

TRUMP, TRADE & TRENDS: NAVIGATING ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTIES

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CONFERENCE HALL, SECURITIES COMMISSION MALAYSIA



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Trump is Back – What's Next for the Global Economy?

Donald Trump is back in the White House, and the world is already feeling the ripple effects. From new trade policies and geopolitical tensions to domestic growth challenges, businesses and investors need to be ready for what's coming.

What does this mean for you? How will Trump-era policies impact global markets, industries, and investments? And most importantly—how can you stay ahead in an increasingly unpredictable landscape?

Join us for a deep dive in **Trump, Trade & Trends: Navigating the Uncertainties**, where we'll break down key trends, uncover new opportunities, and give you the insights you need to make smarter, more strategic decisions.

Expect a thought-provoking and practical discussion—no jargon, just clear takeaways to help you navigate the future with confidence. Don't miss out!

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

This programme equips participants with key insights into the 2025 economic outlook covering the impact of Trump-era policies, trade dynamics, geopolitical shifts, and domestic growth trends. Gain the knowledge you need to **navigate uncertainties, identify opportunities, and make strategic moves** in today's fast-changing economic landscape.

ICF COMPETENCY LEVEL

- Foundational (Product) – Capital Market Environment (Proficiency Level 3)
- Functional (Technical) – Market Analysis (Proficiency Level 3)
- Behavioural (Organisational Leadership) – Strategic Thinking (Proficiency Level 3)

TARGET AUDIENCE

Individuals

Fund Managers, Portfolio Managers, Analyst, Financial Controllers, Economists, Credit Analysts, Partners of Firms, C-Suites, Lawyers, Accountants, Corporate Consultants, Capital Markets Services Representative's License Holders, Professionals undertaking corporate advisory work, Sustainability Officers, Business Continuity Planning (BCP) teams, Risk Officers, Company Secretaries, Regulators, Policymakers, Academia

Institutions

Fund Management Companies, Public Listed Companies (PLCs), Investment Banks, Legal Firms, Consultancy Firms, Accounting Firms, Stockbroking Firms

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this programme, you'll be able to:

- **Break down the big picture** – Understand the global economic outlook, forecasts, and where the biggest opportunities lie.
- **Decode Trump's impact** – Assess how his economic policies shape the U.S. economy and its influence on global markets.
- **Navigate Malaysia's growth story** – Discuss what's driving Malaysia's economy amid global policy uncertainties.
- **Make sense of the capital market** – Analyse key trends, sector performance, and how tax policies are shaping ESG-focused investments.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Moderator

Tehmina Kaoosji Independent Broadcast Journalist & Communications Consultant

- 9.00 am **Year in Review and Global Economic Outlook Forecast**
- 2024 reflections & 1Q 2025: Key global economic trends in focus
 - Beyond Q1 2025: what's next for the global economy?
 - Growth Projections: Key economies in 2025 and beyond – China, EU, US, and Asia
 - Trade wars and geopolitics: The impact on global markets
 - Sectors shaping the future of Malaysia's growth

Speaker

Dr Mohd Afzanizam Chief Economist, Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad

- 10.45 am Coffee Break

11.00 am Trump, Trade and Policy Shifts

- US trade policies under Trump: What's staying and what's changing?
- Potentials in regional trade agreements, tariffs and levies
- Winners and losers: How different industries will fare under policy shift
- Trumponomics: Opportunities and risks for Asia, ASEAN, and Malaysia's investment outlook

Speaker

Professor Geoffrey Williams Williams Business Consultancy Sdn Bhd

- 12.30 pm Lunch

2.00 pm Malaysia 2025 and Beyond: Seizing Opportunities amidst Policy Challenges

- Malaysia's economic performance: How we stack up against ASEAN neighbours
- Ekonomi MADANI: Building a prosperous future for all Malaysians
- Key strategic moves: Budget 2026 and what's next
- MSMEs: Powering Malaysia's economic engine

- 3.30 pm Coffee Break

3.45 pm Capital Market in Focus: Key Trends, Opportunities, and Strategic Insights

- Malaysian capital market snapshot: 2024 vs 2025
- Navigating global and regional trends: What's shaping Malaysia's capital market?
- Winners and losers: Sector and asset class performance
- Opportunities and strategies in emerging industries, sustainable investments and technological innovation
- Green tax incentives and their role in driving sustainable finance

Panellist

Anand Pathmakanthan Head of Regional Equity Research, Maybank Investment Banking Group

- 5.30 pm End of Programme

MODERATOR



TEHMINA KAOOSJI

Independent Broadcast Journalist & Communications Consultant

Tehmina Kaoosji is a broadcast journalist with a decade of experience. An IVLP alumna (2022), she anchors 'Niaga Spotlight' on Astro Awani and leads advocacy at The Big Picture Communications.

SPEAKERS



DR MOHD AFZANIZAM ABDUL RASHID

Chief Economist, Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad

Dr. Afzanizam, an economist with more than 20 years in investment research, has held key roles at EPF, Bank Islam, and KWAP. Now at BMMB, he advises on macroeconomic policy and contributes to financial discussions.



PROFESSOR GEOFFREY WILLIAMS

Director of Williams Business Consultancy Sdn Bhd

Geoffrey Williams, founder of Williams Business Consultancy, specializes in economics, sustainability, and education. A Cambridge graduate, he has held academic roles at top institutions. He developed key sustainability frameworks, received a CSR Lifetime Contribution Award, and is a frequent media commentator.



ANAND PATHMAKANTHAN

Regional Head, Equity Research, Maybank Investment Bank

Anand Pathmakanthan has more than 25 years in sell-side research, with experience at CLSA, Nomura, and Macquarie. Now at Maybank, he specializes in Malaysian and ASEAN banking strategy. He holds economics, law, CFA, and ESG certifications.

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