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**Hasan Apaydin** is a highly experienced International Trade and Finance Specialist. He has headed the Trade Operations of HSBC in Turkey and developed trade finance and treasury operations with several banks in Turkey.

He is a member of the Banking Commission of ICC Turkey and a Member of the ICC's Financial Crimes Task Force, the Global Supply Chain Forum, and the Sustainability Task Force.

He has delivered training for ICC Turkey on ICC Trade Rules, Management of Correspondent Banking and Compliance.



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### Çağatay Baydar

Vice-Chairman  
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**Çağatay Baydar** has 35 years of professional experience in financial institutions, such as banking, factoring, leasing, real estate development and auditing. He has been working for the factoring industry for over 32 years, being one of the pioneers who introduced factoring to Turkey.

Presently, he is the Executive Chairman of TEB Factoring, the largest export factor of Turkey, one of the biggest of the world and a joint venture of a worldwide financial group, BNP Paribas. TEB Faktoring has been chosen seven times “The Best Export Factor” of the year by the members of FCI.

Çağatay Baydar is the former chairman of FCI between the years 2011 – 2013, 2016 – 2019 and actually the Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee of FCI, the biggest factoring chain of the world.



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## Steven Beck

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**Steven Beck** is the head of trade and supply chain finance at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). In his fifteen years at the ADB, he has managed exponential growth of the bank's trade finance business and implemented its first supply-chain finance business.

While at the ADB, Steven initiated a tool that maps the entire supply chain for COVID-related goods to address shortages. He initiated the Trade Finance Register of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), which compiles the only industry-wide statistics on trade-finance default and loss rates. These statistics underpinned changes to the Basel III regulations, freeing billions of dollars to support trade in emerging markets. He created the ADB led study that, for the first time, quantified trade finance market gaps and their impact on economic growth and jobs. Under Steven's leadership, a gender audit was conducted of ADB partner commercial banks to develop specific recommendations to attract, retain, and promote more women in banking.

Steven undertook several initiatives to make global trade and supply chains more resilient through digitization, including establishing the Digital Standards Initiative in partnership with the Government of Singapore and the ICC.

He began his career with roles as a special assistant to the Canadian minister for international trade and as a senior manager at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC). He left CIBC to help start up a new multilateral development bank, the Black Sea Trade & Development Bank (BSTDB), which focused on economic development in Türkiye, Russia and countries of the former Soviet Union. Following BSTDB, he took up roles as a senior consultant, including work with the United States Agency for International Development in southern Africa.

Steven is on the Governing Board of the Digital Standards Initiative. He is a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Working Group for Trade Finance.

He has an M.A. from the Fletcher School at Tufts University, USA and a B.A. from Queen's University, Canada.

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**Aysen Cetintas** is the Education Director of FCI, specialist in receivables finance and speaker at international conferences. She joined FCI in 2008, in charge of FCI's education programmes. Her area of responsibility encompasses implementing the FCI strategy, by giving dedicated focus to the development and implementation of the educational tools for the chain, organising all FCI courses and related workshops/seminars, conducting training events and guiding new members in the process of setting up for the factoring business.

Aysen has 30 years of experience in the factoring and receivables finance industry – business development, client management, risk management and operations - at managerial level in various factoring companies and banks.

Between 2006 and 2008 she led several factoring projects as overseeing setting up of new factoring operations (feasibility study, documentation, formulation of operation and credit procedures, conducting training classes) in Ukraine, Russia, Hungary, Romania, Serbia and Czech Republic.

Aysen holds a BA degree in Political Science and International Relations from Bosphorus University, Turkey.



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**Vera Economou** is leading ESG Group Competence Center and coordinates corporate ESG experts across Network Banks at RBI. She has responsibility to manage green and social loan portfolios that support RBI Green and Social Bond issuance and to coordinate a cross-national team of sustainable finance experts in CEE region. She gained international experience in Hong Kong as international business consultant (4 years) and joined RBI in 2011.

Ms. Economou received her master's degree in quantitative Assets and Risk Management from FH des BFI Wien and her MBA Finance from WU Executive Academy with international residency at Harvard University in Boston. In addition, she is CESGA certified ESG analyst from EFFAS. She is an author of research article on Responsible Global Leadership.

As the ESG advisor she supports customers' transition to responsible and sustainable business model and strategy, green, social and sustainable bonds framework development; KPI finance structuring, green washing prevention processes, ESG contribution assessment of financed projects, ESG strategy and transformation journey to achieve overall bank carbon neutrality.



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**Laurence Vannut Genee** is a Principal Safeguards Specialist with ADB Private Sector Operations Department (PSOD) and is a focal safeguards person for Financial Intermediaries (FI) at PSOD, including Trade and Supply Chain Finance Programmes.

She holds a Postgraduate Master of Science in Environmental Protection from Technical University of Vienna, Austria; a Master of Science in Construction Management from University of Bath, UK; and a Bachelor of Engineering in Construction Engineering from King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, Thailand.

Ms. Genee joined ADB as Senior Safeguards Specialist in the Private Sector Operations Department in 2019. Prior to joining ADB, Ms. Genee worked at Environmental Resources Management (ERM) as Principal Environmental and Sustainability Consultant leading ERM's Corporate Advisory and Transaction Services Team and served as ADB's key client manager.



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**Amna Hasan** is currently the Country Head Investment Banking & Financial Institutions at Askari Bank Limited, one of the fastest growing banks of Pakistan. She has 21 years of extensive experience in Project Advisory & Structured Finance, Debt & Equity capital Markets and Corporate & Investment Banking. Earlier, she was associated with MCB Bank Limited for 15 years in Corporate and Investment Banking and in this capacity closed more than 250 diversified Investment Banking deals amounting to USD 16,000 Mn. As Corporate Head South in MCB, she was managing a portfolio of over PKR 300 Bn comprising of over 150 relationships from multinational and local corporates

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**Hojamurod Hojaev** is Manager for CIS Region and Türkiye at International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), trade finance arm of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group. Hojamurod joined IsDB Group in 2015 and for last five years he has been engaged in the expansion of ITFC Islamic trade finance solutions into CIS Region. Currently, Hojamurod is leading the growth of ITFC private sector portfolio in CIS countries and Türkiye. Hojamurod has been in development banking sphere for last 12 years, where in addition to IsDB Group, he also worked for IFC and EBRD. He is passionate about ESG investing, role of SDGs in socio-economic development, SME financing, Green finance, Islamic finance and supporting women entrepreneurship.



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Inal Kishmariya is a Sustainable Fitch analyst, working in the ESG ratings team. Inal covers a portfolio of banks and insurance companies in EMEA and North American regions. He has over 5 years of experience in financial services across due diligence and ESG analysis of the financial institutions along with expertise in credit ratings.

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**Ana Kavtaradze** is an Advisor to BASISBANK Georgia, in charge of Strategic Business Development of the Bank. With 16+ years' experience in trade finance, supply chain finance (SCF), global banking, client relationship management, business strategy formulation, as well as cutting-edge innovation and digitalization Ana has expanded Global Banking network bringing in full scope business cooperation opportunities including Funding, Trade and Supply Chain Finance, Treasury, and Correspondent Banking. With a performance driven and resourceful leadership in her capacity leading Trade & Structured Finance Business at Georgia's over a decade Ana liaised multi-cultural stakeholders/customers, with a focus on managing/expanding business with global banks, IFI's, rule makers across the world in the domain of Global Banking. Laterally to her Banking carrier, in her private consultancy capacity.

Ana provides technical advisory to Private and Public Sectors worldwide with primary focus on Digitalization, Trade Finance, Transport, Logistics and Customs, Export Finance, Supply Chain Finance, Global Banking Solutions. Ana has been a regular provider of workshops and webinars globally for corporates, SME's, trade finance professionals, bankers as well as government agencies and regulators.

Ana has broad experience cooperating with global commercial banks and financial institution and strong knowledge and coverage of regional business environment. Over the years, she has been a frequent speaker at Global Banking events and conferences worldwide. Ana headed Trade and Structured Finance Department at one of the largest UK premium listed banks in Georgia, Bank of Georgia (BOG) over a decade. Executive Member of Banking Commission, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Paris Y2017-2021. Editorial Advisory Board Member, Documentary Credit World (DCW) USA and Trade & Investment commission co-chair, ICC Georgia since Y2020, Advisor to Banking Association, Georgia since 2021.

Ana graduated with honors from Tbilisi State University, Georgia with Master's Degree in Banking and Finance.



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**Vincent O'Brien** is Director of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC UAE) and Associate Director, Institute of International Banking Law and Practice (IIBLP), Washington DC.

Trade Facilitation Technical Consultant delivering technical trade finance assistance in more than 100 countries for major banks, development institutions and governmental organisations.

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**Ankita Pandey** is a Relationship Manager with ADB's Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program. She has 8 years of experience in the areas of structured trade finance and credit analysis for financial institutions, diversified industries, consumer, agribusiness, and subsidiaries of multi-national corporations.

Prior to joining ADB, Ankita worked for 5+ years with Australia and New Zealand Banking group, India as a Research Lead in the Structured Trade Finance team and then later with the Credit and Capital Management teams. Ankita is a national of India. She holds a Bachelors in Electronics Engineering and Masters in Business Administration (Finance) from Great Lakes Institute of Management, Chennai, India.

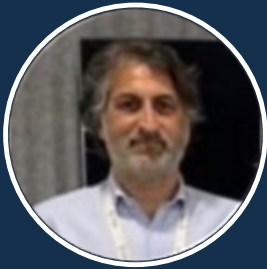
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**Olga Skotareva** is an experienced social safeguards specialist at the Asian Development Bank specializing in assuring compliance with the Bank's social and safeguards policies for private sector transactions.

Olga's technical expertise covers land acquisition and resettlement, restoration and improvement of livelihoods of affected people, ensuring adequate labor conditions and stakeholder engagement. Throughout her career Olga was fortunate to work with private sector and governments across Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America in most economic sectors and to all main international environmental and social standards, such as of ADB, IFC/World Bank Group, EBRD, AfDB and others.

Olga supported implementation of some of the most challenging and ambitious projects, including the world's longest mid-span suspension bridge across the Dardanelles straight in Turkey, the world's second deepest underwater tunnel, Eurasia Tunnel in Istanbul, railways and road networks of regional significance in Ethiopia, Tanzania, Zambia and, the development of a resettlement strategy for the 1.6-billion pound post El Niño Reconstruction Programme in Peru.

More recently, Olga has been focusing on developing best labor practice, including management of child and forced labor in supply chain and amongst contractors, and she represents ADB in various working groups relating to this topic.

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**Can Sutken** is ADB TSCFP Relationship Manager for Vietnam, Bangladesh, Indonesia, and the Pacific.

Can has a wealth of experience in trade finance and in relationship management. Prior to joining ADB, he held various positions at Citibank in Turkey and the United Kingdom, most recently as Head of Financial Institutions Risk Distribution for Europe, CIS, Middle East, Pakistan, Turkey, Caucasia, and Africa (EMEA). Prior to that Can worked as Trade Product Manager at Citi Turkey covering Financial Institutions, as well as Multinational and Local Corporates.

Can is a national of Turkey. He earned his MBA and Bachelor's in International Relations from Middle East Technical University in Ankara in 2005 and 2003, respectively.



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**Tat Yeen Yap** is Managing Director Asia Pacific at the fintech MonetaGo. The firm is best known for its Secure Financing system which mitigates the risks of fraud and duplicate financing in trade finance, available worldwide via SWIFT API and other channels.

Prior to joining MonetaGo in 2020, he had a long career in banking, predominantly in the areas of credit, client coverage and transaction banking. His trade finance roles included Head of Product Management for Asia and Head of Trade Finance in Singapore and Malaysia. He pioneered supply chain finance in two banks, commitments to honour/negotiate for LCs in Asia, risk distribution in two banks, and electronic LC presentations.

His contributions to industry include being a drafter of the ICC's eUCP version 2.0 and eURC version 1.0, and ITFA's Uniform Rules for Transferable Electronic Payment Obligations. He is co-sherpa of the Digital Trade Finance Lab at the Asia Pacific Financial Forum, a DOCDEX expert for the ICC's International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution and a working group member of the Global Supply Chain Finance Forum. He has written for ICC Academy, Documentary Credit World, Trade Finance Global and other trade publications, and is a course author of the Certificate in Digital Trade Strategy available at ICC Academy.



### Sharon Yuen

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**Sharon Yuen**, as Chief Commercial Officer at STACS, is responsible for shaping the commercial and business strategy at STACS. With more than 20 years of banking and fintech experience.

Sharon began her career in banking and held positions in FX and Sales trading at major financial institutions including Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Mizuho, SMBC and UOB. Following her banking career, Sharon held strategic sales positions at IHS Markit, a leading information services provider. She was later appointed as Head of ASEAN Sales at R3, a leader in enterprise blockchain technology.

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**Emre Umut** is the TTS Head of Financial Institutions for MENA (Middle East, North Africa, Pakistan) and TRUK (Turkey, Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan) based in Dubai. He is currently also acting Country TTS Head for Turkey. Mr Umut is leading the teams driving the TTS strategies and relationships for Citi's clients in these geographies. Prior to his current role, Mr Umut managed Citi's Cash Management and Trade businesses for Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan between October 2013 and June 2017. He was responsible for running and executing different product strategies including Liquidity Management Services, Commercial Cards, Payments & Receivables, Trade Services, Trade Finance, Supplier Finance, ECA Finance and Commodity Trade Finance, across these geographies.

Mr. Umut has been with Citi for over 22 years, having joined in Istanbul as part of the Corporate and Investment Bank. He started as a transactor in Corporate Finance & Investment Banking group where he was responsible for origination and execution of syndicated loans, Islamic finance, future flow securitizations and M&A transactions. Mr Umut moved to London in October 2004, joining first Project & Structured Trade Finance team and then the Export & Agency Finance team covering Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA). He has led origination, structuring, negotiation, and execution of various multi-sourced structured finance transactions using ECA/DFI/MLA support globally. Most recently Emre had been the team leader for CIS, Central & Eastern Europe, and Turkey cluster in EAF EMEA.

Mr Umut has vast experience in banking, treasury and cash management, export finance, structured trade, and corporate finance as well as project financing. He has led treasury management strategies as well as structuring and arrangement of export credit and multi-source structured financings for corporations, financial institutions, and sovereign borrowers, in a wide range of industries including oil & gas, telecoms, power, energy, metals & mining and infrastructure.

He holds an MBA from Bilkent University, where he specialized in corporate finance, and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey.

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