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*FOUNDING DIRECTOR & CEO,  
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*A Leading Expert on Asia's Economic and  
Geopolitical Developments*

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## About him

Manu Bhaskaran is a **leading** Asian economist based in Singapore with more than 30 years of experience in studying **economic, political & security issues** that shape the business environment in Asia.

The **Founding Director and CEO, Centennial Asia Advisors**, he co-ordinates the Asian business of Washington DC-based strategic advisory firm, directing its **Asian economic research** practice which provides in-depth analysis of **macro trends** in Asia. He works extensively with **investment institutions, government agencies & corporations**.

Mr. Bhaskaran serves on the **boards** of **CIMB Investment Bank, IFS Capital Ltd** and **Jebsen & Jessen Southeast Asia Ltd**. He is also on the Board of Advisors of **Singapore Management University's** School of Economics.

He is **Adjunct Senior Research Fellow** at the **Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)**; Vice President of the **Economics Society of Singapore**, and Council Member of the **Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)**.



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## Keynote Speaker

Mr. Bhaskaran regularly **presents** his views on the **economic, political and business environment** in Asia at business conferences and in-house briefings.

He has conducted studies on a wide range of subjects including: **consumer finance** in Asia; **Asian integration**; regional and country-specific **political and economic outlooks**; the Impact of **China** on Asia; portfolio capital flows in **emerging markets**, amongst many others. He also comments in detail on the implications of **China's rise**, in particular as it moves up the value chain and explores **what this means for the rest of Asia** and for international trade and global businesses.

Manu is ideally positioned to provide **unique, on-the-ground** assessments of the **Asian macroeconomic environment** for business executives trying to weigh-up the risks and rewards of investing across different countries in Asia. His strength is in being able to look at countries from an **overall perspective**, rather than looking at them as individual economies.



### Sample speaking topics:

- *Asia-Pacific Macro Issues*
- *South East Asian Prospects and Market Outlook*
- *Economic Prospects Developing Asian Economies*
- *Regional economic issues and trends*
- *Regional political trends and assessments*
- *State Capitalism in Asia*
- *Long Term Trends & Business Implications in Asia*
- *Emerging vs Developed Markets*
- *Country economic assessments: Cyclical turning points, secular growth trends, and policy outlook*

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## key facts

Currently ...

- Founding Director and CEO, [Centennial Asia Advisors Group Inc.](#)
- Board Member and Partner, [Centennial Group](#)
- Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at [The Institute of Policy Studies Singapore \(IPS\)](#)
- Council Member, [Singapore Institute of International Affairs \(SIIA\)](#)
- Vice President of the [Economics Society of Singapore](#)
- Member, [Regional Advisory Group](#), Asia Pacific, [IMF](#)

Formerly ...

- [Managing Director & Chief Economist, SG Securities - Investment Banking arm of Societe Generale](#)
- Worked for the [Singapore government](#) focusing on regional security and strategy issues
- Served as [Chairman](#) of a high-level [government committee](#) reviewing the regulation of moneylenders
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and MA (Cantab) [Cambridge University \(1987\)](#)
- Masters in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government, [Harvard University](#)

Flies from [Singapore](#)



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