

Presenter Biography



Jack Gray
Adjunct Professor
Centre for Capital Market Dysfunctionality
University of Technology, Sydney

After a 20-year intellectually promiscuous academic career around the world in pure mathematics, the history of science, mathematics education and in industrial consulting, Jack worked at AMP Asset Management in Sydney for 10 years in a variety of roles including quant research, business strategy, marketing and client relations.

In 1998 he joined GMO in Boston in a broad strategic role. In 2003 he joined Sunsuper as its first Chief Investment Officer. In mid 2005 he re-joined GMO in a broad global role and as Co-Director of Asset Allocation in Boston. He resigned from GMO in early 2008.

Currently he is an Adjunct Professor at the Centre for Capital Market Dysfunctionality at the University of Technology, Sydney, a Director of Brookvine, a specialist adviser on alternative assets, and a principal of his own advisory firm through which he consults to funds around the world.

Jack is a founding member of the Q Group Australia, a member of the Research committee of the International Centre for Pension Management, University of Toronto, and a member of the editorial board of Journal of the Securities Institute of Australia.

Jack is regularly invited to speak at international and domestic conferences on investing, and regularly publishes in both popular and professional journals. He is also one of Australia's Special Representatives for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.



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Olivier d'Assier
Managing Director for Europe & Asia, Chief Marketing Officer
Axioma Inc.

Olivier d'Assier is Managing Director for Europe and Asia, as well as Axioma's Chief Marketing Officer. He is responsible for the performance, strategy, and execution of Axioma's international operations, as well as being guardian of the client's brand experience globally. He joined Axioma in 2006 and subsequently filled several key roles during his tenure.

Before joining Axioma, Olivier d'Assier was VP of Barra Inc. for Asia Pacific, President of Barra Japan, and Executive Director for the merged entity of MSCI Barra between 1998 and 2005.

Prior to managing quantitative solutions providers, Olivier spent nine years in investment banking as a sales trader in Europe and Asia, and was a heavy user of quantitative technology in his daily workflow.

Mr. d'Assier has been in Asia since 1996 and has lived in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Tokyo.



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Dr Hyunyoung Choi
Senior Economist
Google Inc

Hyunyoung Choi, PhD, FRM is a Senior Economist at Google Inc. Her research focuses on time series model, risk management, macroeconomic modeling and experimental design. Dr Choi received MBA, MS in Finance and PhD in Statistics from University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. Her current professional associations include Global Association of Risk Professional and American Statistical Association.



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Zhi Da
Assistant Professor of Finance
Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame

Zhi Da is an assistant professor of Finance at the Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame. His research focuses on empirical asset pricing and investment. In recent papers, he studied the returns on financial assets surrounding liquidity events, investor attention and asset prices, cash flow risks of financial assets, equity analyst forecasts and the mutual fund performance. His papers have been presented at the American Financial Association (AFA), Western Finance Association (WFA), and National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) meetings. He has published in the Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics and Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis among others. He was a finalist for the Lehman Brothers Fellowship for Research Excellence in Finance (2005). Zhi also received competitive research grants from Moody's KMV and Morgan Stanley. After gaining a BBA and a MSc from the National University of Singapore, he worked at the interest rate and exotic derivative trading desk in DBS Bank. He subsequently earned a PhD in Finance from Northwestern University.



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Allaudeen Hameed
Professor & Provost's Chair & Head of Department
National University of Singapore

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Dr Mike Foskolos
Managing Director
EIM (Asia)

Dr Michail Foskolos is currently Managing Director of EIM (Asia), the regional office of EIM SA one of the worlds largest independent fund of hedge funds, headquartered in Switzerland. In addition to his role as head of EIMs operations in Asia, Dr Foskolos is also responsible for devising custom portfolios for EIM's prospects and clients in the region.

Dr Foskolos joined EIM (Asia) in September 2008 after spending over 3 years as a Principal at Mercer Investment Consulting, Singapore. He was a senior member of regional management team at Mercer, and was responsible for advising central banks and national pension funds in the region on matters relating to their investment program. While at Mercer Dr Foskolos was responsible for producing long term capital market assumptions, and asset allocation guidelines to be followed by Mercer Consultants in the region. In total Dr Foskolos has over 16 years of industry experience, including appointments as a Director at UBS Investment bank, where he served for 6 years as the Head of the banks Quantitative Research Team in Asia Pacific & Japan. He has also served as a company analyst with Prudential Securities, and has held senior portfolio management positions in the equities space. In addition to his industry experience, Dr Foskolos has also held academic posts at Universities in Australia, Asia, and the UK. His last academic appointment was as Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration, and Director of the Asian Graduate School of Business, at the Asian University of Science and Technology, where he held a Chair in Banking & Finance. Whilst serving in this post, Dr Foskolos was appointed to serve on several of Government policy committees in the Asian region, which advised on financial marked development and pension fund strategy.

Dr Foscolos holds both a Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, and a Doctorate in Economics and Finances from Imperial College, University of London, UK.

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