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Wai-Kwong Seck
Chief Executive Officer
Eastspring Investment

Wai-Kwong Seck is CEO of Eastspring Investments, the USD 240 billion Asian investment management arm of Prudential plc. As CEO, he has overall responsibility for growing the business, deepening the investment capabilities and expanding Eastspring’s global and local retail and institutional client base.

Prior to joining Eastspring in April 2019, he was CEO Asia-Pacific for State Street Bank & Trust since 2011. He joined State Street from the Singapore Exchange where he was Chief Financial Officer for eight years. His professional career had been focused primarily on wealth management and investment banking, having held senior-level positions in the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC), Lehman Brothers and DBS Bank.

Wai-Kwong is a board member of GIC. He is also chairman of the Investment Committee and a Trustee of the Singapore Police Force’s pension fund. He chairs the Future Leaders Council at the Wealth Management Institute of Nanyang Technological University. He is on the Global Advisory Board of Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts, and a member of the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology’s Business School Advisory Council.

Wai-Kwong earned an MBA with Distinction from the Wharton School with a major in finance, and a Bachelor of Economics with first-class honours from Australia’s Monash University, where he is also a Vice-Chancellor Professorial Fellow and serves on the Monash Philanthropy Council. On Singapore’s National Day in 2017, the Republic awarded him the Public Service Medal.



Polly Wan
Chief Executive Officer
Eastspring Taiwan

Polly Wang is Chief Executive Officer of Eastspring Investments Taiwan. With nearly 30 years’ financial services experience, Polly joined Eastspring Investments in November 2020 from Nomura Asset Management Taiwan, where she was CEO for four years. Prior to joining Nomura, Polly spent 15 years at BNP Paribas Cardif Insurance group (a niche bancassurance company). Her roles during her tenure included Taiwan Country Manager and Taiwan CEO for TCB Life. She started her career from a Citibank MA and spent the first ten years focused on marketing at Citibank Taiwan and ABN AMRO Taiwan. Polly holds a Master’s in international management from the American Graduate School of International Management in the USA and a BA in Diplomacy from National Chengchi University in Taipei.



Boon Peng Ooi
Chief Executive Officer (Singapore) &
Head of Eastspring Portfolio Strategies
Eastspring Investment

Boon Peng Ooi is the Chief Executive Officer of Eastspring Singapore and also Head of Eastspring Portfolio Strategies, overseeing the firm’s single strategy investment capabilities, including Equities, Fixed Income, Quantitative Strategies & Beta Solutions. In addition, Boon Peng is responsible for Eastspring’s central dealing function and Client Portfolio Managers. He is a member of the Executive Management Committee.

Boon Peng joined Eastspring Investments in July 2007, becoming Head of Regional Fixed Income and then taking on the role of Singapore CEO in April 2018. In September 2019, he took on the additional role as Head of Eastspring Portfolio Strategies. Boon Peng has a proven track record as both a people and money manager, building up Eastspring Singapore’s Fixed Income team, which is pre-eminent in Asia today. From April 2019 to April 2020, Boon Peng was also CEO of Eastspring Hong Kong.

Prior to joining Eastspring, Boon Peng was CIO and Executive Director at UOB Asset Management, Alternative Investments, where he was responsible for the business and investment management of CDOs and credit assets. Before this, he was Head of Fixed Income at Fullerton Fund Management Company, where he oversaw the management of fixed income investments in developed and emerging bond markets. Boon Peng also spent over 15 years of his career with the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) where he worked in various areas of the Reserves Management Department, including seven years managing funds out of the MAS New York Office. Over the 2001-2002 period, Boon Peng was also the Representative of the MAS New York Office.

In all, Boon Peng has more than 30 years of investment experience. In 2014, he was conferred the title of IBF Fellow by the Institute of Banking and Finance of Singapore. This honour recognises industry veterans who have demonstrated mastery of a profession and exemplify thought leadership and commitment to industry development. Boon Peng was also named CIO of the Year in Asia Asset Management’s Best of the Best Regional Awards for 2014 and 2015.

He holds a Bachelor of Science (Building) (Hons) degree from National University of Singapore and is a CFA charterholder.



Kelvin Blacklock
Head of Eastspring Portfolio Advisors (EPA)
Eastspring Investment

Kelvin Blacklock is the Head of Eastspring Portfolio Advisors (EPA) at Eastspring Investments. Based in Singapore, he manages the EPA team which focuses on multi asset investment solutions for both internal and external clients. He is a member of the Executive Management Committee.

Kelvin has a total of 30 years of investment experience across a wide range of asset classes and markets. Over his 19-year tenure at Eastspring, Kelvin has been responsible for the fixed income team, derivatives and structured products as well as alternative assets and, from 2009, has managed the multi- asset solutions team (which was renamed EPA in 2019).

Kelvin has extensive experience with Asian life insurance clients across the region, working with them on many aspects of their investments from Strategic Asset Allocation, risk management & derivative hedging, sub manager selection, alternatives as well as Tactical Asset Allocation and ESG.

Prior to joining Eastspring, Kelvin worked for 11 years at Schroders Investment Management, in various roles within the global fixed income team based in London, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Kelvin holds a Bachelor of Science (First Class Hons) in Mathematical Sciences from University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland (1989). He is also a CFA charterholder.



Xavier Meyer
Head of Distribution
Eastspring Investment

Xavier Meyer joined Eastspring Investments in 2014 as Head of Product Strategy and Development before assuming his current role. As Head of Distribution, Xavier is responsible for all distribution activities across Eastspring. In this role he oversees the product and life relationship functions, the institutional and retail sales strategies, client relationship management and marketing. Prior to joining Eastspring, Xavier worked for thirteen years with BNP Paribas in Europe and Asia (Seoul & Hong Kong), in product, investment & business development functions. He was APAC Head of Product Development and Strategic Marketing for BNP Paribas Investment Partners from 2012 to 2014, and Managing Director for Shinhan BNP Paribas between 2009 and 2012.

Xavier holds a Master's degree in Economics & Finance from Sciences Po Paris and a Master's degree from NEOMA Business School.



Lilian Tham
Chief Operating Officer
Eastspring Investment

Lilian Tham joined Eastspring in January 2021 with responsibility for operations, technology, digital, data and administrative support, as well as other strategic growth and change initiatives. She is a member of the Executive Management Committee.

Prior to Eastspring, Lilian worked at Schroders for 26 years where, most recently, she was the Asia Pacific COO with oversight of Operations, Investment Services and Technology, Change and Innovation across the region.

Lilian held a variety of technology and operational roles during her time at Schroders, including COO for Singapore and Head of Operations & Technology for Asia Pacific.

She is a Fellow of the Institute of Banking and Finance Singapore and actively volunteers her expertise in various industry associations and committees.