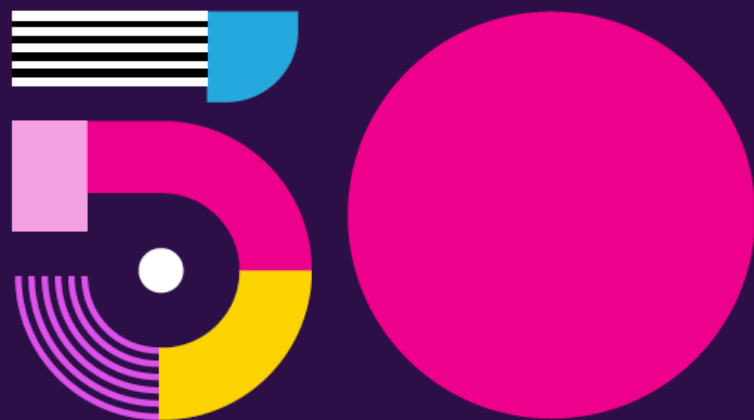


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### **Galia Velimukhametova**

**Senior Investment Manager**  
**Pictet Asset Management**  
**London**

Galia Velimukhametova manages the Pictet Alt-Distressed and Special Situations strategy, a long/short credit strategy focused on stressed and distressed corporates mainly in Europe. It trades a concentrated book of relatively liquid long and short positions across the capital structure including bonds, convertibles, loans, CDS and equities. The strategy employs deep fundamental research and can sometimes take an active stance in restructurings. In 2020, Velimukhametova expects that post-Covid downgrades and defaults will lead to a growing supply of distressed debt and restructuring opportunities, adding to the volume of “zombie companies” and over-leveraged structures that existed before the Covid crisis. She leads a team of four; all four and Velimukhametova previously worked together at Man GLG, where Velimukhametova managed a European distressed strategy that generated double digit annualized returns between August 2009 and August 2018. Velimukhametova was previously an MD, Partner and member of the investment committee at King Street (Europe) LLP and a debt, credit and capital structure arbitrage trader at JP Morgan. The strategy runs €310m as of September 2020. She has an MBA from Washington University and a degree in Economics from Moscow State University.

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## Ella Hoxha

**Senior Investment Manager, Global Bonds Team**  
**Pictet Asset Management**  
**London**

Ella Hoxha joined Pictet Asset Management in December 2018 as a senior investment manager on the global bonds team, focusing on global macro decisions. She manages global bonds, Eurobonds, and global macro within multi-asset hedge funds. Hoxha joined Pictet from Wellington Management where she was a managing director and fixed income portfolio manager in global bonds for over seven years focusing on absolute return strategies across a multitude of portfolios including hedge fund strategies. Prior to that she was at Invesco Asset Management, where she worked for more than eight years as a senior portfolio manager in the global bonds team, managing several global and regional portfolios including the retail product, Invesco European Bond Fund. Her area of expertise is pan-European macroeconomics and investments, and she collaborates on various industry panels. Hoxha holds a MSc in International Finance and a BA in Business Finance and is also a CFA charterholder. She is fluent in five languages.

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### **Elif Aktug**

**Fund Manager, Agora  
Pictet Asset Management  
Geneva, Switzerland**

Elif Aktug manages Agora, a European equity market neutral strategy with \$2.2 billion in assets. She has led this strategy, part of Pictet Asset Management's \$7 billion Total Return franchise, since joining the firm in 2011. Aktug and her team aim to understand the corporate logic behind management actions so as to interpret and anticipate their strategic decisions. They look for catalysts – early signals that could trigger radical change, such as corporate events or industry shifts – and act on them before they are priced into markets. The success of this approach has been widely recognised. For example, PTR-Agora (UCITS-vehicle) won *The Hedge Fund Journal's* 2017 best performing fund in the two-year equity market neutral category. Aktug began her career in 1997 as a Goldman Sachs analyst before joining the proprietary investment team. There she rose to Managing Director and Head of the European equities long/short book. A Turkish national, she holds an MBA from Stanford University and has been a speaker at London Sohn Conferences.



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### Lan Wang **Simond**

**Fund Manager, Mandarin  
Pictet Asset Management  
Hong Kong**

Lan Wang Simond manages Mandarin, a long/short equity strategy investing in Greater Chinese equities (China, Hong Kong and Taiwan). She has been investing in China for over 20 years and currently manages over \$900 million. She and her team follow a bottom-up fundamental approach, aiming to identify structural winners and losers from the transformation of China, which brings new patterns of consumer behaviour, changes in technology, etc. Based in Hong Kong, they have local access to companies within the investment universe, helping to build a high conviction portfolio of longs and shorts, which also takes into account the macro environment. The strategy is available in a UCITS format, PTR-Mandarin, launched in 2010, and also in an offshore format for over 10 years. Simond joined Pictet Asset Management in 1997. Prior to Pictet, she was a senior investment manager at BCV Gerifonds. Simond graduated with a degree in Business Administration at HEC University of Lausanne, and has a BA from the Beijing Normal Institute of Foreign Languages. She speaks Mandarin, French and English and is a CFA charterholder.