

**Dramatic change is underway in capital markets across the Middle East, Africa and South Asia (MEASA) region.**

Efficient capital allocation is increasingly the priority. No longer are corporates only looking to self-funding or bank loans to finance growth. Nor are governments reflexively shouldering the whole burden of capital spending.

Companies are increasingly tapping equity and debt markets, while governments are looking to asset privatisations, public-private partnerships and debt financing to fund infrastructure and social development projects. The result is a vibrant landscape that demands the full range of capital market products and services.

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