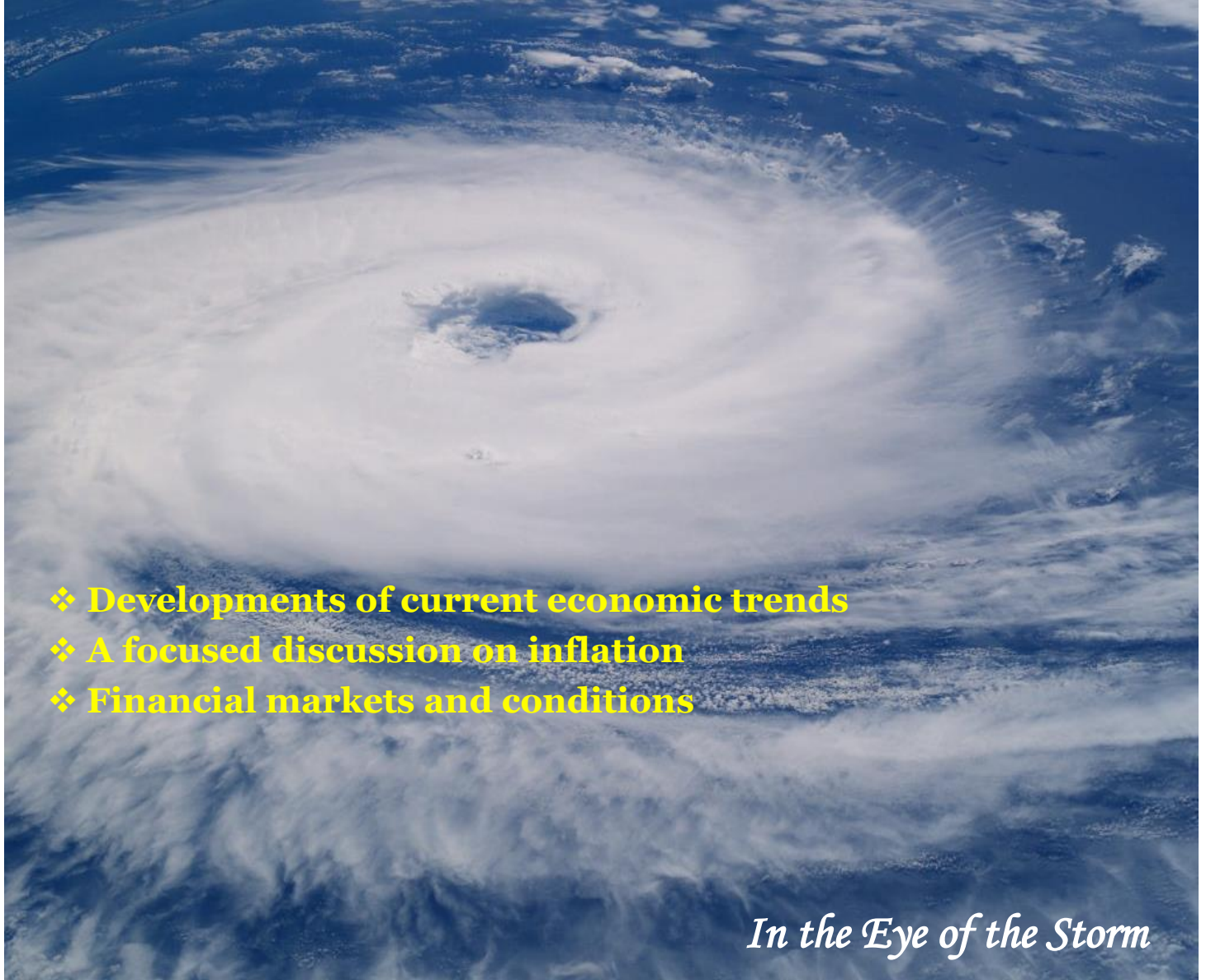


# WEBINAR:

## THE 2H2022 OUTLOOK AND BEYOND: In the Eye of the Storm



- ❖ **Developments of current economic trends**
- ❖ **A focused discussion on inflation**
- ❖ **Financial markets and conditions**

*In the Eye of the Storm*

**DR RAY CHOY**

**Head of Economics & Research, Opus Asset Management**

**Date : 17 June 2022 (Friday)**

**Time : 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

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# PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

Financial markets have been beaten down, while some economists are predicting a recession as the US Federal Reserve raises interest rates aggressively. On top of that, inflation is rising. Join us, as Dr Ray Choy analyses and dissects the problems of today's supply chain disruptions, the Russia-Ukraine war and economic prospects amid severe financial market volatility.

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## PROGRAMME OUTLINE

### **The economic outlook in today's new normal**

- General trends in growth and inflation and what they are telling us
- Higher interest rates – are we playing a game of chicken?
- The impact of higher interest rates on developing markets such as Malaysia
- Trends and outlook on the Malaysian Ringgit
- The ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and its long term impact

### **A focused discussion on inflation**

- The published core inflation is low – how is this possible and what does it mean?
- Where will inflation be next year?
- What's a supply chain disruption? How do we monitor it?
- The performance of stocks, bonds and other asset classes during periods of high inflation
- Lessons from the past on high inflation and what it means for us

### **Financial markets and conditions**

- Local and global financial markets outlook
  - How comfortable are financial conditions? Short term and long term funding costs
  - Impact of higher interest rates and discount rates on stocks, bond and hard asset valuations.
  - Risk management: how low can markets go, and are we prepared?
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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Board of Directors, Company Secretaries, Chief Executive Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Chief Risk Officers, Head of Investor Relations, Head of Compliance, Head of Legal, Senior Managers.

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# SPEAKER



Dr Ray Choy is Head of Economics & Research at Opus Asset Management and Principal Consultant at mRNA Connections. Ray has two decades of experience in the financial markets that includes G3 and Asian fixed-income and FX strategy, local currency and US dollar global funds management, commodities research, regional equities investments, and credit ratings. Prior to Opus, Ray set up two research teams for major investment banks, and a global funds management and research team. He remains actively involved in formulating and communicating macro strategy to the financial markets.

Ray's research has been consistently ranked 1<sup>st</sup> or in the top tier of various polls, such as The Edge's 2008 poll, The Asset's Asian Currency Bond survey from 2009 to 2021, the BPAM award and the Alpha Southeast Asia 2020 Treasury & FX award. While at Meridian Asset Management, he managed an Islamic fund which was ranked 1st in the Edge-Lipper rankings and in 2012, he was part of the team which received the Edge-Lipper Malaysia Best Bond Fund Group Award. Additionally, Ray is a corporate trainer, consultant, conference speaker and commentator through various media channels and is columnist for "Capital Contours" in The Edge Weekly.

Ray has published in top tier peer-reviewed journals and authored a book titled "Essays in Bond Market Economics" that is catalogued in the British Library and the Libraries of LSE and SOAS. He had delivered lectures and talks with top-ranked international academic institutions such as Monash University and the University of Nottingham.

Ray graduated with a BA in Business and Finance with Distinction from Heriot-Watt University, a BSc in Politics and International Relations with 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours from the University of London (LSE), an MSc in Finance (Economic Policy) with Merit from the University of London (SOAS) and a PhD degree focusing on sovereign credit ratings from the University of Nottingham.

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