



Johan Jooste

Managing Director

During his 25 years of financial services experience, Johan has been responsible for trading, fund management, as well as building and running investment processes and teams - across all the major asset classes - in South Africa, London and Singapore. In his most recent role at the Bank of Singapore, the research and discretionary portfolio management teams reported to him: approximately 40 people advising and managing a total client book in the region of US\$ 100 billion.

After graduating from the University of Johannesburg with a master's degree in economics, Johan started his career in banking first as International Economist at ABSA Bank in Johannesburg in 1994, followed by a move in 1996 to trading foreign exchange and rates at Telkom SA. From 1998 onwards, Johan was engaged in institutional fixed income management for Rand Merchant Bank Asset Management, relocating to the UK in 2001.

At Rand Merchant Bank Asset Management Johan was the Head of International Fixed Income, managing the fixed portfolios of non-rand denominated accounts for all of the firm's institutional clients. He was also a member of the firm's asset allocation committee. In 2008 Johan joined Merrill Lynch's Private Wealth Management unit, overseeing first the fixed income research and management process, and thereafter the overall multi-asset offering as Chief Strategist, EMEA.

With the merger of Julius Baer and Merrill Lynch in 2014, Johan spent another two years as CIO, UK for Julius Baer International. After a brief stint with a family office, Johan relocated to Singapore in 2016 to take up the role of Chief Investment Officer at the Bank of Singapore. In July 2019 he joined Purple Asset Management as Managing Director and is now engaged in running the Global CIO with Gary Dugan.