

## **Reinout De Bock**

Reinout De Bock heads European Rates Strategy at UBS investment bank. He joined UBS in September 2023 from the International Monetary Fund, where he was covering global financial markets from London. Prior to that, he was chief economist at Pharo. At Pharo, he helped to shape global views in fixed income and currency markets and managed the economic research team. He was also a member of the investment committee of a high-conviction portfolio, together with a senior portfolio manager. Other work experience includes G-10 FX strategist at Lehman/Barclays (2008-09), and assignments in the National Bank of Belgium, the ECB, and the Federal Reserve. He holds an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and a PhD in Economics from Northwestern University.

## **Mário Centeno**

Mário Centeno is the Governor of Banco de Portugal. He received his PhD in Economics from Harvard University in 2000. He was Portugal's Minister of Finance from 2015 to 2020 and Eurogroup's President from 2018 to 2020. His educational background includes a Master's Degree in Applied Mathematics and an Economics Degree from the Lisbon School of Economics and Management, Universidade Técnica de Lisboa. During his term as Minister of Finance, Portugal registered its first public accounts surplus during the current democratic period. As President of the Eurogroup, he led the group of Euro Area Finance Ministers to the completion of important institutional features of the Area. In that capacity, he was appointed President-Elect of the Board of Governors of the European Stability Mechanism and participated, as an observer, in the Governing Council of the European Central Bank. He also chaired the Board of Governors of the European Investment Bank (2017-18). He represented the Euro Area at the G7 Finance Ministers group and at the G4 Finance Ministers group. He was also a member of the Five Presidents of the European Union group, where he took part in setting an European strategy to deal with the health and economic crisis in 2020. Over the past two and a half years, he participated in European Council meetings and Euro Summits, together with leaders from EU Member States.

## **Lord Jonathan Hill**

Lord Jonathan Hill was the European Commissioner for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union from 2014-2016 with responsibility for financial regulation across the whole of Europe. His flagship programme was the development of a European Capital Markets Union to increase the flow of investment capital throughout the EU. Jonathan resigned as Commissioner in the immediate aftermath of the UK referendum on EU membership in June 2016. Before becoming European Commissioner, Jonathan was a member of the British Cabinet as Leader of the House of Lords and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster from 2013 to 2014. Before that, he served as minister for Schools from 2010 to 2013, where he was responsible for implementing the Academies and Free Schools reforms. Jonathan had been special adviser to Cabinet Minister Kenneth Clarke (1986-1989) and Political Secretary to Prime Minister John Major (1992-1994). He ran John Major's campaign in the Conservatives' surprise victory of 1992 and worked at 10 Downing Street throughout the negotiations over the Maastricht Treaty when Mr Major successfully negotiated Britain's opt-out from the euro and the Social Chapter. In 2020, he was asked by the then Chancellor, Rishi Sunak, to carry out the UK Listings Review to look at the rules governing the listing of businesses in the UK. All his recommendations were accepted by the Government. He is currently Lead NED at HM Treasury and Chairman of the Ditchley Foundation.

## **Debora Revoltella**

Debora Revoltella is Director of the Economics Department of the European Investment Bank, serving as Chief Economist. Since her arrival in 2011, Debora has designed and led the work for flagship publications such as the EIB Investment Report. She launched the idea and led the process for the design and implementation of the EIB Investment Survey, a survey covering 12,500 European firms which has become a unique asset in understanding investment dynamics in Europe. Debora holds a degree in Economics, a Master in Economics from Bocconi University and a PhD in Economics from the University of Ancona, Italy. She is member of the Steering Committees of the Vienna Initiative and the CompNet, an

alternate member of the Board of the Joint Vienna Institute and a member of the Boards of the SUERF and the Euro 50 Group.

## **Gediminas Šimkus**

Gediminas Šimkus joined the Bank of Lithuania in 2002, and over the 18 years of his work at this institution consistently furthered his career, gaining experience in banking supervision, financial stability, analysis and forecasting of global and domestic economic developments, statistical compilation and dissemination, monetary policy formation, macro-prudential and economic policy decision-making. Two years spent working at the European Central Bank (ECB) contributed even more to his knowledge and experience. As Member of the Board of the Bank of Lithuania, he oversaw the field of banking and financial stability as well as research. As the Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Lithuania, Gediminas Šimkus oversees monetary policy, research, as well as organisational management (administration) to the extent that it is implemented by the Strategy and Governance Department and the Internal Audit Division.