



Zug Commodity Association
Online Event – Thursday, 24 September 2020
2.00-3.30 pm / CET

Trade and Commodity Finance:
Up for a major global overhaul?

Banks freeze. What's next?

- Does regulation have to do with it?
- Fraud in the commodities market: Agritrade, Hin Leong, Zen Rock, Phoenix Commodities, GP Global: too much for the market to bear?
- Are we in for a Paradigm shift?
- Who will fund trade? At what terms?
- Alternative credit providers
- Digitalization a solution?
- What about trade & commodity hubs? What does it take to be successful? Is re-onshoring in the cards? Europe fights back?



Moderator



Harris Antoniou

Harris is currently Partner and Member of the Board of Advent Technologies Inc., a leading producer of fuel cells and core materials, components and processes that will revolutionize the energy sector. He has held various executive and management positions in leading institutions in the financial sector over the last 25 years. He served as Chief Executive Officer of Amsterdam Trade Bank from March 2016 to February 2020. Previously he was the CEO of AMCI - a private group that focusses in mining, trading, transportation, and private equity investments. Between 2009 and 2013 he was the Managing Director of Energy, Commodities and Transportation of ABN AMRO. Harris is passionate about technology, education and digital transformation. He was one of the first signatories of the Poseidon Principles, a supporter of United World Colleges in the Netherlands, and member of Abundance 360. He is a graduate of University of Piraeus, holds an MBA from Rotterdam School of Management (Erasmus University) and completed the General Management Program of Harvard Business School.

Panelists



Wouter Jacobs

Dr. Wouter Jacobs joined Erasmus UPT of the Erasmus School of Economics (ESE) as Senior Researcher late 2014. He will continue his work on commodity trading and the maritime business service sector. At Erasmus UPT Wouter is involved as lecturer in the UPT-minor (Port Cities and Regional Development) and as coach in the Masters Seminar 'Ports and Global Logistics'. Wouter is currently active as Academic Director Executive Programme Leadership Commodity Trade and Supply Networks and as Academic Director Study Abroad Programme Maritime Studies Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. Wouter holds a PhD (2007) in Management Sciences from the Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands. His PhD deals with the 'Political Economy of Port Competition' and provides empirical analysis of institutionalized practices in the port management of Rotterdam, Dubai and Los Angeles-Long Beach. Wouter has published widely in international academic peer reviewed journals and offers international business intelligence with over 100 in depth interviews with senior managers and business leaders in trade, shipping and related business service industries in Europe and beyond.



John MacNamara

Mac is currently the CEO of Carshalton Commodities Ltd, a consultancy in the commodity trade finance sector working with banks, funds, commodity corporates, insurers and lawyers. He's also the current Chairman of the London Trade Roundtable, and Chairman of Trade Finance Rhino Ltd, a Trade Finance training company, and is well known as an author, trainer, presenter and commentator on Commodity Trade Finance matters. He set up and ran globally the Structured Commodity Trade Finance team at Deutsche Bank for 20 years, and has worked for banks and commodity traders since 1982. He has an MA from Cambridge University, a Green Beret from the Royal Marines Commandos, and lives in fear of his Scottish wife and 3 grown up daughters.



Stephan Jansma

Stephan Jansma joined Trafigura in August 2013 as Group Head of Structured and Trade Finance. For almost 15 years, Stephan has focused on commodity finance activities in wholesale banking. Previously Stephan held positions with Rabobank, initially as Head of Energy Asia before moving to London to lead the Trade & Commodity Finance activities while also assuming global responsibility for energy within the Trade & Commodity Finance division. During his time at Rabobank, Stephan had also been responsible for acquisition finance, private equity and client solutions. Prior to joining Rabobank, Stephan worked for Fortis Bank, first managing chemicals and energy in Amsterdam before moving onto more senior positions in London and Singapore. He is a graduate of the University of Amsterdam with a Masters in Economics.

Venue

Online via Zoom

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Date/Time

Thursday, 24 September 2020 / 14.00 – 15.30 o'clock

Admission

Free of charge

Registration

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