The Guernsey NED Forum

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Please join us for breakfast on 22nd November 2012
At ABN AMRO, Martello Court
Breakfast served from 8am , followed by speaker,
Han de Jong at 8.30am



Han de Jong is the Chief Economist of ABN AMRO Bank N.V.

Prior to this position in 2005, he headed the Investment Strategy team at ABN AMRO Asset Management for five years. Before that, Han held various positions inside and outside ABN AMRO, such as leading the bank's fixed-income research unit.

Between 1992 and 1997 Han worked in Dublin, Ireland for a local brokerage firm as its Chief Economist.

After graduating from the Free University in Amsterdam with a master's degree in economics, he initially worked as a college lecturer.

Han was a columnist for the leading Dutch financial newspaper, Financieele Dagblad for eight years, writing about economic and financial affairs, and now has his own site handejong.nl. Han is also a member of the investment committee of several Dutch pension funds.

Light at the end of the tunnel: in Europe and elsewhere

European leaders have taken many small, and some bigger, steps to deal with the euro crisis. It now looks like most elements are in place to make the euro viable. Most of this is actually still on paper, so policymakers must now demonstrate that the new framework will actually work in practice. Meanwhile the global economy has weakened in the course of this year. Equity markets, and markets for other risky assets, have rallied significantly off their lows. To justify and sustain the favourable developments in asset markets, an improvement in economic circumstances is badly needed. It is starting to look as though an improvement in cyclical indicators is exactly what will happen next. Stay tuned!

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