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INTERNATIONAL Inves+ing SYMPOSIUM

Monday, 28 September 2026 | Discovery Sandton, Johannesburg

Time	Session	Speaker/s
07:30	Registration	
09:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Cobus Kruger <i>Purple Wealth Advisory</i>
09:15	Opening Keynote: AI and the Future of Global Investing TBC	BlackRock SME Cogence CEO
09:45	Macro Keynote: The Macro and Political Lens on Offshore Capital - The current SA macro and political risk picture, and the diversification rationale for clients - Where global capital is flowing and what it means for offshore allocation decisions - Currency outlook (ZAR / USD / GBP) and how to time client conversations on hard-currency exposure - How to translate the macro view into a clear client narrative on why offshore beyond just returns	George Herman <i>Citadel Asset Management</i>
10:30	Exchange Control Update and Special Applications - The latest SARB / FinSurv changes and what they mean in practice for advisors - Single Discretionary Allowance, Foreign Investment Allowance and the new AIT regime – when each applies - Special application process and realistic timelines for moves above R10m - Common compliance traps when structuring outbound flows for high-net-worth clients	Lauren Marsh <i>Currency Partners</i>
11:00	Comfort Break and Networking	
11:30	Hard Currency Life Insurance in Cross-Border Planning - Why hard currency life cover matters when offshore assets create US / UK situs exposure - How USD cover solves estate liquidity at the right place and in the right currency - Underwriting realities, premium structures, and product options available to SA residents - Where hard currency cover fits in the cross-border estate plan vs ZAR-denominated policies	Harry Joffe <i>Discovery Life International</i>

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12:00	Offshore Endowment – Situs Tax & Beneficiary Nomination Considerations - Why offshore endowments are the cleanest structural answer to US and UK situs tax exposure - Beneficiary nomination mechanics: bypassing the estate, and the CGT and estate duty implications - The five-year rule and a tax-efficiency comparison vs direct platform holdings - When the endowment is the wrong wrapper: liquidity, contribution rules and client age considerations	Albert Coetzee <i>Ninety One Consultant</i>
12:30	International Retirement Plans in Cross-Border Planning - The case for offshore retirement structures in cross-border financial planning - Structures available to SA residents and non-residents, and how they differ in design - Tax treatment at contribution, growth and withdrawal and the cross-jurisdictional view - Succession and beneficiary planning advantages, and when offshore pensions beat endowments (and vice versa)	Rex Cowley <i>Overseas Trust and Pensions</i>
13:00	Lunch and Networking	
13:45	The True Cost of Offshore Platforms Personal Share Portfolios – A Comparative View - The true total cost of platform ownership: TER vs TIC vs all-in cost to the client - Hidden cost layers: custody, FX spreads, dealing fees, transfer-out and withdrawal charges - Service trade-offs: execution-only vs advisory vs full-discretion and what each costs in practice - The diligence checklist every advisor should run before recommending a Personal Share Portfolio	Panel: Brenda Bannatyne <i>Ramsey Crookall</i> Reginald Labuschagne <i>Sanlam Private Wealth</i> Michael Hunziker <i>Swissquote</i> Moderator: Cobus Kruger <i>Purple Wealth Advisory</i>
14:30	Digital Asset Panel Discussion: Focus on New Legislation - The new SA legislative framework treating crypto as a financial product - FAIS Category I and II implications for advisors who advise on or discuss digital assets - Custody, tax reporting and offshore exposure considerations for client holdings - Where (and whether) digital assets fit in a cross-border portfolio conversation	Panel: Marius Reitz <i>Luno</i> Jason Carpenter <i>Etherbridge</i>
15:00	AI in Platform Administration & Third-party Administration – Where the Technology Is Going - How AI is reshaping platform operations, onboarding and client reporting - What advisors should expect and demand from next-generation platforms and Third-party Administration - Risk and accountability questions: data accuracy, errors, fiduciary lines and audit trails - Practical signals to assess platform AI maturity before recommending it to clients	Panel: Nar Almeida <i>Kane Solutions</i> Mark Bredall <i>FNZ</i> Daniel Micali <i>Santi4</i> Moderator: Caryn Nicholai Bath <i>Peregrine Administration Services</i>

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15:45	Cross-Border Wealth Planning – Bringing It All Together - Integrating Excon, structures, products, and tax into a single client planning framework - Sequencing decisions: which structure comes first, and why structure must precede product - Real practitioner case studies from each panelist and where the textbook view breaks down - The cross-border planning checklist advisors should take into every HNW client conversation	Panel: Rex Cowley <i>Overseas Trust and Pensions</i> Reginald Labuschagne <i>Sanlam Private Wealth</i> Alan Wellburn <i>Standard Bank W&I</i> Harry Joffe <i>Discovery Life International</i> Moderator: Cobus Kruger <i>Purple Wealth Advisory</i>
16:30	Closing Remarks and Day Wrap-Up	Cobus Kruger <i>Purple Wealth Advisory</i>
16:45	Networking	

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