

## Economic Outlook Briefing, Hong Kong

Friday, 25th May 2018

### Agenda

**1:00pm – 1:30pm**    **Registration**

**1:30pm – 1:35pm**    **Opening Address**

Shane Akeroyd, President, Asia Pacific and Global Head of Account Management

**1:35pm – 2:20pm**    **Global Economic Outlook: Impact of Geopolitical and Trade Tensions on Asia**

Rajiv Biswas, APAC Chief Economist, IHS Markit

This session will examine the Global and APAC economic outlook in 2018-2019, providing the latest macroeconomic forecasts by IHS Markit and including analyses on:

- Global Outlook: Is World Growth Momentum Slowing?
- Geopolitical and Macroeconomic Risks to the Outlook
- Global Trade Tensions: Progress of US-China Trade Talks & NAFTA Negotiations
- Commodities: Oil and Gas and Industrial Metals
- APAC Regional Outlook and Key Risks
- China Economic Imbalances, Reform Agenda and Risk of Hard Landing
- Impact of US-China Trade Conflict and Collateral Damage to East Asia
- Japan and South Korea: Growth Prospects
- ASEAN Region: Macroeconomic Outlook and Investment Hotspots

**2:20pm – 2:40pm**    **Fireside Chat: Delving deeper into implications for Asia**

Moderator: Ashraf Safdar, Product Managing Director, Global Economics, IHS Markit

Ashraf will host a fireside chat with Rajiv after the presentation, delving deeper into how the geopolitical and economic forecasts will translate to impact for industries, businesses and governments in Asia.

Join them with your questions on current events and uncertainties impacting your strategic decisions in the near to longer-term.

**2:40pm – 2:45pm Closing**

**2:45pm – 3:00pm Networking & Refreshments**

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## About Speakers



**Shane Akeroyd**

**Shane Akeroyd, President, Asia Pacific and Global Head of Account Management**

Shane Akeroyd is executive vice president, global head of account management, and the regional head of Asia Pacific at IHS Markit. He joined Markit in 2008. Shane has over 25 years of sales experience, and previously worked at RBC Capital Markets where he was head of global debt markets distribution and a member of the executive management team. Prior to RBC, Shane spent ten years at TD Securities, most recently serving as vice chair, capital market sales for Europe, Asia and Australia. He worked at Bear Stearns as a managing director for three years before joining TD Securities, and began his financial career with seven years at Bank of America, most recently as a vice president of derivative sales. Shane holds a BSc (Honours) in Economics from University College London.



**Rajiv Biswas**

**Asia-Pacific Chief Economist, IHS Markit**

Rajiv Biswas is Asia-Pacific Chief Economist and Executive Director at IHS Markit.

Rajiv previously worked as Director for South-East Asia for The Economist Group. His previous experience includes working for UBS as Executive Director for Asia-Pacific Country Risk and for the Royal Bank of Scotland as an international economist. He has also worked for an international organization, the Commonwealth Secretariat, as a senior economist in the International Capital Markets Department. Rajiv's experience also includes working as a consultant for the United Nations and the Asian Development Bank.

Rajiv is a graduate of the London School of Economics, for the B.Sc.Econ.Hons. in Economics, and received his M.Sc. and D.I.C. from Imperial College at London University. Rajiv has published widely on a range of economic, trade and investment-related topics, with over 100 published articles. He frequently speaks at international conferences on the global and Asia-Pacific economies, including at World Economic Forum and Euromoney events as well as at United Nations conferences. He regularly appears on international TV programs, including for the BBC, CNBC, Bloomberg, Channel News Asia, CNN and Al Jazeera TV. He is the author of "Future Asia", published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2013 and "Asian Megatrends" published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2016.



**Ashraf Safdar**

**Product Management Director, Global Economics**

Ashraf Safdar leads product management for the Asia Pacific, frequently speaking to clients about how IHS Markit can apply economic and country risk solutions to solve pressing strategic issues around market sizing, foreign investment and operational

instability. Prior to joining IHS Markit, Ashraf led a team within UBS Wealth Management's APAC CEO Office focusing on business, operational and technology projects aimed at enhancing profitability and mitigating risk.

He frequently speaks at public symposiums and was the host of the Emmy-nominated The Arena as well as another nationally-televised current-affairs talk-show, Singapore Talking. Ashraf is an alumni of Harvard Business School, the University of Chicago and King's College London.

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