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Moderator:



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Pesek's columns routinely appear in the International Herald Tribune, Sydney Morning Herald, New York Post, The Straits Times, The Japan Times and many other publications around the globe. He writes a monthly column for Bloomberg Markets magazine and is a regular on Bloomberg Television. He is winner most recently of the Society of American Business Editors and Writers (SABEW)'s 2010 award for commentary.

He's worked previously as a columnist for Barron's, the Dow Jones weekly magazine, in Washington, writing about global economics, politics, markets, the Federal Reserve, U.S. Treasury Department, International Monetary Fund and World Bank. Before that, Pesek worked at Dow Jones Newswires in New York covering economics, companies and markets. There, where he wrote the daily credit markets column for The Wall Street Journal for three years in the mid-1990s. Prior to that, he was a reporter at the American Banker and The Bond Buyers newspapers in New York.

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Guest panelists:

Mr. Kenji Abe, PhD, DIRECTOR, Japan Equity Strategist at Citi Research.

He joined Citi Research in 2010. Mr. Abe began his career at the Ministry of Finance in 1998 and was involved in foreign exchange policy at the ministry's international bureau. He then worked at Lehman Brothers and Nomura Securities after earning a PhD in economics from Johns Hopkins University in 2007. Mr. Abe received his undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Tokyo.

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Yuka Hayashi, Tokyo Correspondent, The Wall Street Journal

Yuka Hayashi has been a Tokyo correspondent for the Wall Street Journal since 2004. Her areas of coverage include politics, economy, diplomacy and national security. As a member of the paper's special team, she covered the aftermath of the nuclear accident in Fukushima in 2011. Before joining the Journal, she worked for Dow Jones Newswires and Reuters in New York and Tokyo. Yuka studied economics at Waseda and journalism at Columbia. She lives in Tokyo, her native city, with her husband and two children.



Christian Howes, Director of Research Marketing, Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Research, Tokyo

Christian Howes has lived Japan for multiple year stints since the 1960s. His first professional work in Japan was for the Canadian government at the 1985 Tsukuba World Exposition. After that he established a consulting practice advising North American companies about the then booming Japanese market. Since 1987 he has focused exclusively on Japanese securities markets. He has done Japanese institutional sales in Tokyo, New York and Toronto. He has also spent a total of more than six years in the Bank of America Merrill Lynch research department focused on the development and marketing of research for investors in Japan and abroad. He studied Asian studies and business at McGill University in Montreal Canada.