

Experts discuss investment outlook

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Doha Bank hosted a live debate with Bank of Singapore experts broadcasted on virtual channels on March 15 on the topic of “Investment Outlook”.

The outlook was sponsored by the Doha Bank, Private Banking division. This past week was filled with macro-economic data: China activity data, FOMC, BOE and BOJ making rate decisions, the panel focused on current global events impacting financial markets, said Slim Bouker Head of Private Banking.

Dr. R Seetharaman gave insight on the global economy. He said “Growth forecast of major advanced economies are being reviewed. Emerging & low-income economies will suffer from global turmoil and the impact of rising commodity prices. Qatar, a major LNG exporter and the rest of the GCC, will temporarily benefit from a budget surplus. GCC bonds will hence gain momentum from performing local markets.”

Karim Aita, Senior Investment Counselor at Bank of Singapore, spoke about the global economic outlook but also covered specific thematic investment trends.

Rohit Rupani, Head of Investment Advisory at Bank of Singapore, spoke about challenges and opportunities in the current market conditions as well as adjustments in asset allocations.