



**BMO Global Asset
Management**

The Value of ESG Integration and Engagement in Global Emerging Markets Equities

The workshop will provide participants with an overview on the risks and opportunities in investing in Global Emerging Markets from a bottom-up perspective. It will provide evidence to why ESG integration and engagement is critical for long-term investors, and why investors need to be pragmatic in ensuring that businesses' are 'future-proofed' in ESG practices, leading to a superior risk and return profile of the strategy.

BMO Global Asset Management

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Gokce Bulut

Gokce Bulut joined LGM Investments in May 2017. While with LGM he has worked as an analyst on the Frontier Fund and is now the Portfolio Manager for the Responsible GEM Strategy. Prior to LGM, Gokce worked for First State Stewart Asia in Hong Kong and Stewart Investors in Edinburgh. He started as a Global Emerging Markets generalist with wide research and investment responsibilities and expanded his coverage to Asia Pacific Markets and Global Equities. During his time in Edinburgh, Gokce gained a significant amount of experience in responsible investing by being very involved in idea generation across the sustainable strategies. He was appointed as a representative on the Responsible Investment Committee of First State Investment. While in Hong Kong, he progressed to running a successful internal GEM fund and also led an initiative to establish a company engagement sub-group, improving sustainability integration across the funds. He received his undergraduate degree from Copenhagen Business School and post graduate degree from University of Durham.

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