan

### ETF 市場概況及展望

28 February 2019



Exchange Traded Funds (ETF) 又稱為交易所交易基金 ,是一種在交易所上市交易的、基金份額可變的一種開放式基金。 近年來 ETF 市場發展迅速,各類 ETF 擁有透明度高,投資分散,交易方便等特點,使它可以説明投資者策略性的配置資產,建立核心持股。這次座談會邀請到南方東英資產管理有限公司丁晨女士作演講嘉賓,與會員探討 ETF 市場概況及展望。

◀ 丁晨女士

### Artificial intelligence (AI) Applications to Banking and Finance

7 March 2019

Artificial intelligence (AI) and Deep Learning are disrupting diverse industries, including financial services industry and investment organisations. Banking is envisaged to benefit the most out of incorporating AI systems in the next couple of years. Some analysts estimate that AI will save the banking industry more than \$1 trillion by 2030. TMA invited Dr Kyle Wong of Artificial Intelligence Hong Kong Limited, to give a general idea of AI to members and share on how AI can apply to daily works.



Dr Kyle Wong ▶

### **Challenges and Opportunities for the HK Asset Management Industry**

19 March 2019

Total assets in Hong Kong's asset and wealth management industry reached HK\$24.27 trillion (US\$3.12 trillion) at the end of 2017, according to an annual survey by the Hong Kong's Securities & Futures Commission (SFC). Nonetheless, the asset management industry is facing competitive business environment, including changing investors' risk appetite, and enhanced regulatory requirements etc. Dr Au King Lun of Value Partners Group Limited was invited to share his experience and thoughts on possible Challenges and opportunities for the HK Asset Management Industry.



Dr Au King Lun

### **Cyber Crime in Hong Kong**

2 April 2019



The Hong Kong Police Force is committed to combating technology crime. The Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau (CSTCB) is responsible for handling cyber security issues and carrying out technology crime investigations, computer forensic examinations and prevention of technology crime. CSTCB will also establish close liaison with local and overseas law enforcement agencies for combating cross-border technology crime and experience exchange. Ms Mel Chan, Detective Senior Inspector, Cyber Security & Technology Crime Bureau (CSTCB), Hong Kong Police Force, was invited to share with members the cyber crime in Hong Kong.

◀ Mr Jack Cheung (left), CEO of TMA, presents souvenir to Ms Mel Chan (right)

## **Bond Connect and Market Transparency**

11 April 2019

There is global trend towards more transparency for investor protection and market surveillance. Local authorities require more granular and detailed view on all transactions and holdings, down to the level of the Ultimate Beneficial Owner ("UBO"). But the UBO transparency requirements vary from one market to another. Meanwhile, MSCI announced recently that it will increase the weight of China A shares in the MSCI Indexes by increasing the inclusion factor from 5% to 20% in three steps. This decision follows the successful 5% initial inclusion of China A shares implemented in 2018. The successful implementation has proven that the Stock Connect is a robust channel to access A shares after months of consultation and positive feedback from market participants. Against this background, we were delighted inviting Mr Danny Missotten of Euroclear Bank and Mr Chin-Ping Chia of MSCI to share their expertise.



▲ Group photo after the seminar

### **Latest Updates of TMA's Financial Benchmarks**

7 May 2019



Since the launch of CNH HIBOR and taking over the administration of HKD HIBOR in 2013, the TMA has been discharging its duty to uphold the robustness and credibility of the administrated benchmarks. This includes reviewing whether and how to refine benchmarks administered having regard to international recommendations and local market conditions such as transforming TMA Spot Rates into transaction-based and taking over HONIA in 2016. It was the fifth year that the TMA hosted the seminar with a view to updating and briefing members the latest development of major financial benchmarks.

◀ Mr Andy Ng, senior manager of TMA, shares with members on the latest updates

### **Annual General Meeting**

12 June 2019

The Treasury Markets Association (TMA) held its thirteenth Annual General Meeting. At the meeting, Mr Howard Lee, the Chairman of the TMA Executive Board and Deputy Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA), reported that the Association continued to make progress in 2018 in enhancing the professionalism of Hong Kong's treasury market practitioners and the competitiveness of Hong Kong's treasury markets.

Mr Lee said that "the Association set up a Working Group on Alternative Reference Rates in late 2018 to engage stakeholders in industry-wide discussions on the cessation of LIBOR after end-2021 and transition to alternative reference rates. By raising market awareness, the Association hopes to ensure a smooth and orderly transition after the end of 2021. At the same time, the Association has identified the HKD Overnight Index Average (HONIA) as the alternative reference rate for HIBOR and completed a consultation on a few technical refinements to HONIA early this year.

In the coming year, the Association will try to help market participants identify the various issues that may arise from the transition away from LIBOR and discuss possible ways to address them. To uphold ethical standards in the FX market, it will continue to work with the Global FX Committee to promote the adoption of the FX Global Code among market participants. Finally, the Association will also continue to offer high-quality training courses under the Enhanced Competency Framework on Treasury Management to support the build-up of human capital in the local treasury industry." added Mr Lee.

At the end of 2018, the TMA had 83 institutional members, including banks, asset managers, money brokers and major corporations, and over 3,700 individual members working in various segments of the treasury markets.

Chief Executive of the HKMA, Mr Norman Chan, continues to serve as the Honorary President of the Council, and Mr Howard Lee was re-elected as the Chairman of the Executive Board.

For more information, please refer to the TMA's website at www.tma.org.hk.



▲ Group photo of Executive Board Members taken after the AGM.

Front row (from left to right): Mr Clement Lau, Mr Benny Luk, Mr Justin Chan, Mr Howard Lee, Mr Chordio Chan, Mr Michael Poon and Mr Francis Ho

Back row (from left to right): Mr Henry Webb, Mr Leung Tak Lap, Mr Zhang Wei Zhong, Mr Francis Ng, Mr Water Cheung and Mr Teruhisa Fukushima

### **HKMC retirement solutions and Policy Reverse Mortgage Programme**

13 June 2019

In the light of the rapidly ageing population of Hong Kong, enhancing the quality of living of the elderly after their retirement is one of the key policy focuses of the HK Government. The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited (HKMC) recently announced the launch of the Policy Reverse Mortgage Programme as a new product to its "HKMC Retirement Solutions", and introduced a series of offers to promote the new product together with the Reverse Mortgage Programme and the HKMC Annuity Plan. TMA invited Mr Raymond Li of the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited, to share with members the features of Policy Reverse Mortgage Programme.



Mr Raymond Li

## The Evolving Role of Finance in the New Technological Landscape

18 June 2019



The finance professional is encountering an unprecedented challenge from a technology revolution brought by the financial technology (FinTech). Several international organisations, including World Economic Forum and IMF, are optimistic on the prospect and the potential benefits of the latest technology. TMA is delighted to have invited Dr Stephen Leung, Executive Director, Minds Connect, to share his view on the new technological landscape, application of Fintech in finance, impact of Fintech to finance professional and the future role of finance in business.

**◄** Dr Stephen Leung

### **ESG / Responsible Investment: Past, Present and Future**

27 June 2019

Responsible investment (RI), an investment approach incorporating environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors, has taken centre stage of the investment world in recent years. Increasing number of investors who have adopted the Principles for Responsible Investment believe that better management of ESG factors will either improve returns or reduce risk. Ms Grace Lau, Executive Director of the Risk and Compliance Department, Hong Kong Monetary Authority, was invited to share with members the past, present and future developments of ESG/Responsible Investment.



▲ Mr Jack Cheung (left), CEO of TMA, presents souvenir to Ms Grace Lau (right)

### **Code of Conduct and Practice—Crash Course and Examination**

21 June & 9 July 2019

TMA held the Crash Course and the Examination on Code of Conduct and Practice (Elementary and Advanced level) on 21 June and 9 July 2019 respectively. The Code of Conduct and Practice Examination is an alternative for experienced treasury staff to apply for TMA Individual Membership under the exemption policy. Upon passing the examination and meeting other prescribed criteria, candidates are entitled to apply for TMA Full and Associate Membership.

### **Financial Innovation in Greater Bay Area Forum**

16 July 2019

TMA co-organised the Forum with CFA Institute and ACCA at *Tencent Headquarters in Shenzhen*. This Forum aimed to bring together market players from Hong Kong and China to share their views on the Financial Innovation and Talent Development in Greater Bay Area. Before the forum, we were delighted that Tencent arranged a Guided Tour to their new technology showrooms to all participants. Our members were pleased that they had the opportunity to visit Tencent's innovative showroom and the forum was very fruitful.



▲ Group photo at the forum



▲ Group photo at the Tencent's showroom

### **Index Solution for Sustainability Investment**

10 September 2019

International focus on corporate sustainability – encompassing environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) – has risen dramatically in recent years. Sustainability investment is growing across the globe as investors diversify their investments to increasingly focus on those companies that perform strongly with regard to corporate sustainability. Against this background, Mr Daniel Wong of Hang Seng Indexes Company Limited and Mr WK Wong of Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency were invited to share their expertise on sustainability investment.



Mr WK Wong (left) and Mr Daniel Wong (right) ▶

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Cryptocurrency 2.0**

#### 14 October 2019

Cryptocurrency is an internet-based medium of exchange, created and stored electronically in the blockchain. Cryptocurrency uses encryption techniques to control the creation of monetary units and to verify the transfer of funds. It is not controlled by any central authority: the decentralized nature of blockchain makes cryptocurrency theoretically immune to the old ways of government control and interference. Cryptocurrency 2.0 involves efforts to use cryptocurrency as a financial asset, improve and enhance its function. TMA is delighted to have invited Mr Water Cheung, Senior Partner, CEO, Asia Pacific, StormHarbour Securities (Hong Kong) Limited, to share his view on Cryptocurrency 2.0.

For more details, please visit the TMA website: <a href="https://www.tma.org.hk/n\_edudetail.aspx?tit=c&Eduld=838">https://www.tma.org.hk/n\_edudetail.aspx?tit=c&Eduld=838</a>

#### Code of Conduct and Practice—Crash Course and Examination

#### 1 & 14 November 2019

TMA will hold the Crash Course and the Examination on Code of Conduct and Practice (Elementary and Advanced level) on 1 and 14 November 2019 respectively. The Code of Conduct and Practice Examination is an alternative for experienced treasury staff to apply for TMA Individual Membership under the exemption policy. Upon passing the examination and meeting other prescribed criteria, candidates are entitled to apply for TMA Full and Associate Membership.

#### **Annual Ball 2019**

#### 8 November 2019

Being the rendezvous for market practitioners and acquaintances, the TMA Annual Ball allows you meeting old and new friends, as well as building new networks and exchanging views.

If you wish to enjoy this wonderful evening with us at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Hong Kong, please contact TMA Office at 2543-7668 for ticket booking. Reserve your seats early!