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# Debtwire Asia-Pacific Distressed Debt Forum

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# Welcome

The 5th annual Debtwire Asia-Pacific Distressed Debt Forum will gather leading hedge funds, special situation investors, restructuring advisors and consultants on an interactive virtual platform for an in-depth one-day discussion on the Asian credit landscape. Through a series of panel discussions, keynote addresses and case studies, the event will aim to provide insights for industry players on latest trends and opportunities in the distressed space.

The conference will bring together:

**350+**  
Delegates

**100+**  
Hedge funds  
and private debt funds

**30+**  
Expert speakers



# DEBTWIRE ASIA-PACIFIC DISTRESSED DEBT FORUM GOES VIRTUAL

## Be part of your community

All of us in the industry are striving to find the new normal to maximise our business capabilities during the covid-19 pandemic. The Debtwire Asia-Pacific Distressed Debt Forum is the ideal solution if you want to access the best content and community in fixed income markets across Asia-Pacific.

Your virtual pass allows you to access cutting edge interactive panel discussions, briefings, case studies and live Q&A sessions, alongside our extensive networking platform so you can connect with the whole community from the comfort and convenience of your device wherever you are in the world.



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### 1. Access the entire event on demand

Watch live, at your convenience or replay all sessions so you need never miss the content and experts that are key to your business.



### 2. Make the most of your time but don't miss out

You don't have to choose between discovering the latest industry developments, whilst making key connections with over 100 Corporates, and being hands-on for your business at this critical time. The virtual pass is the perfect way for you to do both.



### 3. Targeted networking like never before

Our world-class platform enables you to search the full attendees list and drill down into key datapoints to find the people most relevant to you. Make face-to-face connections via video chat and promote your fund and services to the people who matter to you.



### 4. Interact with speakers

As well as having a front row seat to hear the biggest industry names share their views on an array of topics, our platform enables you to submit questions and take part in live Q&A sessions as well as vote in our interactive polls.

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## WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED

- What is the outlook for Asian distressed debt and what should debt investors look out for in the year ahead?
- What are the keys to successful cross-border debt restructuring?
- What is the current state of the Australian market and where do restructuring opportunities lie?
- What should investors expect from China's NPL market?
- How will opportunities in India fare compared to the rest of Asia?

## WHO YOU WILL MEET

- We expect a diversified audience of 250 senior-level decision makers including:
- Asset management professionals
- Hedge fund investors
- Private equity and sovereign wealth funds
- Fixed income traders
- Corporate investors
- Financial advisors and consultants
- Restructuring lawyers and professionals

## BREAKDOWN OF 2019 FORUM & 2019 DELEGATE COMPOSITION

Attended by

**80+**

Hedge Fund Investors and Fund Investors from Hong Kong and Overseas

**24**

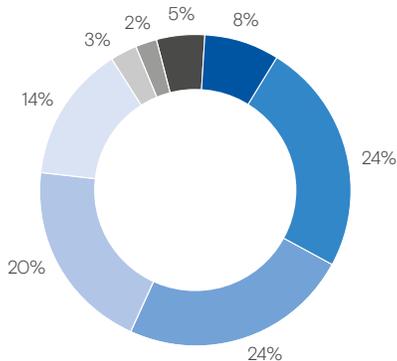
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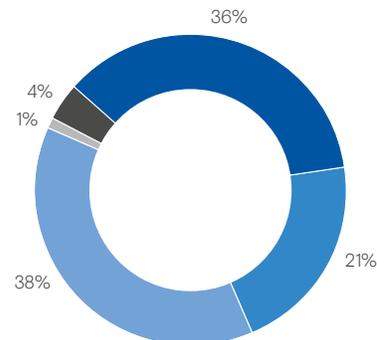
participants from 10 countries and more than 130 companies

### BY TYPE OF COMPANY



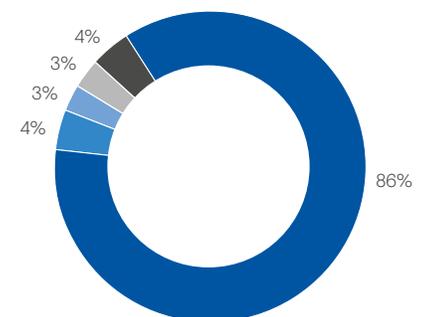
- Hedge Funds
- Funds
- Investment Banks
- Law Firms
- Financial Advisors & Consultants
- Corporates
- Government & Associations
- Others (Trust & Agencies, Accountancies, etc.)

### BY TITLE



- Chairman / CEO / Managing Partner
- Managing Director / Partner / Head of Fixed Income / Head of Structuring
- Director / Chief Representative / Portfolio Manager
- Vice President / Associate / Manager / Analyst
- Others

### BY COUNTRY



- Hong Kong
- China
- India
- Singapore
- Others

# Speakers

## Keynote



**Johanna Chua**  
Head of Asia Pacific Economics & Market  
Analysis  
**CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS ASIA  
LIMITED**

## Meet the speakers



**Vaibhav Chadha**  
Managing Director, Head of Asia  
Distressed Debt & Special Situations  
**CANTOR FITZGERALD**



**Andrew Lockhart**  
Managing Partner  
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**Neeraj Seth**  
Managing Director, Head of Asian  
Credit  
**BLACKROCK**



**Brian Liu**  
Executive Director  
**ARGYLE STREET MANAGEMENT**

# Programme

**08:55** Opening remarks

**09:00** Keynote address

**09:30** Networking break

**09:45** Panel discussion: Asian credit market outlook

The COVID-19 outbreak has sent shockwaves across Asia's economies. While companies have been dealt sudden liquidity crunches, governments across Asia have rolled out temporary policies in an attempt to support them through this crisis. Nonetheless, many believe that the virus' impact will be too substantial to overcome for certain borrowers and a tsunami of restructurings and bankruptcies are on the horizon. The opening panel will explore how the credit landscape has changed over the past 12 months and how it is shaping up for Q4 2020 and beyond.

- How have markets responded to the COVID-19 fallout, and how have economic stimulus packages fared for the region's major economies?
- How has the demand for capital fluctuated over the past 12 months?
- Which industries are expected to offer the most enticing distressed opportunities, and which type of restructuring will be preferred?
- How will this unprecedented event change the Asian debt financing landscape?

**10:30** Networking break

**10:45** Panel discussion: Australia: Preparing for a wave of restructurings

On 25 March, 2020, Australian Treasurer Josh Frydenberg announced a temporary set of relief measures to support businesses, which included a higher threshold for initiating bankruptcy proceedings and a lengthened response time. While this meant insolvency appointments temporarily took a step back, investors and advisors prepared for the lag and anticipated an avalanche of bankruptcies once the policies ended in September. However, with the COVID-19 situation rapidly deteriorating in Victoria, there are rumours that the moratorium period will be extended. What would this mean for distressed opportunities in Australia? Our panel will assess:

- What is the current state of the Australian distressed debt market?
- How will a further extension of relief measures affect the pipeline and quality of opportunities?
- Which sectors have been hardest hit and which present the most potential for distressed investors?
- Will Australia attract more distressed and special situations players in the coming years?

**11:30** Intermission

**14:00** Panel discussion: A new era in China?

While China's economy is expected to pick up sooner than its Western counterparts, a global slowdown will continue to take its toll. Chinese non-performing loans (NPLs), which saw an increase amidst the virus fallout, continue to intrigue investors, especially given the clause included in the US-China Phase One trade deal which promises to open up the NPL market to foreign investors, and with the establishment of a fifth national asset management company – the first in 21 years. A rise in bond defaults is also likely, but to what extent will the Chinese government intervene? Our panel of experts discuss how to evaluate the upcoming opportunities in China.

- How has the Chinese government reacted to the impact of COVID-19?
- To what extent will there be an uptick in Chinese bond defaults going into 2021, and where do the restructuring opportunities lie?
- Given the impending changes, how will dynamics shift within the Chinese NPL market?
- How are investors accessing targets in China and conducting due diligence during these unique times?

**14:45** Networking break

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## 15:00 **Cross-border restructuring: A case study**

The global liquidity crunch caused by COVID-19 will inevitably lead to a sizeable amount of distressed debt worldwide. Although opportunities are set to rise, due to factors such as varying insolvency laws and creditor rights across jurisdictions coming into play alongside the global economic downturn, lenders looking to engage in cross-border restructuring should plan strategically and proceed with greater caution. Our speakers will provide an update on recent developments and significant court rulings, as well as highlight the ways to overcoming cross-border challenges.



## 15:30 **Networking break**

## 15:45 **Panel discussion: India, Indonesia, and the rest of Asia**

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, certain sectors in India were already showing signs of an imminent collapse. With the pandemic now fully in the picture, distressed funds can expect an even wider range of available options. However, with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introducing waves of relief measures and possibly further extending the moratorium period, how will deal flow in India be affected and will opportunities in Southeast Asia prove to be more valuable and accessible during this period of time?

- Given the upcoming wave of distressed companies around the world stemming from the
- COVID-19 outbreak, can India still attract interest from foreign investors?
- How have sectors across India reacted to the RBI's relief measures, and will there be more to come?
- What types of businesses will prevail with the help of stimulus packages, and which sectors will present the most opportunities for distressed debt investors?
- From a distressed debt perspective, how does India compare to Southeast Asian countries such as Indonesia and Singapore?



## 16:30 **End of conference**



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