

Mr Ashok Kumar Gautam is the first MD & CEO of India International Bullion Exchange at GIFT City, joined in February 2022.



Mr. Gautam is a finance professional with over 36 years of experience in various tenets of banking and financial management; such as Treasury, Bullion, Financial Institutions, Transaction Banking, Cash Management Services, Relationship Management, Credit, International Banking, Trade Finance etc. Before that during his 11 and a half year stint at Axis Bank he was Executive Vice President and Head Financial Institutions Group and held leadership positions of Head Global Markets, Treasury and Head Transaction Banking - Corporate & Financial Institutions.

During his over 22 years' experience in State Bank of India, Mr. Gautam was Head of the first Central Treasury of the Bank at Hong Kong.



Mr Avadhani Sanagram brings more than 30 years experience in the banking, trade finance and precious metals business. Avadhani is consultant for ICBC Standard Bank London. Before moving back to Mumbai on a consulting role, he was Director, Precious Metals with ICBC Standard Bank, London.

In the early career Mr Sanagram was associated with International Trade Finance Banking and has worked with Scotia Mocatta, HSBC, ICICI, and Standard Bank Plc.

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Mr David Gornall started his career trading silver at Lonconex Limited in 1979, part of the Primary Industries / Golodetz commodity trading group.

After a spell at Morgan Guaranty Trust of New York, he moved to Sogemin, trading in the LME ring and heading the bullion and FX desk. In 1992 he joined NM Rothschild to start their LME base metals operation, before returning to Sogemin's successor, Natixis Commodity Markets – where he was a main board director until 2009 and went on to become Global Head of their Precious Metals business. As Head of Trading at Natixis in London he served as LBMA Chairman from 2011-2014.

Mr Gornall is currently an independent base and precious metals consultant, he leads LBMA's reporting project LBMA-I and is an LBMA Good Delivery Facilitator.

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Mr Jeremy East brings more than 30 years experience in the precious metals trade. In 2017 Jeremy founded an independent commodities consultancy company the East Wind Capital based in Hong Kong. He is also the Non Executive Director at Malca-Amit Group of Companies, and Independent NED at Noble Group.

Mr East was the Managing Director at Standard Chartered Bank and has worked with Commerzbank, Phibro, Solomon Brothers and Citi Group.

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Mr Lars Johansson of Secure Supply Chains, Switzerland, is an Independent Counsel in the area of physical Precious Metals Logistics and Supply Chains counting over 25 years of experience with various multinational companies and commodities.

A global activity in sourcing, production, warehousing and distribution eventually led to a position as Head of Logistics at Swiss refinery Pamp SA where he gained extensive experience in the value chain of the international gold market. He subsequently headed the precious metal activities for Brink's in Switzerland while simultaneously being part of the team managing the company's global network on precious metals logistics matters.

Independent since 2018 Mr Johansson continues to support and assist the worldwide market's various stakeholders along the precious metals supply chain, from mine to refinery to market and back.

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Mr Sachin Patel, is currently the Senior Director, Metals, with CME Group and is based out of Singapore. Mr Patel has been with CME Group for over four years and before that for 10 years worked with Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Singapore and UK.

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Mr Stuart Thomas is Director, Corporate Risks (Specie, Precious Metals and Mining) at CBC UK Ltd. <https://cbcinsurance.co.uk/what/#risk>



Mr Thomas began his insurance career in August 1988 and spent the first 19 years as a specie and cargo broker at Lloyd's of London, working primarily for (what is now) Marsh JLT or Willis Towers Watson, with a short spell at a start-up broker. During this period Stuart travelled extensively with extended periods in Denver USA and Buenos Aires Argentina, to understand the daily workings of both the mining and valuables in transit sectors.

After seven years developing a European secure logistics company, and working for G4SI International Logistics (now part of Brink's), Stuart returned to the insurance market with unrivalled experience of insuring precious metals, cash/banknotes, fine art and anything highly desirable, collectible or valuable, from both an insurance and operations perspective. Having travelled to over 50 countries as either an insurance broker at Lloyd's or working within the secure logistics industry, Stuart has seen first-hand the issues faced by clients in the precious metal mining, refining, secure logistics, manufacturing, and retail sector.



Mr Sunil Kashyap is currently the Managing Director at FinMet Pte Ltd, which offers trading, financing, logistics and risk management solutions across the metals industry to producers, refiners, traders and financiers.

Mr Kashyap has been involved with the precious metals industry in Asia since 1995. Sunil was primarily responsible for managing The Bank of Nova Scotia's metals business in Asia covering operations in Hong Kong, Singapore, China and India. After eight years with Citibank, India and Standard Chartered Bank, Dubai, he joined Mocatta Bullion in 1996. He moved to Hong Kong in 2001 to head the Scotia Commodities' Asian business. Sunil has been instrumental in setting up the Bank's bullion business in several Asian countries and has been closely involved with the liberalization process of the Indian, Chinese and Middle Eastern bullion markets.

Mr Kashyap has overseen a precious metals business that operates within a strong regulatory and governance framework in compliance with the Dodd-Frank Act, Conflict-Free Mineral legislation, NSFR rules, OFAC Sanction lists, Reach legislation, Volcker rule, and Transaction Reporting.

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