



# SMU Emerging Markets

## *An Introduction*

# **SEM President Speech**

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*SMU Emerging Markets has been crucial to my development, not only as a student and potential employee, but as an individual. Having joined SEM in my freshman year, I had the opportunity to gain a head start in developing essential capabilities such as research, networking, presentation and leadership skills.*

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# **1. Who We Are**

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# The SEM Brand

The **first** and **only** student club in Singapore to possess a broad emerging markets focus

## Our Vision

To be the premier knowledge hub for students with an emerging markets focus, globally recognized for its research and industry partnerships.

## Our Mission

With a student-centric approach, SEM aims to be an interactive business collaboration center for research on globally emerging markets; provide contact with emerging market industry and academic partners; promote careers with an Emerging Markets focus; foster the exchange of information and ideas about doing business in emerging economies and spearhead forums and study missions in emerging economies.

Diversified portfolio of 7 different emerging markets desks & 4 different focus sectors



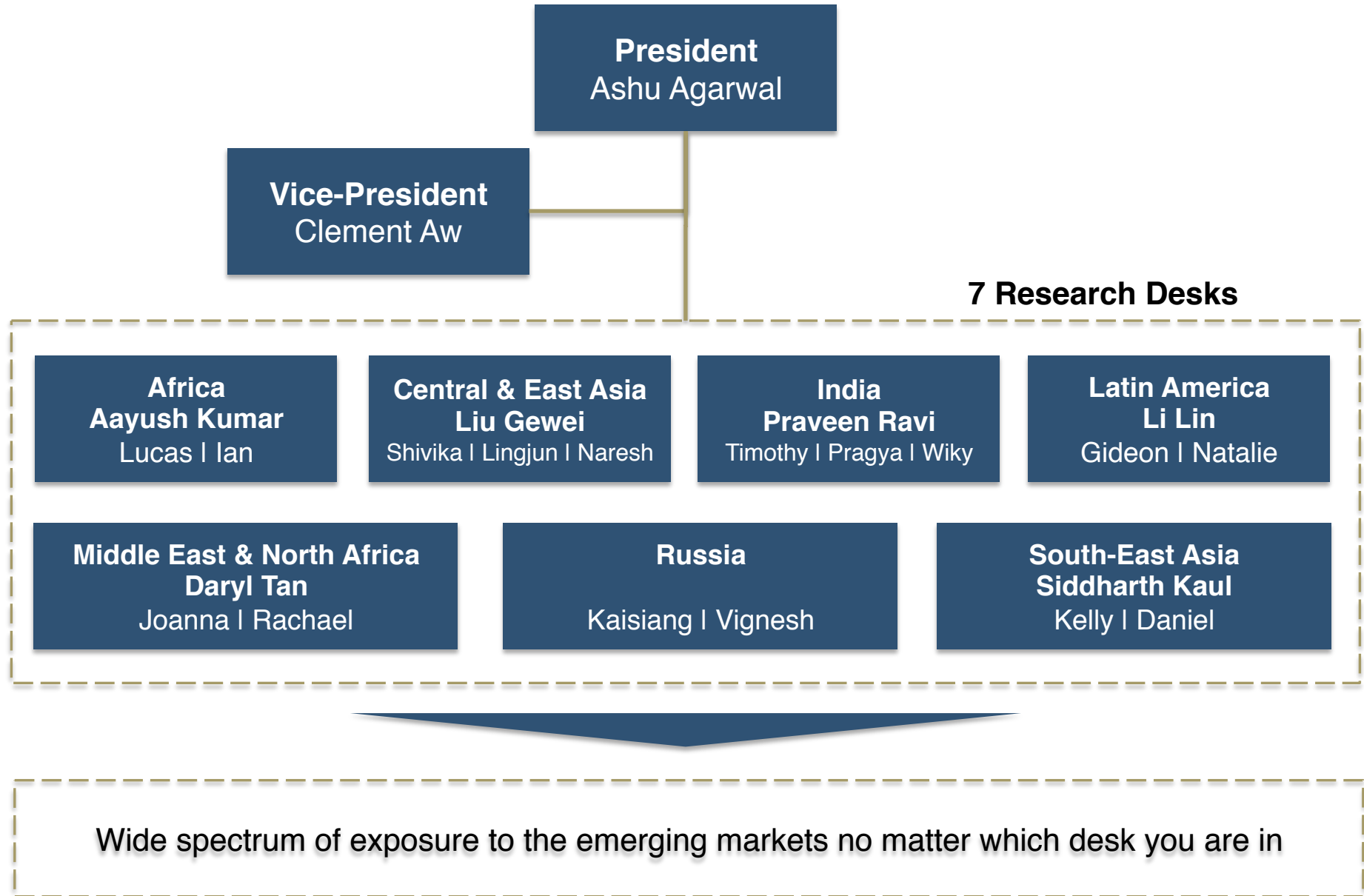
### ***Focused research on major industries***

- Financial Institutions
- Resource & Energy
- Fast Moving Consumer Goods
- Industrial Corporate Group

### ***In 7 different emerging markets regions***

- Africa
- Central & East Asia
- India
- Latin America
- Middle East & North Africa
- Russia
- South East Asia

# Club Structure



## 2. Research Competencies

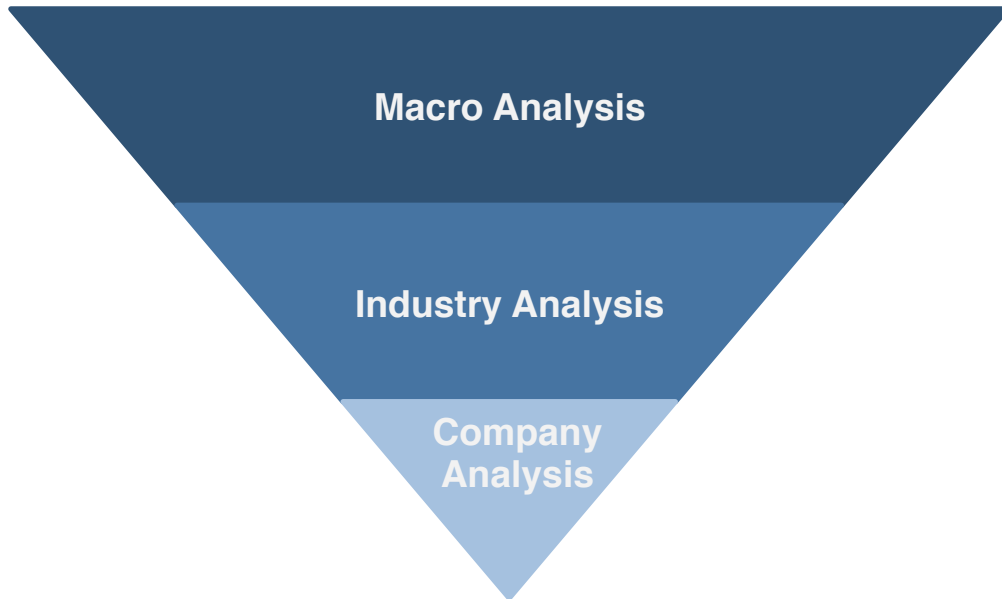
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*Because knowledge is power*

# Established Research Foundation

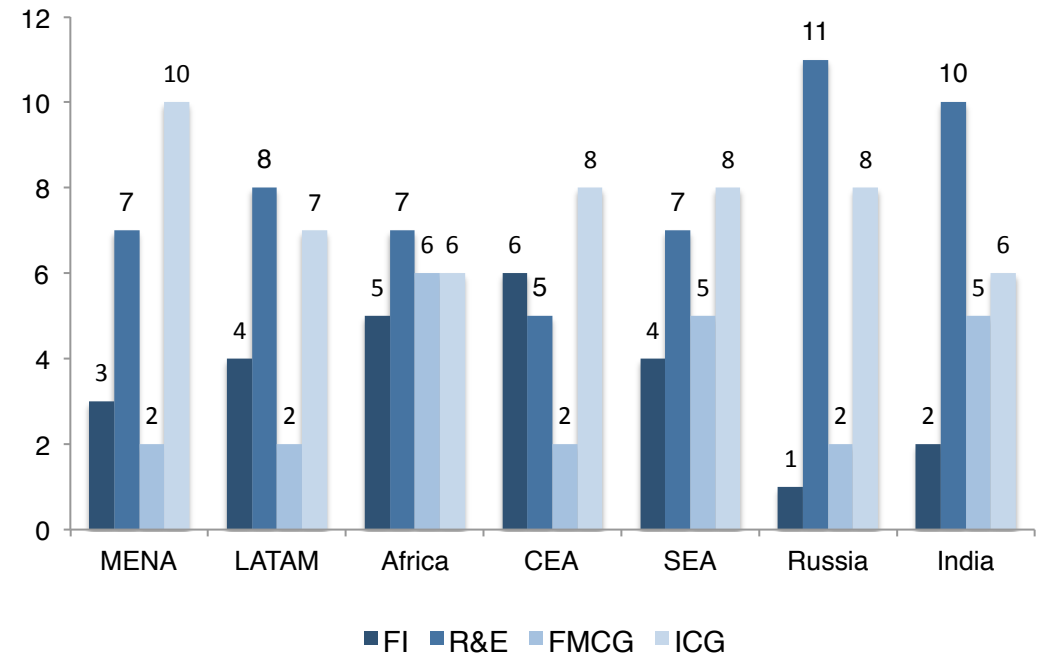
## Comprehensive Research Framework

- Macro analysis covering economic indicators, mega trends & PESTLE approach
- Industry analysis exploring demand & supply factors, Porter's Five Forces & industry value chain
- Company analysis encompassing SWOT, ratio and financial analysis, business strategies & competitive advantage of the firm



## Diverse Research Areas

- 157 executive cycles to date, spanning diverse sectors across 7 emerging markets
- Freedom to explore new and interesting industries
- Highly relevant research driven by current developments and trends



# Research Samples

## Executive Brief

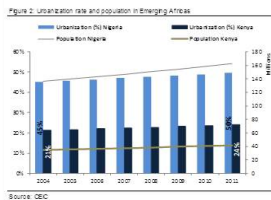


### Research- Executive Brief

Emerging Markets Region- Sub-Sahara Africa (ICG)

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

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#### Headlines

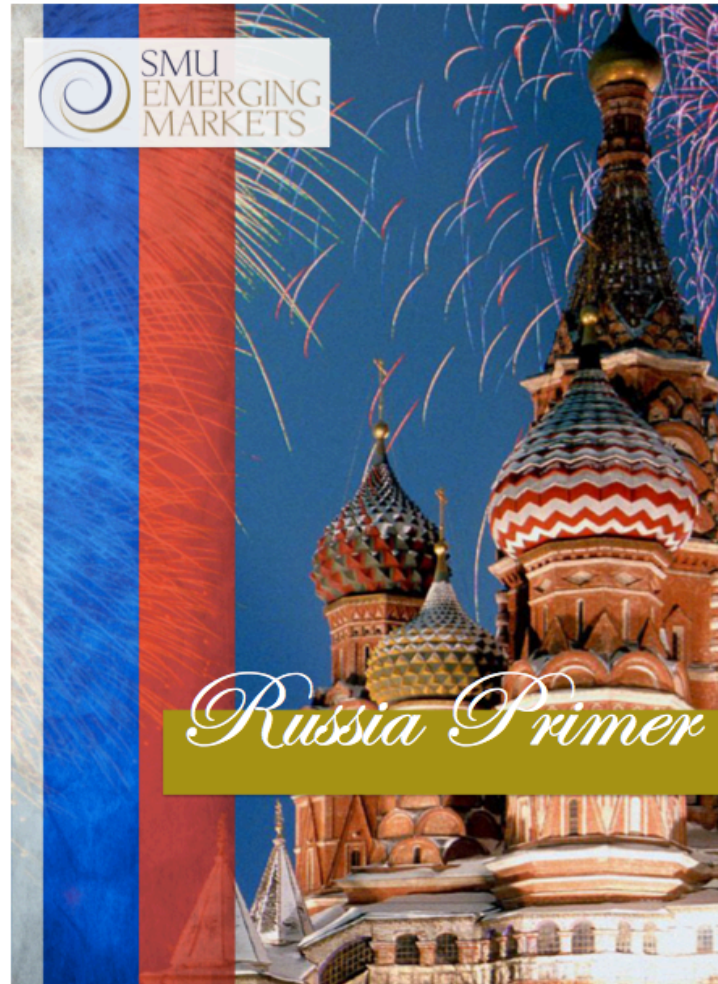
- Construction value added has increased 227% from 2007 to 2011 in Nigeria, moving in tandem with FDI inflows that increased 211% in the same period
- Infrastructure projects would boost cement demand by 9% annually through 2016
- Per-capita cement consumption in Sub-Sahara Africa averages 55kg – 105kg, 62% less than developing countries' average
- Demand for cement industry is expected to grow 38% in 2013
- Continuous flow of investment into the construction industry
- Dangote Cement USD500m (3mn tonnes cement plant)
- WAPCO USD470m (2.5mn tonnes cement plant)
- Western Metal Products Company Limited USD20bn

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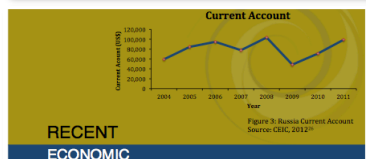
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### RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

3.1 Balance of Payments  
Russia recorded a growing current account surplus since the global financial crisis in Russia in 2008. Current account saw a drop of 12% in surplus, from US\$15.5 billion of 2008 to US\$46.6 in 2009. Under President Medvedev, the current account recovered after 2009, reaching US\$12.1 billion in 2010 and US\$98.8 billion in 2011.<sup>17</sup> This is largely due to the increasing trend of oil prices after global financial crisis of 2008. As oil forms a large part of Russia's exports, Russia's current account due to naturally benefit from the rising prices of oil. However, after the global financial crisis, there was an increasing trend of capital outflow from Russia. The net capital flows from 2007 to 2011 saw a decrease of 41.5%, from negative US\$56.9 billion to negative US\$84.6 billion.<sup>18</sup> Factors causing this capital outflow from Russia are both internal and external. Internally, the quality of investment climate was poor after the crisis. Domestically, Russia's balance of payment position has strengthened since the global financial crisis of 2008.<sup>19</sup>

Factors such as the escalation of the Euro debt crisis and the slow global economic recovery have also depressed the Russia economy.

Even as Russia experienced capital outflows over the past few quarters, there are indications that the capital account is recovering. The second quarter of 2012 recorded 72% reduction in capital outflows, from negative US\$14.6 billion in the first quarter of 2012 to negative US\$9.7 billion in the second quarter of 2012 (Figure 4). A report by The World Bank in September 2012 has pointed out that recovery in capital economy and an improvement in the Russian debt crisis are reasons to explain the reduction in capital outflows in Russia. The domestic political cycle ended with Mr. Putin being elected for a third term as President has also a booster effect in the capital inflows dynamics. With an improvement in the current account surplus (Figure 3), along with a moderation in capital outflows, Russia's balance of payment position has strengthened since the global financial crisis of 2008.<sup>20</sup>



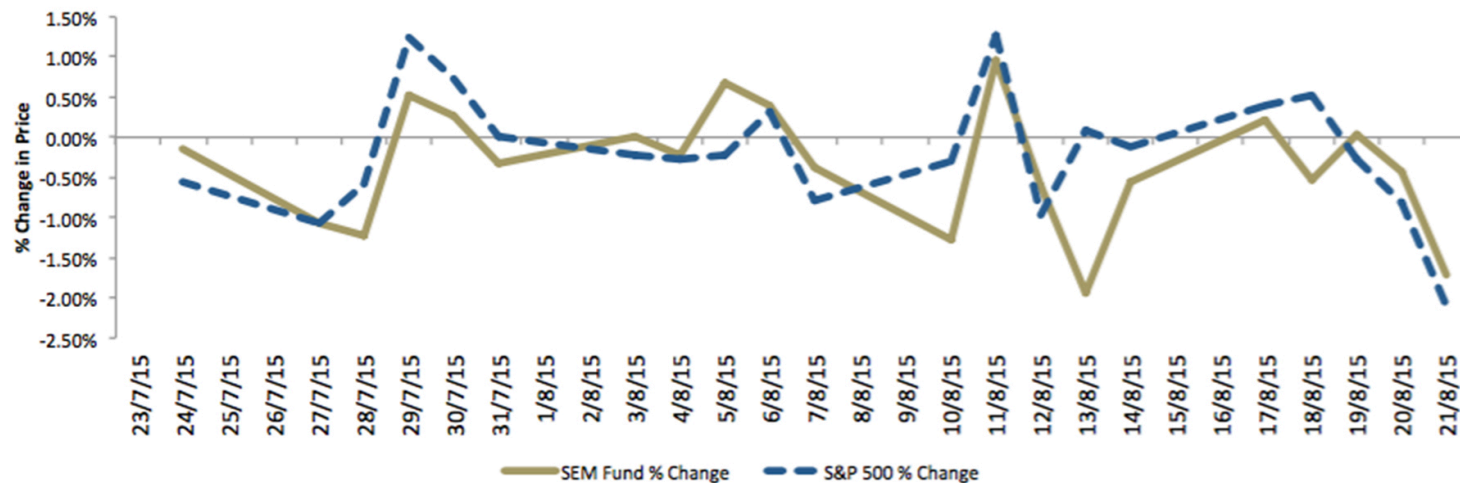


## Tracker Performance

Emerging Markets Region- All

Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Figure 1: SEM Company Performance Benchmarked Against the S&P 500



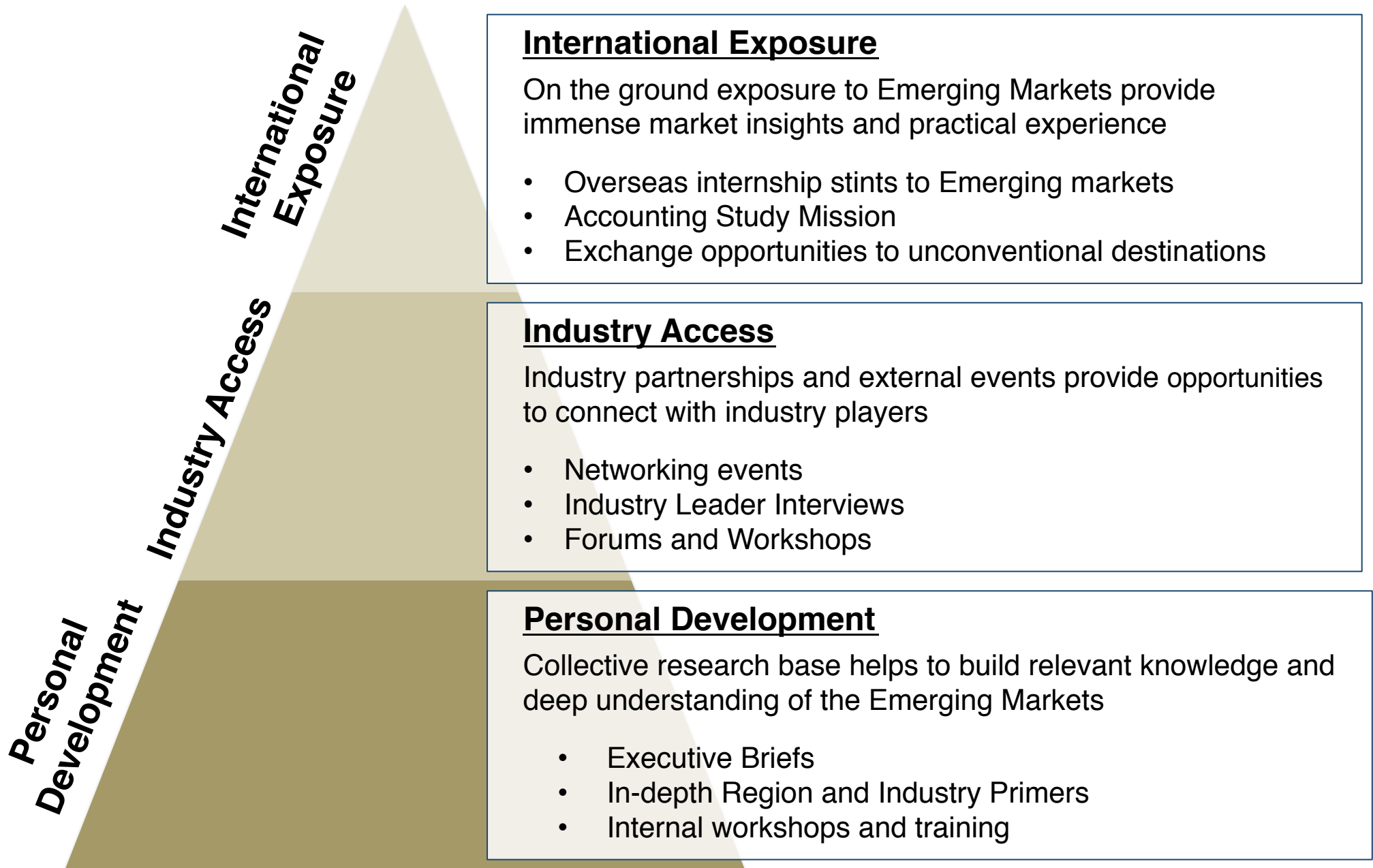
### Objective

It is a new initiative that involves actively maintaining a record of the share price and performance of the companies on which we write reports

### Methodology

Involves simply taking an average of the share price performance over the past month and comparing it to benchmark indices like the S&P 500 and MSCI's Emerging Market Index

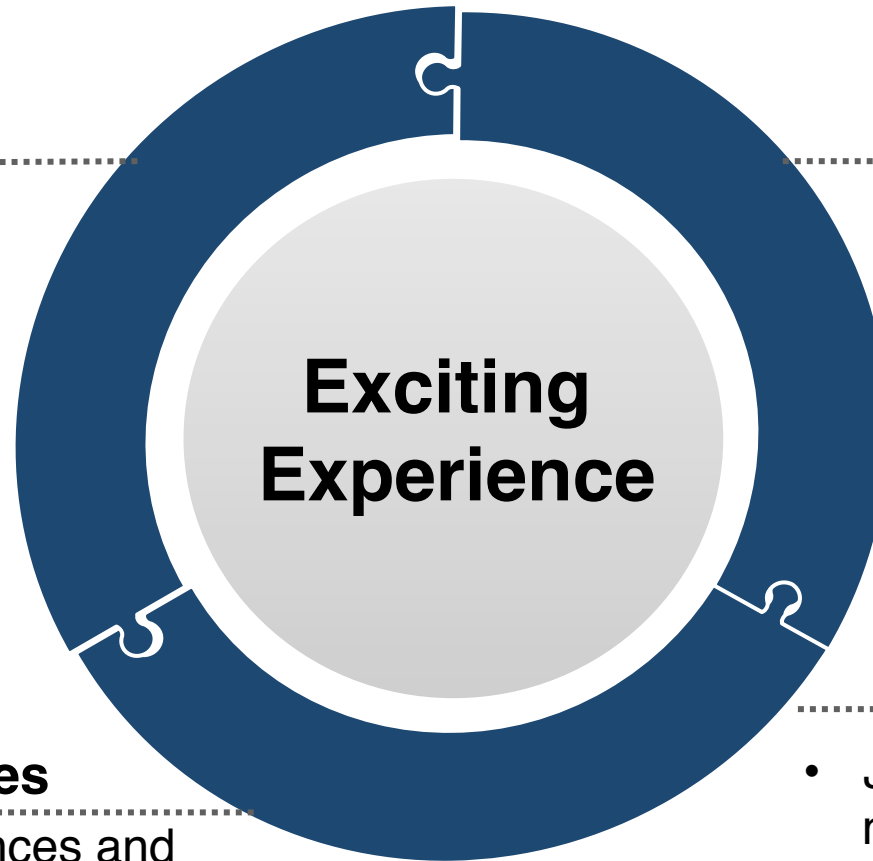
# Gateway to Countless Opportunities



## **3. The SEM experience**

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# Snapshot of Analyst Experience



## Research

### Regular Executive Briefs

- Macro, Industry, Company

### Research Collaborations

- Thought Leadership Platform

## Operational Experience

- Assist in Desk Functions
- Organize club initiatives

## Numerous Opportunities

- Attend exclusive conferences and business forums
- Represent SEM at prestigious events and competitions
- Networking opportunities
- International Study Missions

## Strong Club Spirit

- Join a tightly-knit family of more than 80 like-minded individuals
- Regular bonding events
- Strong network of alumni and seniors

# Excellent Training & Development

## Training Program for New Analysts

- Meticulously designed by seniors and improved annually
- Enjoys strong commitment from seniors and alumni
- Extensive applications beyond SEM research activities

## Continuous Development

- Forums and conferences
- Internal and external workshops for all members
- Diverse specializations amongst members allow for meaning collaborative learning

### Key Aspects of Training

#### Research Analysis

- Common research frameworks
- Market mechanisms
- Introduction to general sectors and corresponding competitive landscape
- Financial analysis
- Crafting of strong arguments

#### Presentation skills

- Professional presentation materials
- Presentation workshops

### Benefits of Continuous Development

#### Collaborative Learning

- Sharing of knowledge
- Diversify knowledge, explore new industries

#### Professional Exposure

- Hone soft skills through external events
- Gain greater exposure to real business culture

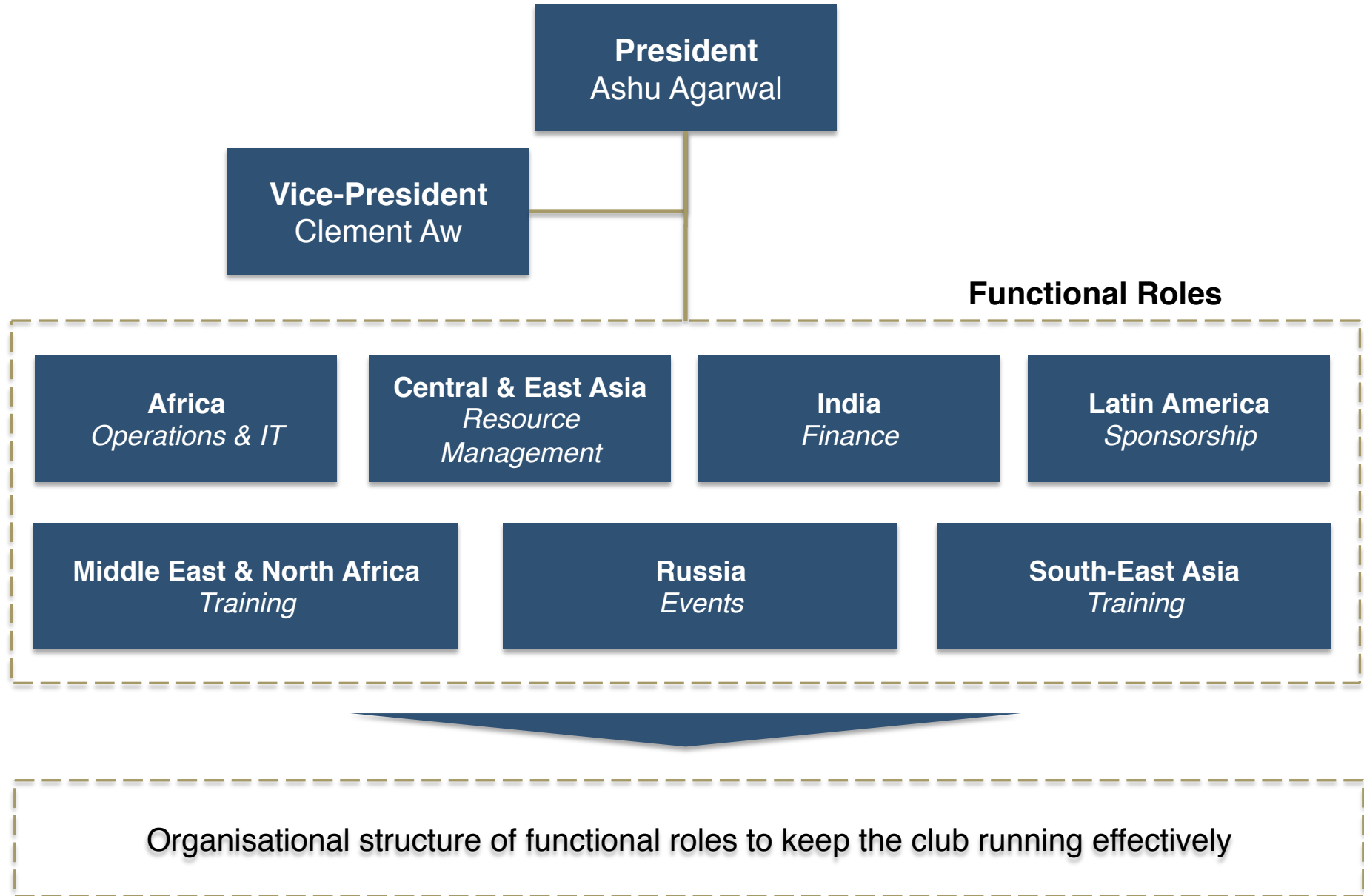


# Culture of Excellence

Experiences, skills and knowledge gained from SEM have brought us to:



# Our Club Structure

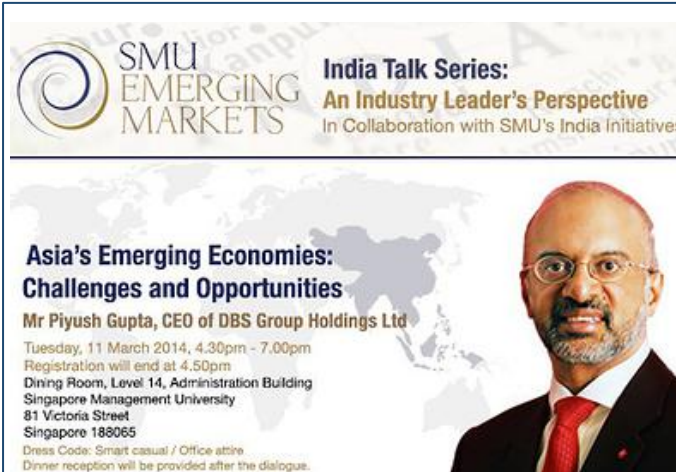


# A Look at our Past Events

## Russia-Singapore Business Forum



## India Talk Series



## Future China Global Forum



Through various conferences and business forums, SEM allows its members to gain exclusive opportunities to interact with industry firms and professionals so as to gain a deeper understanding of the emerging regions.

## **4. Key Highlights for AY 2015-2016**

# Key Events

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## Internal Events

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- Training for new analysts
- Analyst Initiation
- Club Bonding
- Alumni and Awards Night
- EXCO elections

## Exclusive External Events

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- Future China Youth Forum
- Business China Youth Showdown
- India Talk Series
- Africa Singapore Business Forum
- Latin-Asia Business Forum

## New Initiatives

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- Asian Emerging Markets Forum
  - Forum to focus on the AEC and its effects on SEA, China and India

## International Exposure

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- ASM Indonesia
- ASM Thailand



## **5. Our SEM Journey**

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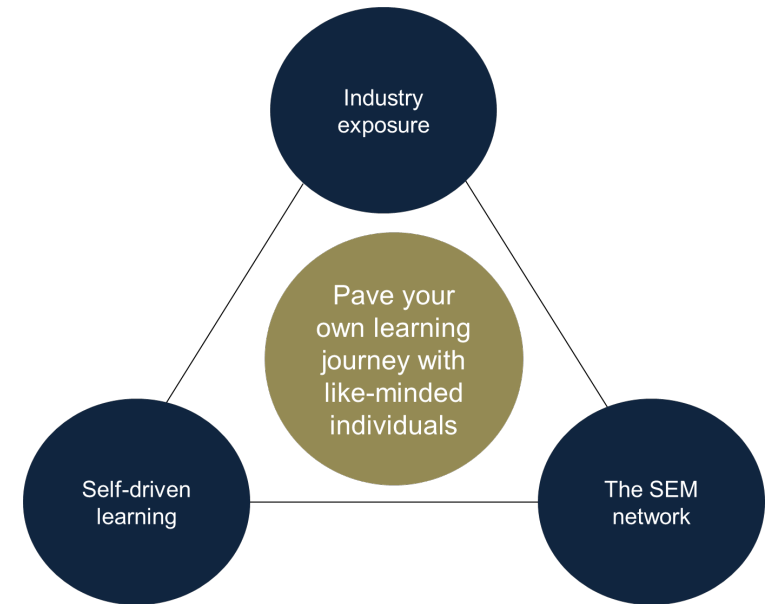
Sharing by SEM members and alumni



## Kenneth Quek

President  
SEM 3rd Executive Committee

- Bank of Singapore (SEA Marketing)
- Wilmar International (Uganda – Sales, Marketing and Finance)
- Noble Resources International (Carbon Steel Materials Complex)
- Mecuria Energy Trading (Crude Oil Trading)
- Summa Cum Laude, Beta Gamma Sigma Honour, Dean's list
- Honorary General Secretary, 6th Executive Committee, Merchants' Club





## Matthias Lim Sheng

Director, India Desk  
SEM 2nd Executive Committee

- Investment Banking at Nomura
- Management Consulting at The Boston Consulting Group
- Investment Banking at PrimePartners Corporate Finance
- Student Ambassador at HSBC
- Investor Relations and (Banks) Research at UOB
- Private Banking at Bank of Singapore
- Summa Cum Laude, Beta Gamma Sigma Honour, Dean's list



# Our SEM Journey



## Joshua Wong

Director, Africa Desk  
SEM Founding Executive Committee

- **Barclays Global Markets – Macro Sales**
- Internships: GSAM, BAML, DNB Bank
- SEM, Bizcom, Project Bethlehem
- Summa Cum Laude; Dean's list

Positioning

Networking & EQ

Leverage



## **6. SEM Analyst Recruitment 2015**

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Application Process



# SEM Analyst Recruitment 2015 Process

## Application Process Timeline



## Details of Application Process

### Online Application

- Application closes on 30<sup>th</sup> August, Sunday, 2200hrs
- Application link will be sent out through Emailer
- Application link will also be available on SEM Website, Facebook Page

### Round 1 Interview

- Interviews will be held from 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> September (Tuesday – Friday)
- Venue will be emailed to applicants

### Round 2 Interview

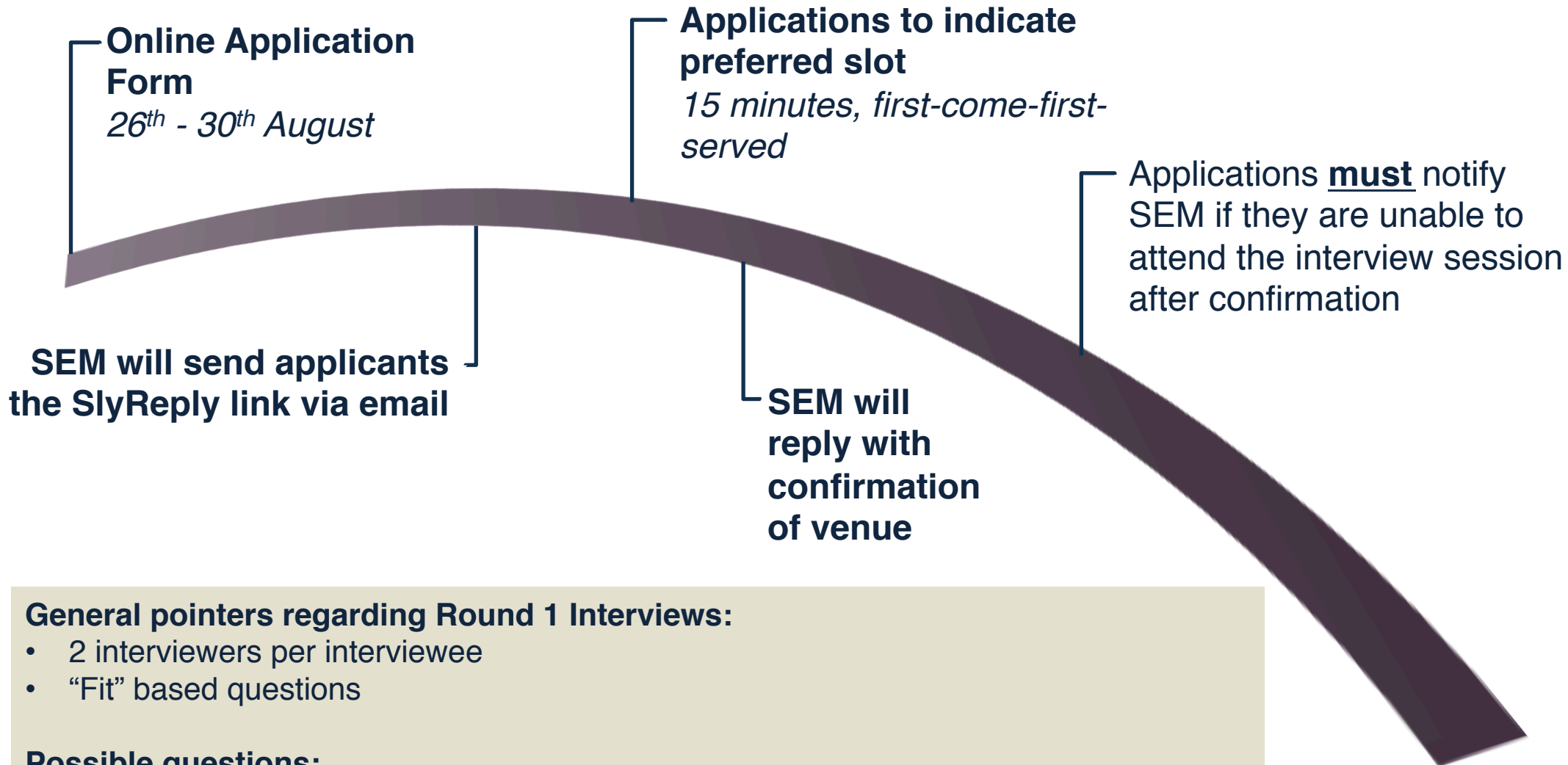
- Applicants will be given 5 days to prepare for Round 2 Interview

### Acceptance Offer

- An acceptance offer will be sent to shortlisted candidates on 13<sup>th</sup> September

# Round 1 Interview Procedure

## Round 1 Interview (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sep)



### General pointers regarding Round 1 Interviews:

- 2 interviewers per interviewee
- “Fit” based questions

### Possible questions:

- Knowledge about SEM and Emerging Markets
- Reasons for joining SEM and choice of region(s)
- Situational questions

# Round 2 Interview Procedure

## Round 2 Interview (11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Sep)

Round 1 Results  
5<sup>th</sup> September

Submission of deliverables  
9<sup>th</sup> September

Applications to indicate  
preferred slot  
20 minutes (10 min  
presentation, 10 min Q&A),  
first-come-first-served

SEM will send applicants  
the instructions for Round  
2 Interview via email

SEM will send  
applicants the  
SlyReply link via  
email

### Assessment Criteria

- Executive Briefs – Quality, logical flow, aesthetics
- Presentation – Clarity, coherence, confidence

Applications must notify  
SEM if they are unable to  
attend the interview session  
after confirmation



Research- Executive Brief

Latin America (R&I)

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Sociedad Minera Cerro Verde SAA

Superior Profits Reinforced by Long-Term Organic Growth

Over the past several years, the company has been able to maintain its strong organic growth, which has been supported by its long-term investment in exploration and development. This has enabled the company to maintain its operational continuity and to finance its expansion plans.

Recent Development to Miners & Suppliers  
Sociedad Minera Cerro Verde SAA (Cerro Verde) is a Peru-based subsidiary of the multinational company, Cerro Verde S.A. The company is a leading producer of copper and gold in Peru, and is a member of the Cerro Verde Group.

As Cerro Verde continues to be one of the most profitable mining companies in the world, the superior margins provide ample room for the company to invest in its growth. The company's strong financial performance is reflected in its high operating margins and strong cash flow, which has enabled it to finance its expansion plans.

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# Question & Answer

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