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IMA India's 26th Annual CFO Roundtable

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15th - 18th February, 2024



Novotel, Visakhapatnam

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Thursday, 15th February, 2024

Registration

6:30 PM

Join a fun-filled evening with peers from across the country at the opening of the 2024 CFO Roundtable. A pleasant evening in Vizag, the company of friends and peers - there couldn't be a better way of bringing in a weekend of learning and deep camaraderie. The IMA India team will detail plans for the weekend as we grab a few scrumptious snacks and drinks.

Setting the Context - Global Overview

7.00 PM - 8:30 PM

Adit Jain, *Chairman and Editorial Director, IMA India*



As several countries including US and India go in for national elections, political uncertainties will spill over on the policy framework, financial markets and trade. In his session, Adit Jain will present a global overview on the economic and policy environment and its impact on India.

Cocktails & Dinner

8:30 PM

Pool Deck, Lobby Level

Friday, 16th February, 2024

Geopolitics in a Year of Elections: Disruption Ahead

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

***Pramit Pal Chaudhuri**, Head of the India Practice, Eurasia Group*



National security and global geopolitics are in a state of turmoil that has not been seen for several decades. Europe and the Middle East are at war and there is a risk of this spreading. National security and energy supplies are therefore of real concern. Adding to the worry is the escalating rivalry between America and China. Rising nationalism is creating barriers to trade. Pramit Pal Chaudhuri will comment on these issues and their impact on business. He currently heads the India practice of the Eurasia group and was previously Foreign Editor of the Hindustan Times. Pramit has served two terms on the prime minister's National Security Board.

Discussion Break

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Global Economic Review - Risks and Challenges

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

***Richard Martin**, Managing Director, IMA Asia*



Early into 2024, it is a good time to take stock of the prospects for global - and Asian - growth. China is visibly slowing, key eurozone economies are in recession and America may not be able to hold off a downturn for much longer. Added to this mix, geopolitical risks have spiked and elections are due in India, the US and probably the UK. We have asked Richard Martin, MD at our sister organisation, IMA Asia, to assess the risks and opportunities that lie ahead, bringing to bear the unique insights he can offer from an East-Asian vantage point.

Lunch**12:30 PM - 1:30 PM****Leadership Challenges in Organisation****1:30 PM - 3:00 PM*****Krish Shankar, Former Group HR Head, Infosys***

Increasingly, CFOs will be expected to play a more frontal role, not only in business partnering, but also in providing organisation-wide leadership and building strong Finance teams capable of operating independently. This demands a range of skills, both technical and soft. This session will focus on how Finance can adeptly manage its workforce requirements and foster innovative thinking in response to industry changes, attrition and generational shifts. It will address current challenges in managing people and discuss strategies adopted by companies and focus on the pivotal role of culture as a foundation for competitive strategy. Lastly, the often-neglected aspect of succession planning at top-tier levels in organisations will be explored

**CFOs in the Hot Seat - The Long View
on Challenges facing Finance****3:00 PM - 4:30 PM*****MP Vijay Kumar, Executive Director and Group CFO, Sify***

In an integrated economic and business environment where cross border transactions such as those concerning supply chains, trade, financial markets and borrowings are the norm, the challenges for the finance function are immense. In the session MP Vijay Kumar will provide his assessment on a number of issues that CFOs currently grapple with and will need to acknowledge in the months ahead. Vijay is the Executive Director and Group CFO of Sify Technologies but also serves as an Independent Director and Chairman of the Audit committee of Life Insurance Corporation of India. He is clearly one of India's top finance professionals.

Hi-Tea

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Dinner - Banti Bhojanam

The Avenue, Rooftop

Attire: Men - Kurta and Dhoti | **Women** - Saree

Banti Bhojanam is a traditional South Indian meal style where food is served on a banana leaf and enjoyed together as a community. Delegates and their spouses are requested to wear traditional clothing to make the most of this experience.

8:00 PM

Saturday, 17th February, 2024

Election Update: The Emerging Policy Scenario Post-Election

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Raghavan Jagannathan, *Editorial Director, Swarajya Magazine*



R Jagannathan's session will examine the various political scenarios that may present themselves as an outcome of parliamentary elections. He will briefly examine the economic and social agendas of the two main blocs- NDA and INDIA. He will look at the implications on investment and trade and the policy framework. Jagannathan is the Editorial Director of Swarajya Magazine, previously he was editor in chief of Network 18 and Forbes India. He has held senior editorial positions in Financial Express and the Business Standard newspaper.

Discussion Break

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

The Evolution of Finance Function

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Shree Parthasarathy, *Partner, Consulting, Mazars in India*

Finance is increasingly becoming a crucial factor in shaping business strategies, managing uncertainty, strengthening resilience and fostering sustainable results. It is imperative for Finance to take a proactive role in driving change, placing trust as a top priority and functioning as a strategic partner. This necessitates agility, the delivery of insights grounded in data and the rapid evaluation of various scenarios.



Rajan Arora, *Partner, Consulting, Mazars in India*

The current business landscape underscores the urgency for the Finance function itself to transform, adapting by acquiring new skills and adopting innovative approaches. This session will delve into how Finance can leverage digital innovation and analytics to establish a sustainable future for itself.

Lunch

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Countdown to Elections

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Rajat Sethi, Political Analyst, IMA India



In this session, Rajat will explore the various issues that will impact parliamentary elections scheduled for 2024. He will examine social and economic manifestos of various political parties and provide a perspective on India's emerging policy environment.

Walk on the Beach

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Bheemli

Note: We will leave the hotel premises at 3.30 PM to reach the location on time..

Cocktails & Dinner

7.00 PM onwards

Bheemli

Sunday, 18th February, 2024

Breaking Boundaries, Finding Purpose

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Dr Maral Yazarloo, Iranian motorcyclist, fashion designer, artist, motivational speaker and campaigner of women's rights based in India



Dr Maral Yazarloo-Patrick is a world record-holding motorcyclist from Iran who also works as a fashion designer, artist, motivational speaker, and advocate for women's rights. Without a support system or crew, Maral set off on a solo global bike tour in March 2017 that took her through seven continents. Her achievements in the biking world have earned her the title of the 'Queen of Superbikes of India'. This journey together with several others she has undertaken require planning, but really great courage. She is an amazing woman. Her session will explore her experiences and motivational factors.

Note: This will be hosted as a joint session, with spouses invited to participate.

Brunch and close

11:30 AM

Zaffran, Lobby Level

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