

Speakers Profile

DAY 1 (Monday) 11 July 2011



Abdullah Haron is Assistant Secretary General of the Islamic Financial Services Board. He joined the IFSB as a Project Manager where his main area of work was on the preparation of guidance on risk management and supervisory review process. He also participated in task forces that include issues in prudential Takaful regulation and supervision, and compilation guide on prudential database of Islamic financial services institutions.

His prior experiences include the development of risk management & measurement framework, and insurance prudential regulation and supervision. Abdullah received a BSLAS in Actuarial Science from the University of Illinois & an MBA from the Ohio University.



Brandon Davies is a Non Executive Director, Gatehouse Bank, London. He is an experienced banker with over thirty years of experience, having worked for Barclays Bank in roles that included Head of Financial Engineering at BZW and, subsequently Managing Director and Head of Structured Products.

He has also recently served on a UK Treasury advisory group and is a member of the Financial Markets Group at the London School of Economics.

DAY 2 (Tuesday) 12 July 2011



Habib Motani is a Partner, Clifford Chance, UK. He is an international financial markets lawyer, with particular expertise in relation to derivatives, securities lending, repo, netting and collateral and clearing and settlement systems. A Partner since 1986 in Clifford Chance's Financial Markets and Financial Products Group, Habib is Global Head of Derivatives. He specialises in OTC and securitised derivatives, Islamic derivatives, structured capital markets products including derivative linked retail and wholesale structured products, investment banking sales and trading advisory work, securities lending and repos, netting and collateral and their regulatory capital treatment as the infrastructure aspects of the financial markets, such as payment and settlement systems, clearing systems, prime brokerage and custody.



Peter Kohut is a Head of Financial Risk Management Advisory, KPMG, Bahrain. Having worked in investment banking (UBS, 4yrs), central banking (BIS, 2yrs) and advisory (several of the Big Fours and boutique firms, 10yrs) in Europe, USA, Asia, and the Middle East. He gathered experiences spanning a wide range of domains in strategy, risk, finance, and operations. In his regional role as the regional risk advisory practice leader for KPMG covering the Middle East and Ernst & Young covering ASEAN, he created and managed large client portfolios and was accountable for the transformation and the development of the risk advisory businesses.

In his client-facing responsibility, he developed business relationships with CROs, CFOs, CEOs, heads of Internal Audit and Compliance, and advised them and their organizations on a range of technically challenging initiatives