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President's Report to Colleagues

Dear IFTA Colleagues,

This edition of the *IFTA Update* carries lots of details on the forthcoming IFTA Conference in Singapore. Thanks to the immense efforts of the conference team, IFTA Singapore looks like it will be one of our best conferences ever and I hope very much to see many of you there in early October. The agenda is packed with great speakers—this year including John Bollinger, Daryl Guppy, Jeanette Young and Sudarshan Sukhani, to name but a few. Furthermore, the agenda will include a number of novel additions that we hope will make the event even more useful and accessible for delegates. In addition to 12 lectures on different aspects of technical analysis, this year will include two “Power Hours”—each with six speakers—all debating on a single subject in each session. Plus, as all our sessions will finish before five pm, we have requested that all speakers make themselves available for discussion, in dedicated and reserved public areas of the conference hotel, to allow delegates a further chance to discuss issues arising from each presentation. Delegate discussions themselves will also be actively encouraged. As with all IFTA conferences, this will be a great opportunity for delegates to meet with technical analysts and traders from all over the world to exchange views and ideas. In order to allow the delegates themselves to shape the agenda, we will also hold a Panel Session, where a number of the Conference Speakers will participate in a panel discussion to address specific questions sent in from the delegates. As with all IFTA Conferences, several social events will give delegates and their partners the chance to meet up with old friends and make new ones in an international community of like-minded individuals. We hope that these events will be both very memorable and great fun. As part of the social event program, we will, of course, also have organised a Partner Program to allow participants to further enjoy being in the region. Singapore is a fascinating part of the world and we hope that the Partner Program will give participants a really excellent opportunity to explore and enjoy this wonderful and exotic location.

IFTA 2012 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2012
16:00 to 17:30

[Marina Mandarin Singapore](#)
6 Raffles Boulevard, Marina Square
Singapore

All IFTA colleagues are encouraged and invited to attend to hear about the programs offered by IFTA's Member Societies. For further information, contact the IFTA staff at admin@ifta.org

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On the evening before the conference starts, IFTA will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and full details of this will be sent out shortly to all IFTA Members and Liaisons. The AGM is the key governance event for the Federation, as it allows the IFTA Board to report on its activities to its Members and gives Members the opportunity to direct IFTA policies and strategic decisions. In addition, the AGM is an opportunity for Member societies to report on their own progress and to share ideas on how best to develop and support technical analysis communities in their own countries.

The IFTA Board Elections will also be conducted at the AGM and this year IFTA will be seeking to appoint eight (8) new Directors, in line with its Bylaw's election policies. Full details on the IFTA Board Elections are included on [page 9](#). Any Colleagues wishing to put themselves forward for election should contact their local Member Society.

The next edition of the *IFTA Journal* will also be distributed to delegates in hard copy at the Conference and as a PDF to all Colleagues shortly afterwards. This edition is developing well and we hope it will carry many leading edge articles on the subject of technical analysis in financial markets. IFTA policy is to minimise the number of hard copies produced to control costs of the Federation. However, Members wishing to cover the cost of printing and posting additional hard copies for their own membership should contact IFTA Administration by August 27.

Over the past quarter, the IFTA Board has focused on a number of initiatives that we hope will add further strength to the Federation in the coming years.

Our Membership Director has been working hard to better understand the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats associated with our smaller Member societies and Developing members. IFTA is committed to supporting the growth of technical analysis on a global level and

needs to ensure that it is doing all it can to support new and growing societies. However, under our Bylaws, IFTA can only support one Member society in each country. As a result, it is essential that the partners we work with are effective at establishing the right corporate governance framework, growing their membership and delivering services to their own members. To the extent that IFTA can help in any of these areas we are committed to do so. However, in cases where we feel there is too little progress or too few resources at the local society level, we are, of course, obliged to consider other alternative solutions that may be more effective in the long term at supporting the work of technical analysts in a particular country.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all Members that the obligations of both IFTA and its Members are detailed very carefully in the new IFTA Bylaws and I would encourage all to ensure they are very familiar with these essential corporate governance principles. Our website provides full details of these at www.ifta.org/about/bylaws and our Membership Director is more than happy to provide clarification and advice should any Member or Colleague require it.

We have also continued our review of the IFTA examination program and, in particular, have initiated a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to investigate ways to improve the cost effectiveness and flexibility of our CFTe Level I examination program.

In addition, we have also completed IFTA's Examinations Guidelines document and Accreditation Procedural Manuals, in line with our intention to build a suite of corporate governance documents that will help guide the Federation, smooth transition, and facilitate continuity between different Directorships over time.

Our website developments are now completed and we are hoping that Members and Colleagues will be able to benefit greatly from the new Qualifications, Presentations and Lecturers databases.

As with all such projects, however, the resources are only ever as good as the content within them. To this extent we urge Members to send in their contributions and support Colleagues who are seeking to benefit from these global technical analysis resources.

As I said at the start of this report, I am very much looking forward to IFTA 2012 in Singapore, not least as this will be my final Conference as IFTA President. My three-year term will have come to an end at that point and, in line with our Bylaws, it will be time for me to move over and allow another to lead the Federation. I have to say it has been a great honour for me to serve IFTA these last few years and I am pleased with the progress the whole Board has been able to make in moving IFTA forward through a very tricky period in our history. That said, I also believe that it is very important for there to be a healthy level of rotation within the management structure of all such organisations and I look forward to supporting the new President and IFTA Board in due course.



Adam Sorab, FSTA, CFTel
IFTA President

Calendar At-A-Glance

	Topic	Host	Speaker	Location	Time	Contact
Each Wednesday	Promotion of the knowledge of TA. Free weekly meeting in the Micro Bag Trade for member and non-members	AAAT (Argentina)	NA	Micro Stock Exchange Buenos Aires	10:00	info@aat.org.ar
Monthly	Presentations from local and international speakers on a comprehensive range of topics (sharemarket, CFDs, options, futures, foreign exchange (forex trading), methodologies, money management, psychology, etc.	STANZ (New Zealand)	Varies	Epsom Community Centre 200-206 Gillies Ave. Auckland, NZ	Varies	http://www.stanz.co.nz/
June	23 Certified Financial Technician (CFTe) Level I (Training offered by STAN)	STAN	TBA	PROT Training Hall 77B Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria	10:00	stanigeria@gmail.com
	23 First Quarter Review	STAN	TBA	PROT Training Hall 77B Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria	10:00	stanigeria@gmail.com
	23 Technical Insights to Trading in a Complex Global Environment	TSAASF	Peter Mauthe, Denise Schull, Michael Burke, Ave Landry	Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA USA	09:45-16:45	http://www.tsaasf.org/2012-events
	24 Certified Financial Technician (CFTe) Level I (Training offered by STAN)	STAN	TBA	PROT Training Hall 77B Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria	10:00	stanigeria@gmail.com
	26 The Basis Ideas Behind Technical Analysis	SAMT	Henrik Mikkelsen	Hotel City, Zurich Switzerland	18:00	http://www.samt-org.ch/events.php
	28 Top-down Investing: Macroeconomic & Industry Analysis	TASS	Tan Buck Koon	Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI), Singapore	19:00-21:00	http://www.tass.org.sg/
	29 Geneva Chapter Relaunch	SAMT	Networking, Bloomberg Ron William	Bloomberg, Geneva Switzerland	17:00	http://www.samt-org.ch/events.php
July	1 Certified Financial Technician (CFTe) Level II—registration opens for October 10 th examination through IFTA website	IFTA	NA	Varies	Varies	http://www.ifta.org
	21 Certified Financial Technician (CFTe) Level I (Training offered by STAN)	STAN	TBA	PROT Training Hall 77B Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria	10:00	stanigeria@gmail.com
	21 Monthly Meeting	STAN	TBA	PROT Training Hall 77B Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria	10:00	stanigeria@gmail.com
	26 Taking the Emotion out of Trading	TASS	James Brodie	Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI), Singapore	19:00-21:00	http://www.tass.org.sg/
	31 Master of Financial Technical Analysis (MFTA) Alternative Path Pre-Application deadline	IFTA	NA	NA	Varies	http://www.ifta.org
August	8 IFTA Board of Director's Meeting	IFTA	NA	Teleconference	15:00	admin@ifta.org
	18 Certified Financial Technician (CFTe) Level I (Training offered by STAN)	STAN	TBA	PROT Training Hall 77B Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria	10:00	stanigeria@gmail.com
	10 Deadline to submit Board nominations	IFTA Full Member Societies	NA	NA	Varies	admin@ifta.org
	24 Certified Financial Technician (CFTe) Level II—deadline to register for October 10 th examination	IFTA	NA	NA	Varies	http://www.ifta.org
	25 Monthly Meeting	STAN	TBA	PROT Training Hall 77B Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria	10:00	stanigeria@gmail.com

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	Topic	Host	Speaker	Location	Time	Contact	
August <i>continued</i>	25	CFTe I Prep Seminar (Training offered by SAMT)	SAMT	Dr. Gregor Bauer	Kongresshaus, Zurich Switzerland	09:00	http://www.samt-org.ch/events.php
	26	Certified Financial Technician (CFTe) Level I (Training offered by STAN)	STAN	TBA	PROT Training Hall 77B Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria	10:00	stanigeria@gmail.com
September	1	IFTA Conference Early-Bird Registration Ends	IFTA	NA	http://www.ifta.org	Varies	http://www.ifta.org
	1	<i>IFTA Update</i> Submission Deadline (mid-September release)	IFTA	NA	NA	Varies	admin@ifta.org
	18	Monthly Meeting	STA	TBA	British Bankers Association Pinner Hall 105 – 108 Old Broad Street London, United Kingdom	18:00	info@sta-uk.org +44 (0) 20 7125 0038
October	2	Master of Financial Technical Analysis (MFTA) Session 2 application, outline and fees deadline	IFTA	NA	NA	Varies	admin@ifta.org
	9	Monthly Meeting	STA	TBA	British Bankers Association Pinner Hall 105 – 108 Old Broad Street London, United Kingdom	18:00	info@sta-uk.org +44 (0) 20 7125 0038
	10	Certified Financial Technician (CFTe) Level II Examination	IFTA	NA	Varies	Varies	admin@ifta.org
	10	IFTA Board of Director's Meeting	IFTA	NA	Marina Mandarin Singapore Room – TBA 6 Raffles Boulevard Marina Square, Singapore	08:30- 15:45	admin@ifta.org
	10	IFTA Annual General Meeting (Members Only)	IFTA	Varies	Marina Mandarin Singapore Room – TBA 6 Raffles Boulevard Marina Square, Singapore	16:00- 17:30	admin@ifta.org
	11-13	IFTA 26 th Annual Conference, "Riding the Dragon—Approaches for the next Decade"	IFTA	Varies	Marina Mandarin Singapore 6 Raffles Boulevard Marina Square, Singapore	Varies	www.ifta.org
	15	2013 <i>IFTA Journal</i> distribution to members	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	www.ifta.org
	15	Master of Financial Technical Analysis (MFTA) Session 1 paper submission deadline	IFTA	NA	NA	Varies	admin@ifta.org
November	13	Monthly Meeting	STA	TBA	British Bankers Association Pinner Hall 105 – 108 Old Broad Street London, United Kingdom	18:00	info@sta-uk.org +44 (0) 20 7125 0038
December	1	<i>IFTA Update</i> Submission Deadline (mid-December release)	IFTA	NA	NA	Varies	admin@ifta.org
	11	IFTA Board of Director's Meeting	IFTA	NA	Teleconference	TBA	admin@ifta.org
	15-31	2013 <i>IFTA Journal</i> web publication	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	http://www.ifta.org/publications/journal/

2011 Bronwen Wood Memorial Winner



This award is presented to the candidate who had the best Certified Financial Technician (CFTe) diploma paper for the year.

Muhamad may be one the youngest to receive this award. He graduated from the University of Indonesia in 2010, with a major in Accounting. Muhamad started his career as an Equity Sales Broker at Danareksa Securities in 2009. Since then, he has worked as a Market Analyst at Thomson Reuters (2010) and as a Technical Analyst at AMCapital Indonesia (2010–2011). He currently works as a Technical Analyst at Trimegah Securities.

Muhamad Makky Dandytra, CFTe
mmdadytra@gmail.com

In Memory of Bronwen Wood

Bronwen Wood was one of the founding Board members of IFTA's Society of Technical Analysts (STA). Bronwen was instrumental in developing both the CFTe Diploma Examination and the preparatory courses for the examination. She wrote and graded all papers in the early years.

Bronwen was a great Technical Analyst, rated one of the best by her peers, particularly for her work on the equity indices and individual shares. For both her contribution to education, and for her outstanding analytical skills, she was made a Fellow of the STA in 1993.

Bronwen was also a long-standing member of the IFTA Board in various capacities. Through this connection, she was respected worldwide, as an outstanding technical analyst and an expert in the teaching of TA.

Past winners of the award:

- 2010 Manasi Kumbhat, CFTe
- 2009 Hisham Abdullah A. AIQuohi, CFTe
- 2008 Tamar Gamal Eldin Hassan, CFTe

Congratulations new MFTA!

Timothy Fong, CSTA—MFTA Research Paper Title: *Regime-Switching Trading Bands Using Historical Simulation Approach*



Timothy Fong, CFTe, MFTA is Director of Analytics at Canada's federal banking regulator—the Office of Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada. He has over 10 years of experience in financial modeling and quantitative analysis for the banking industry. He has been an active member of various groups for trading book policy and implementation at the Basel Committee of Banking Supervision.

Outside of the office, Tim enjoys designing and teaching courses that develop future leaders in financial trading and risk management. In 2008, he received the prestigious Excellence in Teaching Award from the School of Continuing Studies at the University of Toronto. He holds a Masters in Mathematical Finance from the University of Toronto and a number of other professional designations including FRM, PRM, DMS, CAIA and CIM.

Congratulations New CFTes!

- Walid Mohey Eldin Abo Eldahab, ESTA
- Abdullah Saad Alsarra
- John Cornell, ATAA
- Marco D'Ambrosio, SIAT
- Meagan Evans, ATAA
- Abbas Faouzi Jaber, STA
- Mikhail Keyserman
- Jun Seng Liu, ATAA
- Joerg Rohmann, VTAD
- Stijn Slegers, TASS
- Jimmy Subagiyo, ATAA
- Fergal Walsh
- Robert Andrew Watt, TASS

25th Annual Conference **October 11-13, 2012**
 Marina Mandarin Hotel, Singapore

Riding the Dragon
 Approaches for the next Decade

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IFTA Society News

AATI (Indonesia)

ASOSIASI ANALIS TEKNIKAL INDONESIA (AATI) held a gathering on May 26, 2012 in BlackCat, Arcadia, Senayan Jakarta on the topic: "The future of technical analysis in our market". In addition to socializing, members and non-members were provided details on IFTA's CFTe program. It was also a medium for AATI to connect with other stakeholders, such as public and Indonesian Investment authorities.

At this meeting, members of AATI that have already held positions in the Indonesian Investment community were invited to share their experiences, such as Mr. A. Inderahadi Kusumah (President and Director of Antara Pension Fund), Mr Hans Kwee (Director of Emco Asset Management), Mr. Haryajid (Owner of Capital Bridge Indonesia, and Chairman of several professional organizations in the

Indonesia Capital Market). Mr. Moch.Yusuf (Chairman) and Mr. Gideon (Secretary) shared their views on the past-present-future of AATI. and introduced IFTA to its members. Mr. M. Alfatih, CFTe, and Mr MM Dandytra, CFTe, were also invited to share their experiences passing the CFTe examination. Mr. Dandytra, winner of the 2011 Bronwen Wood Memorial award, shared how he had the best CFTe diploma paper written for 2011. This gathering was also attended by Mr Koko (economist from a leading bank), Arwani Pranaja (Sr Tech. Analyst from Kim Eng Securities), Lucky Bayu (CEO of Remax Capital), Andry Tjoe (Chairman of Omninvest), Dendo Valentino (Integrity Indonesia), Michel Angelo (Bumianyar Futuria), and Rokaya (Elliot Wave specialist).



STAN (Nigeria)

Roundtable Summit Held

In her bid to promote and ensure the acceptance of Technical Analysis in Nigeria, the Society for Technical Analysts, Nigeria (STAN) held a one-day roundtable summit on 25th February, 2012 at Excellence Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos State. The summit, which was well attended by investment bankers, financial analysts, FOREX traders and investors from the private sector, reiterated the need for the adoption of Technical Analysis in the decision making process of financial investment and portfolio selection.

A presentation by the Society's President (Mr. Soyele Olumide) introduced guests to the aims and objectives of STAN, giving

in detail what IFTA and STAN are set to achieve and how technical analysis would go a long way in contributing to the nation's financial and economic growth.

Keynote addresses were given by Mr. Babatunde Thomas and Mr. Babatunde Bankole, both members of STAN's Board of Directors.

Mr. Abiodun Babalola (IFTA liaison officer) gave a lecture on the "Application of Technical Analysis in the Financial Market in the 21st Century and Beyond". Mr. Babalola's presentation touched on the meaning and tenets of technical analysis, a brief history of TA, the Dow Theory, and



Panelists: Fola Taiwo, Ambrose, Efe Ikporo, Olu Osiberu and Abiodun Babalola during the discussion



Group Photograph of Guests at STAN's Roundtable Summit



Mr. Olumide Soyele, STAN President, during his presentation on STAN and IFTA

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STAN Roundtable continued



Mr. Abiodun Babalola during his presentation on the application of Technical Analysis



Mr. Abiodun Babalola during his presentation on the application of Technical Analysis



Cross session of guests at the summit



STAN Board of Directors: Olumide Soyele, Babatunde Bankole and Babatunde Thomas



Members of STAN management team



Board member, Mr. Thomas giving his keynote address



Members of STAN management team

demonstrated the practical application of Technical Analysis to guests.

A panel discussion session, which had as panelists: Mr. Ambrose (Head, Research and Technical Analysis Expert, Stockwatch limited), Mr. Folarin Taiwo (Currency Analyst and Director Global Coop limited), Mr. Efe Ikporo (CEO, Edgestone Consulting and financial analysts), Mr. Olu Oshiberu (Financial Expert, UK) and Mr. Abiodun Babalola (IFTA Liaison office, STAN), responded to questions on topics involving TA and its adoption in the Nigerian banking/ financial system, IFTA certification, and STAN programs, to mention a few.

The Society is actively preparing her members to become certified financial technicians. It is also in full gear, preparing for her first annual international conference, which will attract speakers from the financial markets locally and beyond, and also attract speakers from IFTA.

The Society is committed to achieving her mission of simplifying and improving investment decisions for economic development through technical analysis.

Save the Dates!

CFTe I

Date: Offered Year-round

See our website for further instructions www.ifta.org/certifications/registration/

Download Syllabus and Study Guide: ifta.org/public/files/publication-downloads/CFTel_Syllabus_2012.pdf

CFTe II

Date: October 10, 2012

Registration deadline:

August 24, 2012

(Registration opens in **July 2012** through IFTA website).

Register at www.ifta.org/register/cfte2.php.

Download Syllabus and Study Guide at: ifta.org/public/files/publication-downloads/CFTel_Syllabus_2012.pdf.

For more information on the CFTe program, visit www.ifta.org/certifications/financial/

MFTA Alternative Path

Pre-Application deadline:

July 31, 2012.

Application/outline deadline (if approved): **October 2, 2012.**

Paper submission deadline: **March 15, 2013.** Register at www.ifta.org/register/mfta_alt_session2.php/

MFTA Regular Path

Application/outline deadline:

October 2, 2012.

Paper submission deadline: **March 15, 2013.** Register at www.ifta.org/register/mfta_session2.php/

For more information about the MFTA program, visit www.ifta.org/certifications/master-of-financial-technical-analysis-mfta-program/

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CSTA (CANADA)

A Special Invitation From The Canadian Society of Technical Analysts—CSTA

2012 Banff International Commodities Conference: Commodities, Stocks and ETF's through the lens of Technical analysis

Date: September 9–11, 2012

Why this conference?

The conference is all about commodities trading for professionals. If you are a producer, trader or buyer, this will be your event. Guest speaker topics will include Grains, Oil, Natural Gas, Precious and Industrial Metals trading. Incorporating the information from commodity related stocks and ETF's will be a specific study for traders to expand their understanding. The speaker list includes Internationally famous technicians who have presented world wide, authored numerous books and trading systems. Some have Dow Jones Indexes following their work and others operate professional international trading methodologies for you to learn from in a world-renowned setting.

WWW.CSTA.ORG or WWW.MTA.ORG

Timing

This is the nicest time of year in Western Canada. The color change, the wildlife and the weather all work together to make for an incredible experience.

Extend for a vacation

The previous week is Labor Day, so it is a short week. There are many fabulous things to do, but highlighting a few premier events includes:

- The Spruce Meadows Masters Equestrian Event (Sept. 5–9)
- The Banff Triathlon (Sept. 8–9)
- Primetime for Heli-Hiking the alpine peaks
- 4 World Heritage sights within 2 hours of Calgary
 - » Prime time for Mountain Golf
 - » Wildlife viewing is excellent

Conference Fees

Members: \$599
Non-members: \$699

Location and Venue

Rimrock Hotel, Banff Canada
The best views sell out first!

www.rimrockresort.com

Add ons

Golf \$190.00 + Tax
Sunday Sept 9th, 2012
Renown Banff Springs Golf Course

Routing

Fly to Calgary, Alberta, YYC.
Check Air Canada and Westjet as well.

Who Should Attend

Professional Commodity Traders,
Equity Traders in related stocks, Market Technicians, Grain Traders, Precious Metals Investors, Hedgers, Buyers

More information

www.csta.org



Call for Conference Host Societies

(Update)

In the March issue of the *IFTA Update* we called for "Expressions of Interest" from Societies willing to host the IFTA conference in future years. This "Expression of Interest" replaced the bid process of previous years.

The closing date for "Expressions of Interest" in respect to 2013 and 2014 was June 15. The years 2015 and beyond remain open for any society to express interest in being the host society.

The "submissions" received to date are:

2013 TSAASF—Technical Securities Analysts Association of San Francisco, USA

MEA-MA - Middle East & Africa Market Association, UAE

TASSA—Technical Analysts of Southern Africa

2014 STA—Society of Technical Analysts Ltd., UK

ESTA—The Egyptian Society of Technical Analysts, Egypt

MEA-MA—Middle East & Africa Market Association, UAE

2015

2016 SSTA—Saudi Society of Technical Analysts, Saudi Arabia

2017

The host Member Societies for 2013 and 2014 will be decided by the IFTA Board at their August Meeting.

Prior to the meeting the Conference Director will send the societies nominating a questionnaire seeking information about the society, the proposed venue and all the other considerations the IFTA Board must make to select the host society and location best able to deliver an excellent IFTA Conference.

CALL FOR IFTA BOARD NOMINATIONS

IFTA is an international organization established to advance the interests of the global community of technical analysis societies. IFTA is managed by a Board of Directors, which is elected by the member societies at the Annual General Meeting, normally conducted at the time of IFTA's Annual Conference. In selecting a slate of candidates for the IFTA Board of Directors, IFTA seeks to have the management resources, global representation, diversity, expertise and experience needed to advance its mission.

IFTA is now requesting nominations from individuals to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2013-2015 term. With the adoption of the new Bylaws, term limits for current Directors have created 8 open Director positions. Our aim has been to have an even distribution of 5 or so terms coming due in a normal year. We expect this to smooth out over the coming years. Please consider having a candidate stand for the IFTA boards this year. Board vacancies will be filled at the 2012 Annual General Meeting in Singapore.

Nominees must be willing to serve as a member or Chair of a key IFTA Committee and/or assist the Committees and the Board in ongoing work as needed.

Board members serve without payment for their work on the IFTA Board of Directors. Service on the IFTA board demands a high level of responsibility and a serious commitment to support IFTA's mission; it also provides personal and professional rewards to its members.

Nominations from all interested persons are welcome. **The deadline to submit nominations is August 10, 2012.**

The Nomination procedure is simple:

- 1 Any member in good standing of an IFTA Member Society may be nominated or may nominate him/herself.
- 2 Nominations must be seconded by two members in good standing of an IFTA Member Society.
- 3 The nominee must have the support of the Board of Directors of a local Member Society, preferably his or her own society.
- 4 Each nominee must submit the following to IFTA Headquarters no later than **August 10, 2012**.
 - a Completed Nomination Form
 - b Completed IFTA Member Society Endorsement
 - c Summary or Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- 5 All nomination materials should be sent by email or postal mail to:

International Federation of Technical Analysts
9707 Key West Avenue, Suite 100
Rockville, Maryland 20850 USA
Phone: 240/404-6508
Fax: 301/990-9771
Email: admin@ifta.org

Nominations will be announced to the membership in early September. Voting will take place at the IFTA Annual General Meeting on October 10, 2012. If you have questions concerning this matter or would like a nominating form, please contact IFTA Admin and admin@ifta.org.

Nomination Form:

IFTA Board Of Directors

Name of Nominee

Firm

Address

City

State

Postal Code

Country

Phone

Fax

Email

Member in Good Standing of (Name of IFTA Member Society):

Nominated by

Persons Seconding this Nomination (must be members in good standing of an IFTA Member Society). Two seconders required.

1)

Name

Society

2)

Name

Society

Nominee must have the support of the Board of his/her IFTA Member Society. A completed **IFTA Member Society Endorsement (below)** must accompany this Nomination Form. **A summary of the nominee's professional credentials and background must accompany this application.** Nominations deadline: **August 10, 2012.**

IFTA Member Society Endorsement

(Name of Nominee)

is a member in good standing of

(Name of IFTA Member Society)

and has the support of the Society's Board of Directors to run for a position on the IFTA Board of Directors.

Signature of Society Officer

Date

IFTA Member Societies

ARGENTINA—AAAT www.aaat.org.ar
Asociacion Argentina de Analistas Tecnicos

AUSTRALIA—ATAA www.ataa.com.au
Australian Technical Analysts Association

AUSTRIA—VTAO* www.vtao.at
Vereinigung Technischer Analysten Österreichs

BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA—SMS*
Society for Market Studies trzisnestudije.org

CANADA—CSTA www.csta.org
Canadian Society of Technical Analysts

CROATIA—CTAA*
Croatian Technical Analysis Association

CZECH REPUBLIC—CNATA* www.cnata.cz
Czech National Association of Technical Analysts

EGYPT—ESTA www.estaegypt.org
Egyptian Society of Technical Analysts

FRANCE—AFATE www.afate.com
Association Française des Analystes Techniques

GERMANY—VTAD www.vtad.de
Vereinigung der Technischer Analysten Deutschlands e.V.

INDIA—ATA www.taindia.org
The Association of Technical Analysts

INDONESIA—AATI
Asosiasi Analis Teknikal Indonesia

ITALY—SIAT www.siat.org
Società Italiana di Analisi Tecnica

JAPAN—NTAA www.ntaa.org.jp
Nippon Technical Analysts Association

KUWAIT—KWTA* www.kwtaa.org
Kuwait Technical Analysis Association

LEBANON—LSTA*
Lebanese Society of Technical Analysts

NIGERIA—STAN*
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Singapore is the magnificent setting for the 25th Annual IFTA Conference. Singapore is in the very centre of the dynamic and fast growing Asia/Pacific region.

Between 2007 and 2012, the Chinese economy will expand by close to 60 per cent. Emerging Asia as a whole will grow by almost 50 per cent. Over the same period, economies of high-income countries will grow by a mere 3 per cent. Who can doubt that the world is undergoing a profound transformation?

—Martin Wolf, Financial Times, Jan 10, 2012.

The theme of the Conference *Riding the Dragon—Approaches for the Next Decade*, will shape the programme. The conference will focus of the future—the next decade, what are the emerging technologies and processes, what can be used right now? How can modern Technical Analysis and related disciplines assist the practitioner? How can we all best cope with the current and likely future demands of financial markets? What can we all learn about the dynamics of the Asia Pacific region?

The Conference provides a unique, once-a-year, opportunity for professional practitioners (and sponsors) to listen to and meet with cutting edge speakers and network with each other. The IFTA Conference brings together financial professionals from across the world, particularly from the 32 IFTA affiliated Member Societies present in 31 countries.

The level of Conference presentations will be geared to professionally employed Technical Analysts, Finance Sector Senior Managers, Fund Managers, Asset Allocators, Financial Planners, and also highly experienced private financial market traders/investors.

Singapore is a magnificent location for the Conference. An ultra modern city state, Singapore is both cosmopolitan and multicultural. If you have not been to Singapore in the past, or have not been for 10 years, the developments and the environment will astound. If you have visited recently you will understand how Singapore is both a major trading centre and a financial power-house; it is also a delightful place for a tourist visit.

Singapore is truly multicultural, originally a mix of ethnic Chinese, Malay and Indian, it is now augmented by peoples from around the world. English is the business language and is spoken everywhere. So while Singapore is truly a “taste of Asia” it is also a leading business hub.

The Technical Analysis Society of Singapore (TASS) is hosting the Conference in conjunction with the Local Conference Organiser and IFTA. The TASS Committee will work to make the Conference excellent and your stay in Singapore a memorable experience.

Why not plan to attend now?



Robert Grigg
2012 Conference Chair



IFTA Conference Highlights

Conference Ethos

The Conference Committee is working to make the conference both intellectually and socially rewarding. We want you to have fun while you meet interesting people and work with the material presented. All the daytime sessions will be “business casual”—no ties in the tropics! The Thursday night event will also be casual, however on Saturday night it’s “dress to impress”.

Technical Walkabout

A structured session to allow you to discuss a given topic of general financial interest with nine other delegates and then moving on to another nine and so forth. This gives you the opportunity to meet other delegates and to also develop an international understanding of different views to current topics.

General Sessions

Twelve general sessions of typically one hour’s duration on a variety of topics of interest to Technical Analysts.

Power Hours

The two “Power Hours” will each have six speakers presenting on the one subject in each session. There will undoubtedly be strong and differing views that will lead to debate on these important issues.

Meet the Speakers

All our sessions finish before five p.m. We are asking speakers to make themselves available for discussion in reserved public areas of the conference hotel. This may be your chance to discuss issues arising from the presentation with the speaker!

Delegate Discussions

We will be working to facilitate discussion between delegates at the conference. We have too few opportunities to discuss the financial markets and other issues with a truly international group. Do others share your view—check it out!

Panel Discussions

We will have a number of the Conference Speakers participate in a panel discussion on the Saturday afternoon. The panel will answer questions from the delegates, most of which will be pre-sourced from delegates prior to the conference. The Panel will also debate between themselves the different views of the panel members to the questions put to them.

Japanese Translation Facilities

We are hoping to be able to provide facilities for direct translation from English to Japanese for NTAA delegates from Japan. This will depend on the number of Japanese delegates who wish to avail themselves of the service and also some negotiations with potential sponsors.

Social Events

The Social events on the Thursday and Saturday nights will give delegates and partners the chance to mix and mingle in an international group of like-minded people. The Conference Committee will work to ensure that the events are both memorable and social.

Partner Program

Singapore and the region is a fascinating part of the world. The partner program will give participants a “taste of Asia” in both Singapore and Malaysia. Partner activities will always leave from the Conference Hotel.





Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday

(pre-Conference)

- 08:30–15:45 IFTA Board of Directors meeting
- 16:00–17:30 IFTA AGM (All IFTA Colleagues welcome)
- 17:30–19:00 Cocktail Party
- 15:00–20:00 Delegate Registration

Thursday

- 07:30–10:00 Delegate registration
- 07:30–16:30 Exhibits open
- 07:30–08:15 Coffee
- 08:15–08:30 Conference Opening
- 08:30–10:30 Technical Walkabout
- 10:30–11:00 Break
- 11:00–12:00 Presentation: *Prof Tom James*; “Energy and Resource Security, a Critical issue in Asia but Also in North America/ Europe.”
- 12:00–13:00 Lunch
- 13:00–13:45 Presentation: *Nori Hayashi*; “Candlestick Chart Volatility”
- 13:45–15:00 Presentation: *John Bollinger*; “Indicator Creation”
- 15:00–15:30 Break
- 15:30–16:30 Presentation: *Fred Tam*; “Exploiting the MTF (Multiple Time Frame) Technique to Trade Gold”
- 16:00–16:45 Wrap-up
- 17:00–18:00 Meet the Speaker / Informal Discussions
- 19:00–22:00 Informal Social evening, Conference reception, buffet dinner, drinks, mix and mingle (sponsored by Bloomberg)

Friday

- 07:30–10:00 Delegate registration
- 07:30–16:30 Exhibits open
- 07:30–08:15 Coffee
- 08:15–08:30 Conference—Morning Brief
- 08:30–09:30 Presentation: *Jeanette Young*; “Past, Present and an Eye to the Future”
- 09:30–10:30 Presentation: *Akihiro Niimi*; “To Grow your Business Performance is not Everything”
- 10:30–11:00 Break
- 11:00–12:00 Presentation: *Trevor Neil*; “Sentiment Candles—a New Trading Technique”
- 12:00–13:00 Lunch
- 13:00–14:00 POWER HOUR: “Near Term Hazards and Opportunities in the Financial Markets” (*Adam Sorab, Akira Homma, Gideon Lapian, Murray Gunn, Maurizo Milano, Jeff Hochman*)
- 14:00–15:00 Presentation: *Sudarshan Sukhani*; “New Methods in Short Term Trend Following”
- 15:00–15:30 Break
- 15:30–16:30 Presentation: *Gregg Tan*; “Tradition and Innovation: A FunTECH Approach to the New Millennium”
- 16:30–16:45 Wrap-up
- 17:00–18:00 Meet the Speaker / Informal Discussions
- 19:00 Own Time, Free Evening

Saturday

- 07:30–10:00 Delegate registration
- 07:30–16:30 Exhibits open
- 07:30–08:15 Coffee
- 08:15–08:30 Conference—Morning Brief
- 08:30–09:30 Presentation: *Ron William*; “Market Timing Using Candle Pattern Strategies in Volatile Markets”
- 09:30–10:30 Presentation: *Daryl Guppy*; “Cracking the China Markets with Technical Analysis”
- 10:30–11:00 Break
- 11:00–12:00 Presentation: *James Isilay*; “A Journey Through Automated Trading”
- 12:00–13:00 Lunch
- 13:00–14:00 POWER HOUR: “Technical Analysis based strategies that may be successful in the near term”; (*Gregor Bauer, Hank Pruden, Muhamad Alfatih, Rolf Wetzer, Tom Dorsey, Jacinta Chan*)
- 14:00–14:30 Break
- 14:30–16:30 Panel (4 Speakers)
- 16:30–16:45 Conference Close
- 17:00–18:00 Meet the Speaker / Informal Discussions
- 19:00–22:30 Grand Dinner



Thursday, October 11th

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11:00 – 12:00

Presentation Abstract

Energy and Resource Security, a Critical Issue in Asia and but Also in North America/Europe.

Asia has become the key dynamic in short and long term price trends and supply demand forecasting in all major commodities including food stuffs. As Asia's demand and dependence on imported supplies grew regional powers, most, notably China, responded with nationalistic strategies to secure control over energy and commodity supplies overseas. China, India, and other countries in the region also became major energy investors in Iran, Sudan, Myanmar. The zero-sum energy and resource atmosphere in the region continues to feed geopolitical rivalries among China, the U.S., India, Japan, and Korea, and this competition is now extending to rare earth minerals, which have increasingly important defence and energy applications.

In North America we witnessed a sudden, politically-driven strategy in 2009, partly in reaction to the financial crisis of 2008, and this has totally turned traditional international oil and gas arbitrage trades and actual physical trade routes upside down.

North America's sudden u-turn in its energy mix has disrupted the historical relationship many traders have analysed and traded for many decades with only a few gulf wars disturbing them. Now Asia is clearly the ground zero for growth in global energy and commodity demand as a result of the region's remarkable economic ascent over the same period.

For example, as Energy consumption is closely tied to population growth, industrial production, urbanization, rising per capita income, and motorized transport, we witnessed from 1990 to 2010 total Asian energy demand growth of around 130%. When compared to the demand growth outside of Asia of only 15% you get a good perspective of the magnitude of dynamics that created US \$147 dollars per barrel crude oil in 2008.

Tom James will explore these and other global dynamics which are driving energy and commodity prices which add to the volatility and the opportunities we analyse in our price charts of futures and derivatives markets.

Speaker Profile

Professor Tom James, MEI, MA

— Chairman, Navitas Resources Pte. Ltd., Singapore



Professor Tom James, MEI, MA, is an International Natural Resource executive and entrepreneur with a broad 22-year career in natural resources trading, investment banking and knowledge based services. He has shared his knowledge and successfully trained many 1,000s of traders and management in the sector via regular public seminars and through his work with universities, and advises many companies on business strategy and trading strategies in the energy and commodity markets.

He co-founded Navitas Resources, an energy and commodity knowledge based services group, headquartered in Singapore, with offices and associates at key locations around the world. Clients include some of the world's major oil and mining firms, investment banks and state owned enterprises in this sector.

Tom's expertise includes Oil, Gas, Bio Fuels, LNG, and Global Commodity markets including Emissions markets, agriculture markets, and metals. His broad experience covers investment, trading and business strategy across the globe with a particular focus on Asian, Central Asian, Middle East and European Markets. Tom acts as a senior consultant to industry and as an Expert reviewer, Expert Witness and Investigator in litigation and arbitration cases.



Thursday, October 11th

13:00 – 13:45

Presentation Agenda

Candlestick Chart Volatility

This lecture introduces a revolutionary way to find real volatility as candlestick charts provide more information on stock fluctuation than many non-Japanese investors think.

Volatility breakout is probably one of the best technical tools in measuring investment timing, as a lot of signals and systems have been developed based on the breakout.

To get successful returns, you need to measure volatility as accurately as possible in the first place. However, historical volatility, which is commonly used, may not be an appropriate tool as it has critical problems in its definition. For example, the average historical volatility for the last 20 days is usually higher than that for the last 10 days. In short, the longer period, the higher the historic volatility. This does not make any sense.

Candlestick chart volatility does not have such a shortcoming, as it has simpler and more legitimate logic. This presentation *Candlestick Chart Volatility* is based on the prize awarded treatise delivered at the Nippon Technical Analysts Association.

Speaker Profile

Nori Hayashi

— Chief Investment Officer, Ashuk Investment, Hong Kong, China



Nori Hayashi received his MBA from Columbia University, USA where he learned investment from Professor Jim Rogers. Nori worked as head of Japanese Equity at Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, UAE, the world's largest sovereign wealth fund, after serving as portfolio manager and senior analyst at American and European investment banks and mutual funds. He currently owns Ashuk

Investment in Hong Kong. Nori Hayashi, CPA has more than 30 years of experience in investment.

Nori 's latest book *Investment Equations* is highly rated among Japanese readers while his weekly contribution to the *Nikkei Money* web site receives a large number of viewers. His lectures also win one of the best evaluations among Japanese audiences.



Thursday, October 11th

13:45 – 15:00

Presentation Abstract

Indicator Creation

John Bollinger, CFA, CMT, will present his latest Bollinger Band indicators, address the idea of how to create indicators, and discuss the Swiss Army Knife of technical indicators, Stochastics. Finally, if time allows, John will talk a bit about indicator testing making use of synthetic data.

Speaker Profile

John Bollinger, CFA, CMT

—*Bollinger Capital Management, California, USA*



John Bollinger is the president and founder of Bollinger Capital Management, an investment management company that provides technically-driven money management services. Bollinger Capital Management also develops and provides proprietary research for institutions and individuals.

John, a long-term proponent of Rational Analysis, the combination of technical and fundamental analysis, was the first analyst to earn both the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Chartered Market Technician (CMT) designations.

His Bollinger Bands and related tools have been integrated into most of charting platforms and his book, Bollinger on Bollinger Bands has been translated into eight languages. John has developed several investor websites: www.BollingerBands.com, www.EquityTrader.com, www.BollingerOnBollingerBands.com, www.MarketTechnician.com, www.PatternPower.com, BBScript.net and a forex website, www.BBForex.com

He is an active member of the financial community, a featured expert in the financial media, and a speaker at financial conferences worldwide. John is the recipient of the 2005 Market Technicians Association Annual Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Field of Technical Analysis. Website: www.BollingerBands.com



Thursday, October 11th

15:30 – 16:30

Presentation Abstract

Exploiting the MTF (Multiple Time Frame) Technique to Trade Gold

One issue faced by traders is inaccurate entries and exits and one likely cause is because the trader is looking at a single time frame chart. This presentation demonstrates how accuracy can be increased by filtering out noise using “multiple time frames” charts. It also shows that when MTF is applied, most indicators work; some better than others. The “MTF Atom” indicator has been created and it demonstrate its usefulness using Meta Trader 4.0. MTF is a method that can be applied to trade not only gold, silver, crude oil, forex, stock indices, stock, etc. MTF Atom is a mechanical trading system that trades on breakouts and stays aside in sideways markets. Mechanical system trading is likely to be the trend of this decade, set to overshadow subjective techniques like chart patterns analysis, candlesticks, etc. We see technical analysis evolving rapidly to be become more of a science than an art.

Speaker Profile

Fred Tam MFTA, MPhil, CFTe, MSTA, ACCA

—P. I. Graduate Studies, Sdn, Bhd, Malaysia



Fred Tam is a gold, silver, forex, stock indices and stocks trader, analyst and columnist for 20 years and is the author of six books on the financial markets.

He is also the principal lecturer of the Certificate in Financial Technical Analysis course at Open University Malaysia since 2007. His students take the MSTA (UK) and CFTe (IFTA) exams and passes have been impressive.

Fred is a full member of the Society of Technical Analysts, UK, a Certified Financial Technician and has a Master of Financial Technical Analysis from IFTA. He is the first Malaysian to receive the MFTA award. He has another Master of Philosophy (Technical Analysis) from Multimedia University, Cyberjaya, Malaysia.

His current research interest is in multiple time frame trading systems programmed into MT4.0. He teaches and promotes technical analysis and makes speaking appearances in Indonesia and Singapore as well as Malaysia.



Friday, October 12th

08:30 – 09:30

Presentation Abstract

Past, Present and an Eye to the Future

I came from a world where trades were done both electronically (over the dot system), by market makers and specialists. That was a world that did not include Google, Yahoo, or any search engines. You were lucky to have timely quotes and the availability of a quote machine at your desk. We had no charting packages and plotted our bars, candlesticks and point and figure by hand. Moving averages were all done by hand. We had a news machine in the front of the board room which rang when an important piece of news was issued. We had at least 20 minutes between the news item and the reaction of the market.

I traded in the ring at the New York Board of Trade, which was purchased by the Intercontinental Exchange, and continue to enjoy membership and trading privileges on the COMEX division of the CME. As a ring trader, or floor broker, I traded for my own account, was an options market maker and executed customer orders. I also managed discretionary portfolios in both the stock and bond markets. Here, news was instantaneous and reactions equally as instantaneous. We made money finding inequities in the markets.

I lived through the 1987 crash, the '90s mess, the tech bubble, and the most recent housing bubble and look forward to the next FED inspired bubble. We now live in an environment of instant moves, high frequency trading (HFT), algorithms, and other neural networks designed to find the inequities that we used to trade for profit.

We can still scalp but our days are numbered. So what is the future to bring? The future will usher in a return to Technical Analysis for those who want to make money and trade efficiently.

Speaker Profile

Jeanette Schwarz Young, CFP, CMT, MS

—Director, CMT Program MTA, New York, USA



Jeanette Schwarz Young, CFP, CMT, MS, is the author of the *Option Queen Letter*, a weekly news letter issued and published every Sunday and the *OPTIONS DOCTOR*, published by John Wiley & Son in 2007. She is the Director of the CMT program for the Market Technicians Association, past President of the American Association of Professional Technical Analysts and continues to serve on the Board of Directors. Jeanette has been a Wall Street professional since 1981 where she began her professional career with Thomson McKinnon Securities. Her career includes portfolio management, syndication, option strategist, hedger, operations principle, bond principal, pit trader and general market trader. Jeanette worked for the NYBOT (New York Board of Trade) where she produced, wrote and aired two market reports daily covering the financials, currencies, and the softs (Frozen Concentrated Orange Juice, Sugar, Cocoa, Coffee and Cotton). She was placed third in the globe in the National Investment Challenge Pro Option's Division in the mid-nineties. Jeanette has been a frequent guest on FOX, CNBC, Bloomberg, Yorba TV, CNN and others. She is a member of ICE, COMEX, CHX holdings and NYSE-LIFFE. She is also a member of the Adelphi University Presidents Counsel. Website: www.OptnQueen.com



Friday, October 12th

09:30 – 10:30

Presentation Abstract

To Grow Your Business, Performance is not Everything!

Since the Lehmann crisis, Commodity Trading (using Futures and Options etc.) has become one of the most successful alternative strategies. However, “start-up” CTA managers have been facing large hurdles to raise new money. This is not only because of their small asset base under management and limited staff, but also because of less transparency due to their “black box” type tools. Many employed fund managers are wishing and planning to become independent based on a “high performance” successful track record. But they might not be fully and carefully considering the “investment strategy” necessary to fill the supply and demand gap between managers and investors. Past track records might indicate future performance but may never guarantee the growth of the business. What is missing except performance? Let us verify the background of the current CTA boom and examine the investment processes developed by famous managers. An excellent track record is one of the key factors to raise the money, but the investment strategy is more important to grow the asset management business.

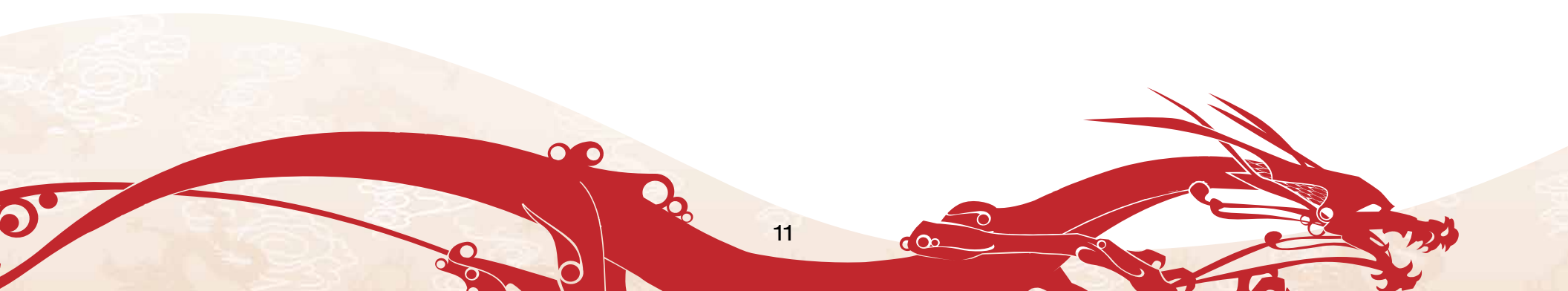
Speaker Profile

Akihiro Niimi, MFTA

—Director, AIFAM, New York, USA



Akihiro Niimi graduated from the naval architecture division of Osaka University; he has spent more than 25 years in the financial industry working in different types of businesses (brokerage, investment bank, trust bank and asset management) and also different regions (London, Tokyo, New York and Singapore). He initially started his career as a technical and fundamental equity analyst and managed several hedge fund type portfolios to achieve absolute returns with various quantitative tools and techniques in asset management companies. Joined to the trust bank, he supervised alternative investments to hedge funds, hedge fund of funds, CTAs and private equity funds for Japanese pension clients. Akihiro also established a unique hedged fund platform business to incubate internal/external Japanese hedge fund managers and distributed this to investors worldwide. Currently, he is a director of a Japanese hedge fund of Funds Company and he supervises portfolio risk management. He is a member of NTAA and has been awarded the MFTA.





Friday, October 12th

11:00 – 12:00

Presentation Abstract

Sentiment Candles—a New Trading Technique

Trevor Neil's Sentiment Candles (TNSC) is an analysis and trading technique developed for modern markets and for the future. It is created to take advantage of new and changed market conditions.

Classic Candlestick charting was developed specifically for a type of market which does not exist virtually anywhere now and will die out completely soon. In Classic Candlestick charting the position of the close is crucially important to the interpretation of the sentiment of a candlestick pattern. But today and increasingly tomorrow, markets have several official closes or no close at all. The basis for Classic Candlestick charting does not hold up for trading in modern times.

TNSC reads the sentiment of the Candle in a different way which does reveal its meaning and can be turned into clear trading messages. TNSC has been developed for short and long term trading of modern markets which do not just have short exchange traded sessions. This is a new trader's tool for the new world and for the next decade.

Speaker Profile

Trevor Neil, MSTA, MCSI

—Beta Group, London, UK



Trevor Neil MSTA MCSI started working in the financial markets 40 years ago this year. His first job at the age of 18 was as a coffee trader working for Merrill Lynch on the floor of the London Commodities Exchange. He has been a trader and technical analyst ever since. On the floor he learned point and figure charting. He was an early adopter of computerised and systematic technical analysis. He has worked in several important companies and banks in the City as a portfolio manager and technical analyst and gained experience in other asset classes such as foreign exchange and equities.

He was on the first board of the UK Society of Technical Analysts at its formation and served the STA for more than ten years. In that time the professional qualification was created and popularised. For four years he was Head of Technical Analysis at Bloomberg. In 2005 he formed BETA Group and is currently a UK based portfolio manager and gives institutional market timing skills seminars to firm and traders all over the world. He has written many technical analysis articles and has appeared on CNBC, Bloomberg Television and Reuters Television. He is an Associate Editor of The Technical Analyst Magazine and gives free monthly technical analysis webinars sponsored by Thomson Reuters. Website: www.betagroup.co.uk

Friday, October 12th

13:00 – 14:00 POWER HOUR (Global)

Presentation Abstract

Power Hour: Near Term Hazards and Opportunities in the Financial Markets

The financial world continues in a state of flux. There are many risks and changes occurring in the established order. The “Global Financial Crisis” is still being played out in many areas. Over-leveraged countries and other entities are still struggling to re-order economies and financial structures. The Asia Pacific area continues to be an area of promise.

Six highly experienced analysts will give you their short, sharp and candid view of near term prospects. Where are the “black swans” hiding? Where are the areas of opportunity?

This session will be conducted under the “Chatham House Rule”. *(When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.)* This “Power Hour” will not be recorded and the slides used will not be published.

The following Speakers will share their views:

Speakers

Adam Sorab

Akira Homma

Gideon Lopian

Murray Gunn

Maurizio Milano

Jeff Hochman

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Speaker Profiles

Adam Sorab, FSTA, CFTe

—Head of Technical Analysis, CQS
IFTA President, London, UK



Adam Sorab is Head of Technical Research at CQS, a \$12 billion hedge fund management company. Prior to joining CQS in 2004, Adam was Director of Absolute Return Strategies at Deutsche Asset Management, responsible for Europe & Middle East. Adam joined DeAM from CSFB, where he was a founding member and a Director of the firm's hedge fund operation, the Leveraged Funds Group.

Before this, he worked at Schroders in London as a currency and interest rates derivatives trader. Adam holds a BSc (Hons) in Economics from the London School of Economics (1984). He has been President of IFTA since 2010 and is a Fellow and former Chairman of the UK Society of Technical Analysts (STA). Adam is also a Member of the Investment Committee of the BUPA Pension Fund in the UK.

Akira Homma, CFA, CIIA, CMA, CFTe, CMT, FRM

NTAA Councillor & Chief International Officer,
IFTA Director, Tokyo, Japan



Akira Homma's career in investment management includes involvement in Asian and Global fund management at Lombard Odier International Portfolio Management and Gesindex. On the sell side, he served as Equity Analyst and subsequently as Quantitative Analyst at Kokusai Securities (present Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities). At Dow Jones Japan, he served as Senior Quantitative Analyst providing quantitative and technical analysis for institutional investors. Currently, he is responsible for global business development including fund sourcing/due diligence and product marketing, as well as global financial market research and quantitative modeling at Aizawa Securities.

Akira received his MBA from IESE Business School. He holds qualifications of Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), Certified International Investment Analyst (CIIA), Chartered Member of the Securities Analysts Association of Japan (CMA), Certified Financial Technician (CFTe), Chartered Market Technician (CMT), and GARP-certified Financial Risk Manager (FRM). He is a Council member and Chief International Officer (IFTA Liaison) of NTAA.

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13:00 – 14:00 POWER HOUR (Global) *continued*

Gideon Lopian

—PT Treasure Fund Investama
Jakarta, Indonesia



Gideon Lopian has more than 20 years experience in the financial services industry as a Technical Analyst in financial service institutions. Currently, Gideon is an investment manager at PT Treasure Fund Investama, Indonesia, where he manages funds based on Technical Analysis. Recently he was involved in designing Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) for some benchmark indexes in the Indonesian Stock Exchange. Gideon also trades foreign exchange and futures indexes for private clients.

Gideon was one of the Asosiasi Analis Teknikal Indonesia (AATI) founders, a full member society of IFTA. Now Gideon serves as Secretary of AATI. As a Senior Technical Analysts in Indonesia, Gideon is often invited to give technical analysis education in major institutions, e.g. pension funds, securities companies, financial clubs, and also universities.

Murray Gunn

—HSBC Bank plc, London, UK



Murray Gunn is Head of Technical Analysis, covering cross-asset markets of FX, interest rates, equity indices, metals and commodities. He joined HSBC in 2010 having spent most of his twenty-year career working on the buy side, as a portfolio manager in equity, bond and currency markets. Murray is a published author on technical analysis, he is a Certified Financial Technician (CFTe) and has been investing and trading with technical analysis since the early 1990s. Murray serves on the board of the Society of Technical Analysts (UK).

Maurizio Milano

—Bank Sella Holding, Biella, Italy



Maurizio, 44 years-old, after a degree in Economics began his career as Forex Dealer in 1995. After five years' experience in the FX market, he started the Technical Analysis department at Banca Sella Group. He is also a journalist and his contributions can be found in the most renowned Italian financial newspapers and televisions: *Il Sole24Ore*, *Borsa&Finanza*, *Class-CNBC*, *RadioRai1*; he is also a contributor to the *International* magazine *FX Trader Magazine*. He is member of SIAT (the association of the Italian Technical Analysts), for which he gives lectures and sits in the Board of Directors. He taught Technical Analysis at the University of Turin, Italy, in the years 2003-2009. He was member of the Board of IFTA (the International Federation of Technical Analysis) during the years 2008-2010, in which he served as Vice-Chair Europe; he is currently Ifta's liaison for Italy. Website: www.analisitecnica.net

Jeff Hochman

—Fidelity Investments, London



Jeff has a Masters of International Management and a Bachelor of Arts from US Universities. He has 21 years experience as a professional in the Financial Markets. Jeff is currently in his sixteenth year as the Director of Technical Strategy at Fidelity Worldwide Investment in London. This role manages a team of analysts that support Equity Fund Managers and Fundamental Analysts within the Fidelity organization. He has previously worked for *Deutsch Bank Research* and *Chase Manhattan Bank*. In past employment he has been both a Fundamental Analyst and has worked on the Trading Desks.

Friday, October 12th

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14:00 – 15:00

Presentation Abstract:

New Methods in Short Term Trend Following

Trends make money. The classical methods of defining a trend with breakouts/breakdowns often results in numerous whipsaws. This presentation will explain how trends can be identified using zero lag indicators. It is possible to identify end of trend with momentum divergences which allows traders to exit much earlier than the actual trend change. Entries and exits are implemented when volatility cycles are reaching a trough. All of these concepts are implemented for short term trading. Examples are given with Indian Nifty Futures and different stocks, but the concepts are valid for all freely traded markets.

Speaker Profile

Sudarshan Sukhani

—President ATA (India), Director, S2 Analytics P Ltd, New Delhi, India

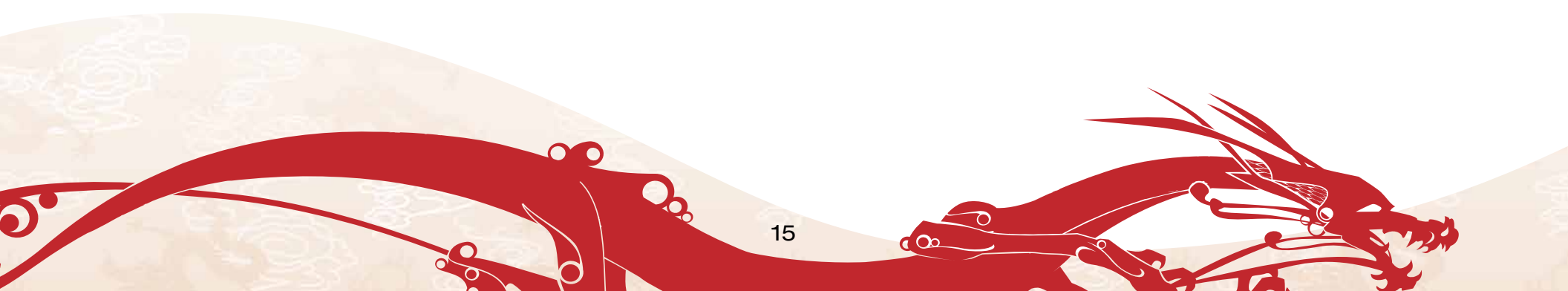


Sudarshan Sukhani is president of the Association of Technical Analysts, India (www.ataindia.org). He is an Honors Graduate in Business from St Xavier's College, Kolkata. He is a Chartered Financial Technician (CFTe).

Sudarshan commenced in technical analysis by keeping charts manually. In 1989, he ventured in the area of computer based trading, working with indicators and trading strategies. In 1993, he changed careers to become a full time trader. Since 1999, when the first business TV broadcasts started with CNBC-TV18, he has been a regular guest on stock market shows. He has appeared on thousands of market shows on CNBC-TV18 since 1999 and continues to be India's favorite TV analyst, to date (2012).

Sudarshan is a short term trader, mainly trading in Nifty futures and options with a time-frame of few hours to few days. He has given more than 50 seminars on different aspects of Technical Analysis. In addition, he has participated in over 40 Investor camps throughout India, organized by CNBC-TV18.

In early 2012, his first book "Trading the Markets" was published by Vision Books (www.visionbooksindia.com). Sudarshan lives with his wife, Usha, in New Delhi. His business website is: www.s2analytics.com and he blogs regularly at www.sudarshanonline.com.





Friday, October 12th

15:30 – 16:30

Presentation Abstract:

Tradition and Innovation: A FunTECH Approach to the New Millennium

Many traditional indicators have been abandoned in favour of more sophisticated technical studies over the past few years. However, despite all this innovation, these new and powerful tools continue to focus solely on price, volume and Open Interest data. In this session, Gregg will discuss how to use traditional technical indicators on different data sets in order to provide new and interesting insights.

Speaker Profile

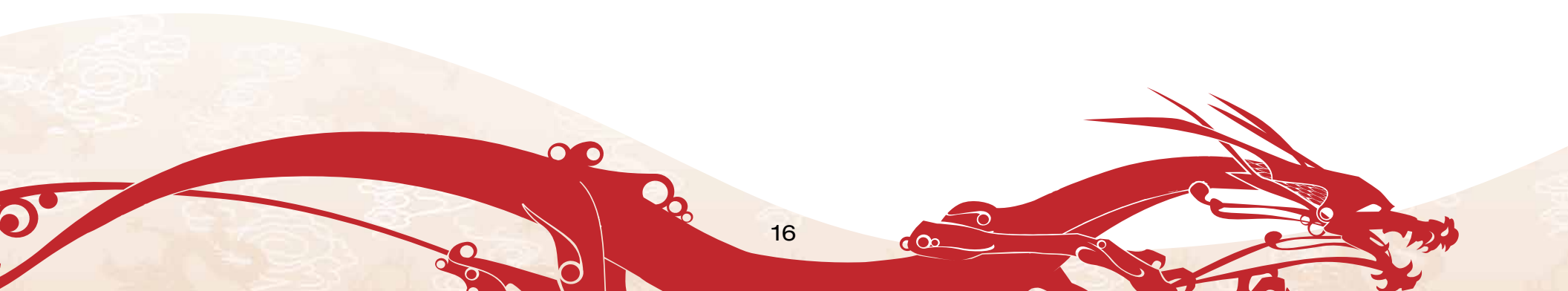
Gregg Tan

Bloomberg, Singapore



Gregg joined Bloomberg in 2000 as Technical Analysis application specialist where he aptly leveraged his previous 20 years of trading and analytical experience to benefit Bloomberg clients. Beginning his career in 1980, he has worked on the Bullion, FX, Futures, Equities Desk and on SIMEX floor as a trader, dealer and head of a fundamental/technical research team. He has consistently relied on

Technical Analysis throughout his career. Gregg travels extensively throughout the Asia-Pacific Region providing education on Technical Analysis to Bloomberg clients.



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08:30 – 09:30

Presentation Abstract

Market Timing Using Candle Pattern Strategies in Volatile Markets

Ron specializes in key market timing strategies to help identify high-probability turning points.

This unique trading style offers an important edge during volatile “mean reversion” cycles.

Successfully using Japanese Candle Pattern strategies within this approach can provide vital information about the market’s emotional condition and ultimately improve your trade profitability and risk profile.

Speaker Profile

Ron William, CMT, MSTA

—Neuchatel, Switzerland



Ron William is a Technical Strategist at a Swiss Private Bank, focusing on key FX, Commodities/Gold and cross-asset markets. He has over ten years of financial market experience, previously working for leading economic research and consultancy firms, producing high frequency research and trading strategies for a range of professional clients that included investment banks, money managers and hedge funds.

His specialisations include Market Cycles/Timing, Pattern Setups and DeMark™/Proprietary Indicators with research featured regularly in mainstream publications and across financial media programs. Ron's work has acquired global industry recognition as part of the 2012 Finalist Award for "Best Technical Analyst of the year."

Previously, Ron dedicated the last four years working at Bloomberg L.P as a senior Technical Analyst Specialist responsible for training/consultation across the EMEA region and contribution to the development of charting strategies and Technical Analysis platform of the Bloomberg Professional Service.™

He is an active member of the International Federation of Technical Analysis (IFTA) and President of the Middle East & Africa Market Association (MEA-MA) and Vice Chairman of the Geneva Chapter of the Swiss Association of Market Technicians (SAMT); holding both the MSTA and CMT professional designations. Ron is also a debut author of the trading book "Candlestick Charting and Strategies: New & Classical Techniques for Profitable Trading."





Saturday, October 13th

09:30 – 10:30

Presentation Abstract:

Cracking the China Markets With Technical Analysis

The constrained flow of information makes China markets particularly compatible with Technical Analysis. China markets show some unique behaviours which call for a different mix of technical indicators and charting analysis techniques. Daryl examines what works, and what doesn't work in this market. This includes effective application of pattern based trading. He examines volatility based trade management methods initially developed for the China market. These trade identification and management methods are also compatible with Western markets. The Hong Kong co-listed market for China stocks is a case study that confirms the primacy of Technical Analysis and reveals the role emotions play in price discovery independent of the fundamentals of a company in all markets. These markets provide proof that price is independent of fundamentals and is primarily emotionally based. Daryl shows how the application of technical analysis overcomes information deficiencies and improves trading returns in Greater China markets.

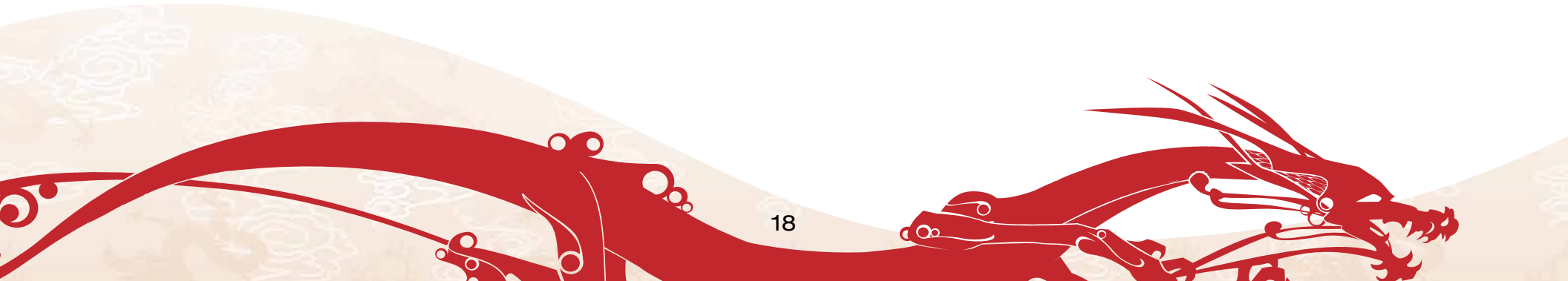
Speaker Profile

Daryl Guppy

—Guppy Traders, Singapore, Beijing, Darwin



Daryl Guppy is founder of Guppytraders.com Pty Ltd. Guppytraders.com is an international financial market education and training organization with offices in Beijing, Singapore and Darwin. Daryl is a regular CNBC Asia Squawk Box Technical Analyst commentator often known as "the chart man". He is recognized globally for the quality of his analysis and has a weekly CNBC.com column—Charting Asia. He actively trades equities and associated derivatives markets. He is the author of The 36 Strategies of The Chinese For Financial Traders, Trend Trading, Guppy Trading and seven other trading books. Four books are also available in Chinese. He has developed several leading technical indicators used by traders in stock, derivative and currency markets. He is a weekly financial columnist in Singapore's TheEdge, China Daily and Shanghai Security News. He is recognized as a leading expert on China markets. He has spoken in more than 17 countries.





Saturday, October 13th

11:00 – 12:00

Presentation Abstract

A Journey Through Automated Trading

In recent years the cost and complexity of building fully automated trading systems has fallen sharply, opening up the possibility of building more sophisticated trading strategies and allowing the trader to spend more time researching and less time executing. In this presentation James shows the challenges faced building a live fully automated trading system. We will explore the technologies and research methods needed to exploit higher frequency time frames and to scale trading strategies.

Speaker Profile

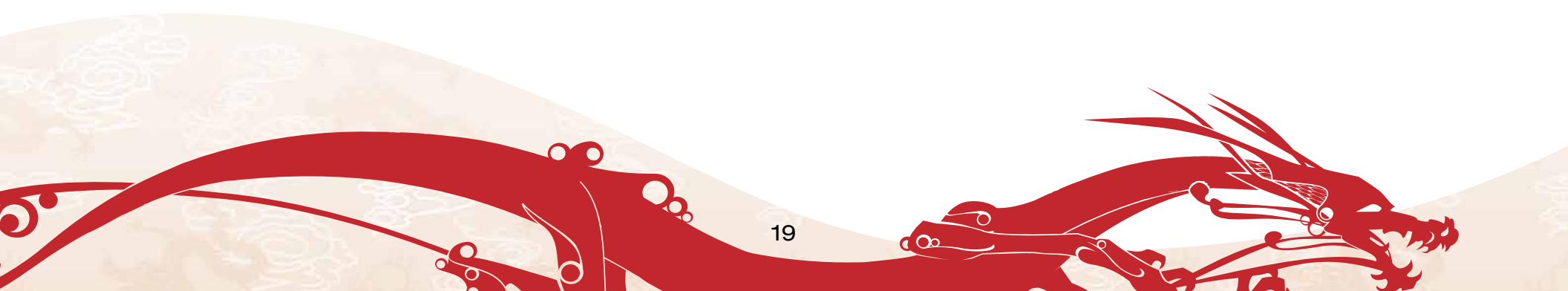
James Isilay

—Axp0 Trading AG, Zurich, Switzerland



James Isilay, STA, is an Algorithmic Trader working for Axpo Trading AG in Switzerland. He started his career at UBS in 2001 as an FX Technologist, later moving into a Front Office role in commodities. In 2009 he joined Axpo/EGL in Switzerland working as a Quantitative Analyst covering European Energy Markets. After completing his STA diploma in 2010, he began to provide Technical Analysis support to

Axpo traders; this role eventually evolved into setting up a new Algorithmic Trading Desk with a focus on trading technical/quantitative strategies. The algorithmic trading desk currently trades a mix of fully and semi-automated trading strategies on German Power, Carbon, ICE Gasoil and ICE Brent Oil. James graduated from Imperial College in 2001 with a MEng in Information Systems Engineering.





Saturday, October 13th

13:00 – 14:00 POWER HOUR (Method)

Presentation Abstract

Power Hour: Technical Analysis Based Strategies That May Be Successful in the Near Term

The diversity of financial instruments in financial markets continues to grow. Increasingly mathematical algorithms, computing resources and network technologies are being applied. Risks abound, and diversity and complexity continues to increase. How will Technical Analysis adapt and develop? In what areas should a Technical Analyst focus the development of their personal skill set? Where are the best opportunities in the near term?

Six highly experience analysts will give you their short, sharp and candid view of near term prospects. Where are the “black swans” hiding? Where are the areas of opportunity?

This session will be conducted under the “Chatham House Rule”. (*When a meeting or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.*) This “Power Hour” will not be recorded and the slides used will not be published.

The following Speakers will share their views

Speakers (No order at this stage)

Gregor Bauer Ph.D.

Professor Hank Pruden

Muhamad Alfatih, CFTe

Rolf Wetzler Ph.D.

Tom Dorsey

Jacinta Chan Ph.D.

Gregor Bauer Ph.D.

—VTAD, IFTA Director, Wiesbaden, Germany



Gregor Bauer works as an independent asset manager for private clients and companies in Germany. He is also the President of the German Association of Technical Analysts

www.VTAD.de. Gregor authored two books on technical analysis and covers a regular technical outlook on German TV. He also writes articles on a regular basis for leading financial newspapers. He is specialized in applying advanced candlestick techniques in combination with traditional western techniques. Gregor holds lectures in Portfolio Management and Technical Analysis at various elite Universities in Germany and Liechtenstein and runs seminars and workshops on Technical Analysis for institutional Investors.

Together with a partner he successfully runs a computer based, medium term ETF Trading System, which is now also open for institutional Investors. Gregor serves on the board of directors of IFTA as a member of the execution committee, and in his capacity as Exam Management Director he oversees the exam administration and is responsible for structuring the exams. For further information please visit: www.drbauger-consult.de or follow him on facebook.

Professor Hank Pruden

—Executive Director, Institute of Technical Market Analysis, San Francisco, CA USA



Hank Pruden is a leading technical analyst with more than 20 years of active trading experience. Hank is currently Executive Director of the institute of Technical Market Analysis and on the board of

directors of the Technical Securities Analysts Association of San Francisco. He is also a professor at Golden Gate University in San Francisco where he has taught technical analysis for 30 years. Hank has served on the board of the Market Technicians Association and served as Vice Chair of the International Federation of Technical Analysts. His book: *The Three Skills of Top Trading* is published by Wiley & Sons, 2007. Website: www.ggu.edu



Saturday, October 13th

13:00 – 14:00 POWER HOUR (Method) *continued*

Muhamad Alfatih, CFTe

—AATI, Vice President, PT Samuel Sekuritas Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia



Muhamad Alfatih has been using technical analysis for around 20 years as an investor, broker, analyst and instructor. As a professional technical

analyst, he has been working in securities companies with significant exposure to retail investors, institutional investors, as well as high net-worth investors. As an instructor, Muhamad has been invited as a guest lecturer in distinguished post-graduate business schools, such as Institut Pengembangan Manajemen Indonesia (IPMI), PPM Manajemen, Prasetiya Mulya, MBA-ITB, SBM ITB, iBii, and also in other respected education institutions such as STAN, TICMI, CSA, etc. His views are also quoted by leading newspapers, and also radio and televisions stations within Indonesia. He is one of the founders of AATI (Asosiasi Analis Teknikal Indonesia) in 2000.

Rolf Wetzter Ph.D.

—Manager, Bonds and Rule Controlled Investments Bank Sarasin, Basel, Switzerland



Rolf heads two departments at Bank Sarasin's institutional asset management in Basel, Switzerland: Bonds and Rule Controlled

Investments. He is also a Lecturer in Quantitative Trading Strategies at Technical University of Berlin and Toulouse Business School. Prior to this, he was a Senior Fund Manager for foreign exchange and interest rate funds at Munich Re Asset Management in Munich, Germany. Before this Rolf worked at Dresdner Asset Management as a Portfolio Manager for both balanced and fixed income portfolios.

Rolf holds a Ph.D. in econometrics from Technical University of Berlin and graduate degrees in Business Administration from both Technical University of Berlin, Germany and the Toulouse Business School, France. He was awarded by the VTAD (German IFTA society) as best German Technical Analyst in 2006 and was runner up in 2007. Rolf is a member of the Swiss Association of Market Technicians (SAMT) and the German Statistical Society.

Tom Dorsey

—Dorsey Wright & Associates
Richmond, VA, USA



Tom Dorsey began his financial career as a stockbroker at Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith in 1974 and then was offered the opportunity to manage the

Options Strategy Department at Wheat, First Securities. In January 1987, he left Wheat, First Securities to start Dorsey, Wright & Associates as an outsourced Options Strategy firm. After the crash, Tom realized that the Options business would never be the same. He changed the company's focus from an options strategy firm to an equity technical analysis research company, primarily because any option strategy first begins with researching the underlying stock. Today the company employs 16 people with clients spanning the globe, in addition to managing over \$2 Billion in assets through Separately Managed Accounts, Annuities, Mutual Funds, and Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs). Tom has 37 years of experience in the financial services business and is the author of numerous books on the Point & Figure methodology as well as motivational books. He is an award winning speaker having taught the Point & Figure methodology throughout the world.

Jacinta Chan Ph.D.

—Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Dr. Jacinta Chan is an equity dealer and futures broker representative. She has a Ph.D. in financial statistics and her research is focused on adjustable trading algorithm systems

tested on futures. She has had a corporate job as a senior vice president of derivatives sales and likes to share the knowledge and skills that she has gained on the professional dealing desk with retail investors. Her working experiences include responsibilities of a foreign exchange dealer in a bank, equity research analyst in a securities firm, product development of futures contracts in the futures exchange and dealer and futures broker representative in an investment bank. She is the author of a number of technical analysis books including best selling Everything Technical Analysis, published by Prentice Hall, The Financial Times Guide to Technical Analysis: How to Trade Like a Professional, published by Financial Times Prentice Hall.



Conference Fees

	BEFORE September 1, 2012 (if places still available)		AFTER September 1, 2012 (if places still available)		On-site (if places still available)	
	IFTA Member	Non-IFTA Member	IFTA Member	Non-IFTA Member	IFTA Member	Non-IFTA Member
Conference Registration <i>Three days attendance at the Conference, evening entertainment on Thursday and Saturday</i>	USD 1,190	USD 1,530	USD 1,340	USD 1,680	USD 1,500	USD 1,850
Day-Only Registration fees <i>Attendance at the Conference all day-time activities only. This registration does not include the Thursday and Saturday evening dinners.</i>	USD 920	USD 1,200	USD 1,020	USD 1,300	USD 1,200	USD 1,500

	Anyone
Partner Program Registration <i>Evening entertainment on Thursday and Saturday, conducted activities on Thursday and Friday</i>	USD 480

	Delegates Requiring Japanese Translation
Surcharge for English—Japanese “live” translation <i>For NTAA Members we are attempting to provide “live” English Japanese translation at all presentation sessions. (NTAA will coordinate with Japanese IFTA Colleagues)</i>	USD 100

To visit the IFTA Conference website: [Click Here](#)

To secure your place at the IFTA Conference use the IFTA electronic sign up and payment form: [Click Here](#)

Refund Policy

For any necessary cancellations prior to 10 September 2012, IFTA will refund 93% of the conference fee paid. For cancellations after this date there will be no refund.

Discounts Available

Discounts may be available for some non-IFTA delegates. A number of our Sponsors have clients and associates who are not currently members of an IFTA Member Society. These clients and associates may be eligible for a significant discount. Please contact the Sponsor concerned and request their “discount code”. Then proceed to the registration form and insert the “discount code”.



Singapore

General

Singapore is a very modern, highly developed City/State. It is clean, orderly, safe and people are polite and helpful. Food and water are safe everywhere and public transport and taxis are efficient. Service and public amenities are good.

Getting there

Singapore is a major airline hub. The Changi airport is large and modern. All services are efficient.

Visas

Many countries have bi-lateral agreements with Singapore and visas are not required for short stays. However, you should undertake your own due diligence about visa requirements. The Singapore Immigration and Checkpoints Authority has a website: <http://www.ica.gov.sg>
If you are enrolling in the “Partner Program,” check if you need a visa to enter Malaysia as one of the outings will cross the border.

Money

The currency is the Singapore Dollar (SGD), typically with a conversion rate of SGD 1.25 – USD 1.00. Automatic Teller Machines are readily available.

Tipping

Tipping is not expected in most places. Many higher end hotels and restaurants quote a price as SGD 100.00+-. The “+-” indicates that a 10% service charge and GST of 7% will be added to the account. Where a service charge is added tipping may actually be prohibited.

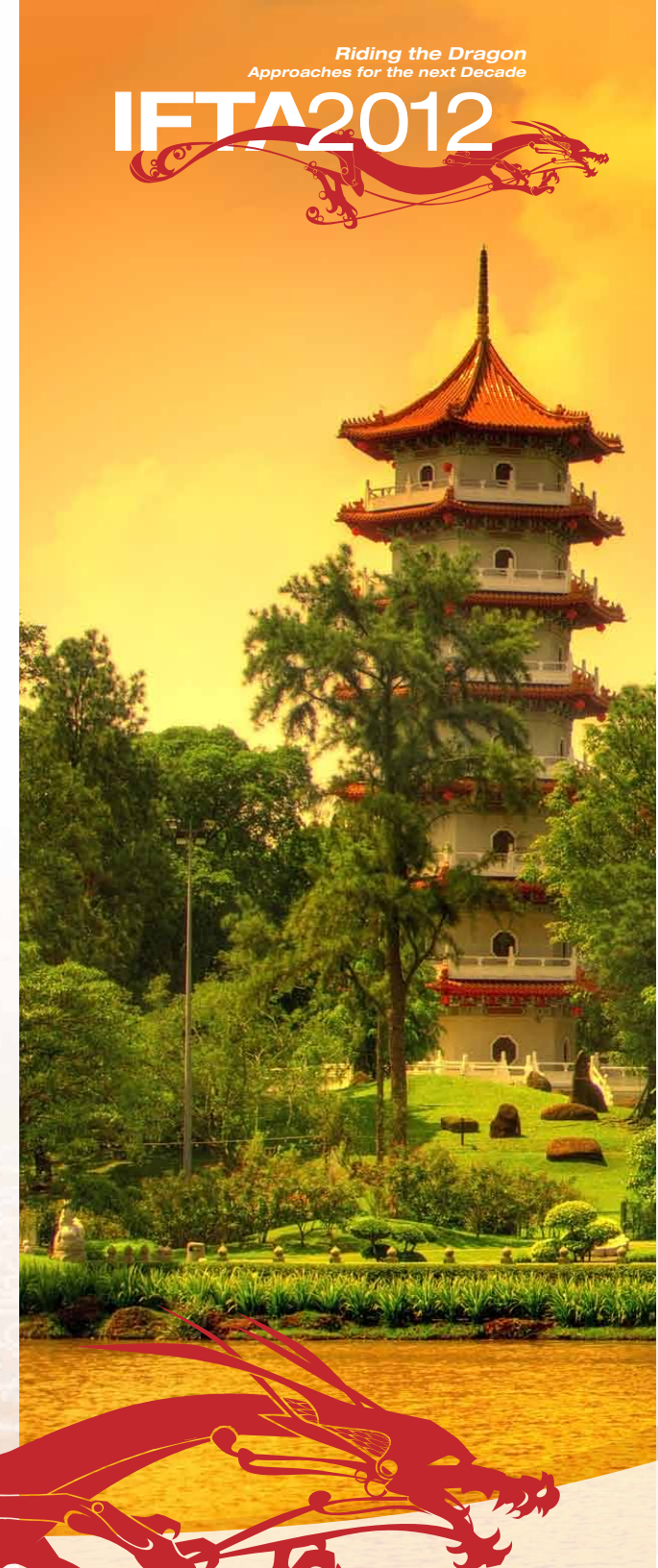
Tourist Activities

If you are coming to Singapore do your own research on the internet. Singapore has much to see and experience. You can start here with the Singapore Tourist Promotion website: [Click here](#)

Travel to other Places

If you are visiting Singapore from other parts of the World why not consider a detour to some of the other interesting places in the Asia/Pacific region. Here are some air travel times that may interest you:

	Flight time
Singapore – Tokyo	6 hrs, 45 min
Singapore – Beijing	6 hrs, 10 min
Singapore – Hong Kong	3 hrs, 45 min
Singapore – Manila	3 hrs, 25 min
Singapore – Bangkok	2 hrs, 25 min
Singapore – Kuala Lumpur	0 hrs, 55 min
Singapore – New Delhi	5 hrs, 35 min
Singapore – Jakarta	1 hrs, 45 min
Singapore – Perth	5 hrs, 10 min
Singapore – Sydney	7 hrs, 30 min





Partner Program

Two day tours are planned, along with a free travel (but assisted) day on Saturday.

Thursday, October 11

On Thursday, a 6.0 hour tour of Singapore is planned. The tour will explore the rich cultural heritage of the Singapore City/State and the enormous development since independence. Singapore is a peaceful, orderly, multi-racial society with many communities, cultures and religions. Beyond just co-existing with one another, there is mutual respect. The tour will explore the many facets of Chinatown; Kampong Glam—the majestic Sultan Mosque, Little India, lunch at the Bumbu Restaurant (Indonesian Thai cuisine); Waterloo Street (many temples, many flower sellers and a rich heritage dating back 100's of years); and Katong/Joo Chait (a delightful historic neighbourhood).

Friday, October 12

On Friday, a 6.5 hour trip from Singapore into Malaysia to Johor Bahru. Johor Bahru is the capital city of the Malaysian state of Johore and is also the second largest city in the country after the capital, Kuala Lumpur. The trip is a Cultural Tour and will showcase the way of life. There will be a visit to the Sultan Ab Mosque, the Sultan Ibrahim Building, a Muslim cemetery and an educational visit to the Royal Mausoleum. Demonstrations of Batik painting and the Teh Tarik (Malaysian Tea) process will be shown. A lunch in local surroundings will be provided. **Please make sure to bring your Passport and, before you arrive in Singapore, check that you Passport will allow you to visit Malaysia. A small number of Passport holders may need to obtain a visa for Malaysia.**

Saturday, October 13

On Saturday, we suggest that all our Partners follow their own interests. You may choose to join with others to go shopping, visit the Botanical Gardens or re-visit some of the sights seen the day previously. Singapore is safe, compact and easy to travel about. It is also a good walking city. We will have a range of brochures and will also arrange Concierge assistance.

The Partner Program also includes all evening activities on Thursday and Saturday.



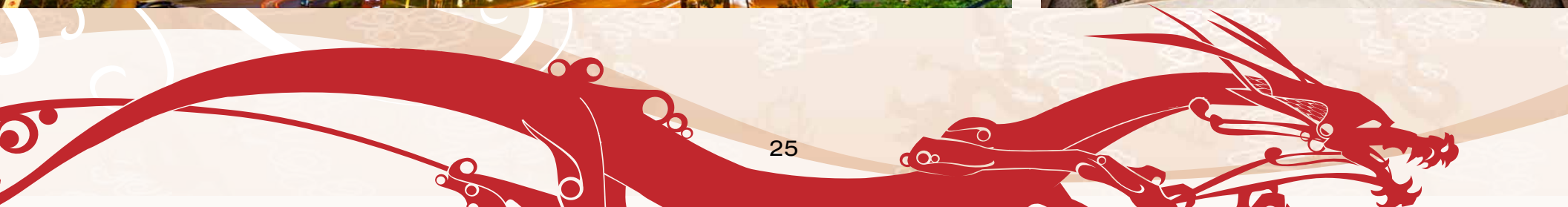
Hotel and Travel

Conference Location and Facilities

The IFTA Conference is being held at the Marina Mandarin Hotel. The Marina Mandarin is a 5-star hotel with excellent meeting and guest facilities.

The Conference Hall, Luncheon Room and Sponsors displays are all adjacent to each other. There will be first class Audio Visual facilities and the Marina Mandarin is renowned for their attention to detail in the support of conferences.

The public areas of the hotel are large and impressive. We will be arranging many informal gatherings after the Conference concludes at 5:00 pm.



Hotel and Travel

Marina Mandarin Hotel (the Conference Venue)

IFTA has negotiated the following room rates:

Deluxe Room: SGD 350.00

Including: Buffet Breakfast for one, (additional breakfast, SGD 35.00)
Internet in-room access (one IP address)

Note: These prices do not include 7% GST and 10% Service Charge to be added. Accommodation in Singapore is likely to be “tight” in October.

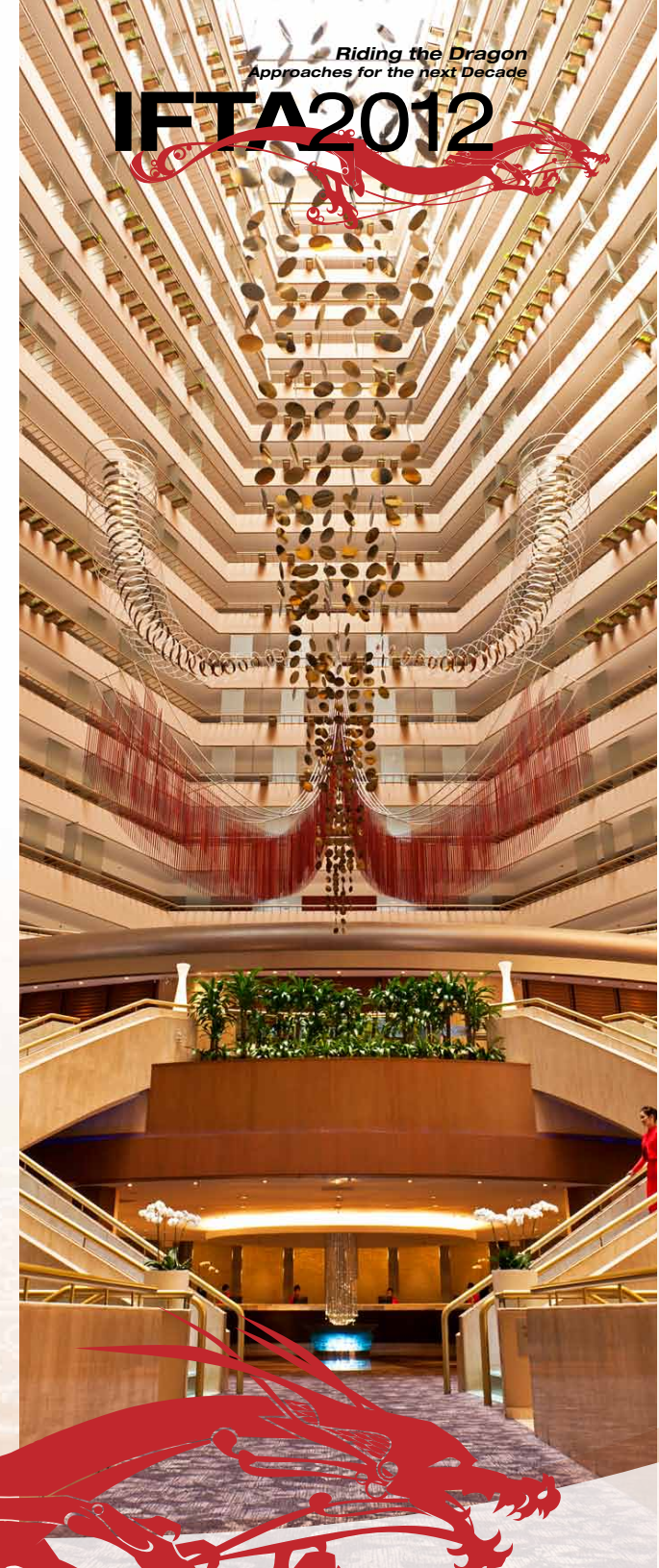
IFTA has secured 80 reserved rooms (only) for the period of the conference including several days before and several days after. Please book early if you wish to enjoy the convenience of staying at the Conference hotel.

The Marina Mandarin, Singapore is a 5-star luxury hotel, located next to Suntec Convention & Exhibition Centre with access to Marina Square shopping mall. It is 20 minutes away from the Singapore Changi Airport by taxi.

The hotel boasts 575 luxurious rooms and suites, a variety of dining options, comprehensive spa and 24-hour fitness and pool facilities. The 24-hour Executive Centre offers a range of services, including high-speed wireless or broadband Internet access.

To book using the IFTA special rate: [Marina-Mandarin-IFTA](#) (Remember to edit the dates, and then note that the GST is shown in the cost summary but the 10% service charge is not. This will be added at checkout).

If you require a room of a different standard contact the Marina Mandarin (quote “IFTA”) through the details on their “Contact Us” page: [Marina-Mandarin-Contact-Us](#)



Hotel and Travel

Additional Hotels

Accommodation in Singapore is likely to be “tight” in October. In addition to the Conference Hotel, IFTA have arranged for accommodation to be reserved at several other hotels relatively close. Some are more expensive, others slightly less.

The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia, Singapore

IFTA has negotiated the following room rates:

Deluxe Room: SGD 385.00 (Single) / SGD 410.00 (Double)

Including: Buffet Breakfast
Internet in-room access (one IP address)

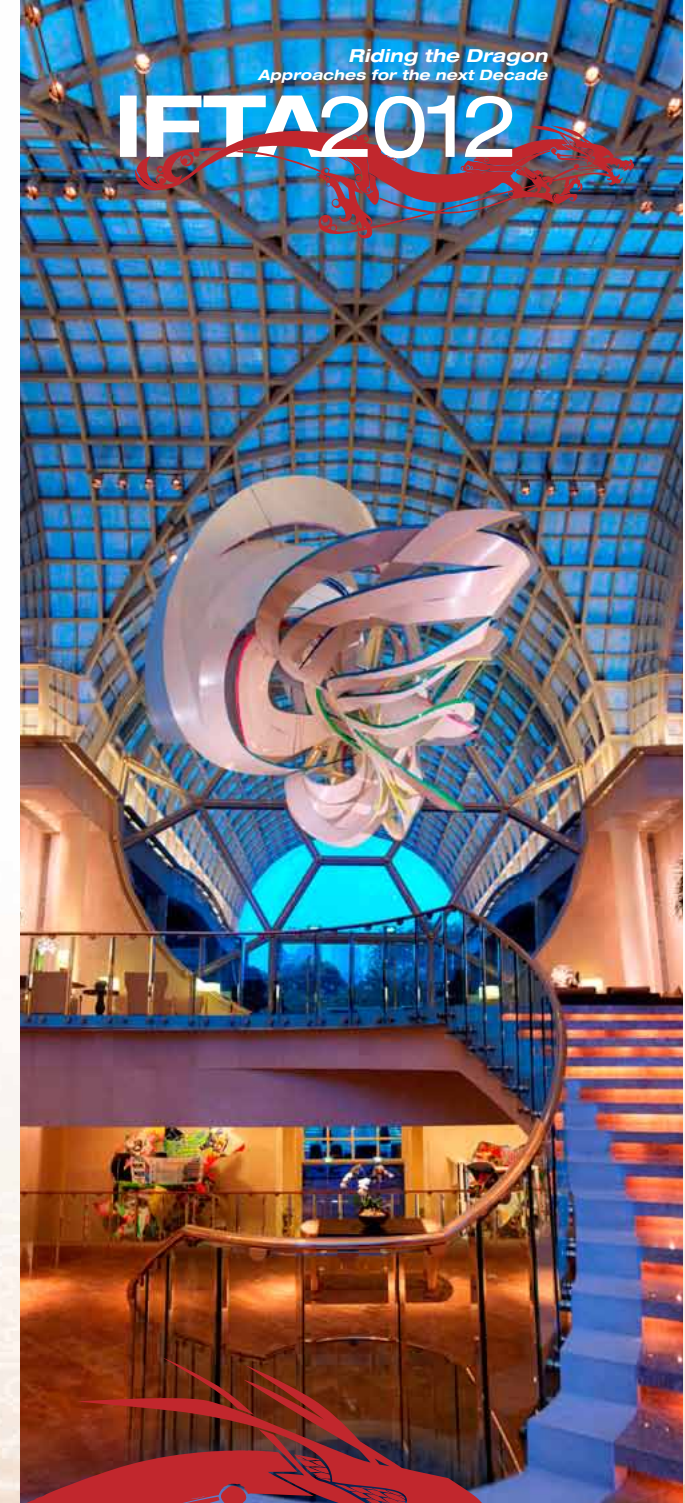
Note: These prices do not include 7% GST and 10% Service Charge to be added.

The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore offers 608 newly-refurbished guest rooms and suites, all featuring stunning views, contemporary furnishings and state-of-the-art technology. The 32-storey hotel is strategically located in the heart of Marina Bay, Singapore's designated new downtown core, offering a mix of commercial, retail, entertainment and recreational facilities. It is also easily accessible to Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre by foot, fully sheltered, and is within a short scenic stroll to exciting attractions such as the Singapore Flyer and Integrated Resort. The hotel is 20 minutes away from Changi International Airport and 15 minutes away from Singapore Expo. The famous shopping belt—Orchard Road—is just a few minutes drive from the hotel.

The Ritz-Carlton is (approx) a 5 to 7 minute walk from the Marina Mandarin Conference Hotel.
Review The Ritz-Carlton general website: [The Ritz-Carlton, Singapore](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/singapore)

Make your reservation using The Ritz-Carlton Web link: [Ritz-Carlton-Reservation-Web](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/singapore/reservations) or using the Reservation Form: [Ritz-Carlton-Reservations](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/singapore/reservations)

Note: The hotel will assist to send individual confirmation letters to the guests to reiterate the cancellation, no-show and shortening of stay clause.



Hotel and Travel

Additional Hotels

Hotel Grand Park—City Hall

IFTA has negotiated the following room rates:

Superior Room: SGD 275.00 (Single) / SGD 295.00 (Twin)

Deluxe Room: SGD 305.00 (Single) / SGD 325.00 (Twin)

Including: Buffet Breakfast
Internet in-room access (one IP address)

Note: These prices do not include 7% GST and 10% Service Charge to be added.

Grand Park City Hall, a 5-star hotel in Singapore, is an architectural gem occupying a prime spot in Singapore's Civic District. While the hotel's harmonious integration of century-old conservation shophouses with modern architectural style has earned them the prestigious Architectural Heritage Award, their impeccable service has won the hearts of many who have stepped through the doors of this 10-storey atrium hotel.

The Grand Park—City Hall is (approx) a 16 minute walk, 12 minute bus or 5 minute taxi, from the Marina Mandarin Conference Hotel. There is also a free shuttle bus that delivers guests nearby at scheduled times.

Review the Hotel Grand Park general website: [Grand-Park-City-Hall](http://www.grandparkcityhall.com)

Make your reservation using the Hotel Grand Park Reservation Form here: [Grand-Park-Reservations](http://www.grandparkcityhall.com/reservations)

Hotel Conrad, Centennial, Singapore

IFTA has negotiated the following room rates:

Business Floor room: SGD 360.00 (Single) / SGD 390.00 (Twin)

Executive Floor room: SGD 420.00 (Single) / SGD 470.00 (Twin)

Including: Buffet Breakfast
Internet in-room access (one IP address)

Note: These prices do not include 7% GST and 10% Service Charge to be added.

Discover a world of style and experience memorable service in the Conrad Centennial, our multi-award winning Singapore hotel. Expect elegant surrounds and world-class amenities in the heart of prestigious Marina Bay.

The Conrad is (approx) a 3 minute walk from the Marina Mandarin Conference Hotel. Review The Conrad general website: [The-Conrad-Singapore](http://www.conrad.com)

Make your reservation using the Conrad Centennial Reservation Form here: [Conrad-Reservations](http://www.conrad.com/reservations)

About IFTA

The International Federation of Technical Analysts Inc.



The International Federation of Technical Analysis is a non-profit federation of over thirty individual country societies who individually and jointly dedicate themselves to:

- **Research, education, camaraderie and dissemination** of technical analysis of world markets. The IFTA societies support sharing technical analytical methodology that at its highest level is a valid, and often-indispensable element in the formulation of a reasonable basis for investment decisions.
- **Promotion of the highest standards of professional conduct**, international cooperation and scholarship between all its Member and Developing Societies within all arenas of technical analysis.
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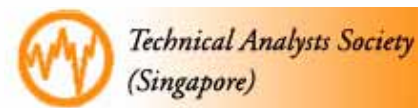
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