

Manu Bhaskaran

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Professional Experience

- Based in Singapore, Mr. Bhaskaran is a leading economist whose expertise is Asia economics and corporate strategy for emerging markets.
- Mr. Bhaskaran brings a unique, on-the-ground assessment of the Asian macroeconomic environment for business executives, especially those who are involved in asset allocation across countries in Asia or who are with MNCs trying to weigh-up the risks and rewards of investing across different countries in Asia.
- he co-ordinates the Asian business of Washington DC-based strategic advisory firm, Centennial Group where he directs economic research practice providing in-depth analysis of economic trends across Asia working extensively with investment institutions, government agencies and corporations
- Mr. Bhaskaran presents on, a wide range of subjects including; consumer finance in Asia, Asian economic integration, regional and country-specific economic outlooks in Asia, the Impact of China on the rest of Asia, India, China's long term political outlook, portfolio capital flows in emerging markets, amongst many others. He also comments in detail on the implications of China's rise, in particular as it moves up the value chain and explores what this means for the rest of Asia and for international trade and global businesses.
- He is a member of MasterCard's *Asia Knowledge Panel*, comprising an international team of independent economic experts providing unique insight into regional and international economic trends

Published books / papers - an authority on Asia markets

- He is Editor of The Singapore Economic Roundtable - a twice yearly review of the Singapore economy published by the Institute of Policy Studies
- A regular columnist for the *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* (Japan) and The Edge (Singapore)
- He has written various books including *Reinventing the Asian Model: the Case of Singapore*, (Eastern Universities Press, 2003), *The Singapore Economy, Challenges and Responses*, Eastern Universities Press (2003), *Scenarios for East Asia's Recovery*, with Tan Kong Yam (Editor), and *Asian Economic Recovery, Policy Options for Growth & Stability*, Singapore University Press 2002
- He is a regular presenter at in-house briefings and at business conferences

Manu Bhaskaran - Personal information and work experience

- Centennial Group Inc. - Board Member and Partner – since 2002
- Previously Managing Director & Chief Economist, with SG Securities (previously Crosby Securities) 1989-2001
- The Institute of Policy Studies Singapore (IPS), Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, since 2004
- Council/Executive Committee Member, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA) since 2002
- Centre for Analytical Finance, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, Board of Advisors, since 2005
- The Singapore Competition Appeals Board, Member, (since 2005)
- holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and MA (Cantab) Magdalene College, Cambridge University (1987) and a Masters in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University