Macroeconomic Drivers of the Financial Markets

Course in Copenhagen

Day 1

09.00 Welcome and Introduction

09.20 1. Economic Growth

- What is economic growth? Definition & measurement and development since the birth of Christ
- Workshop: Long-term drivers of growth
- Critique of the standard way of measuring economic growth: Externalities, the climate, green GDP etc.
- Economic growth in the short-term: Business cycles

11.00 2. Inflation

- What is inflation? Definition and measurement
- The history of Inflation and Deflation
- Drivers of inflation: Cost-push and demand-pull
- Workshop: The rise and fall of inflation 1870-2020
- The problem with inflation (and deflation)

12.15 Lunch

13.00 3. Macroeconomics and financial markets: The long term

- Growth, inflation & long-term asset returns & correlations: Bonds, Credit, Equities, Alternatives
- Workshop: Stylized long term facts
- Forecast of asset returns

14.45 4. A short history of Macroeconomic theories through time (without any Greek letters)

- Neoclassical economic theory & laissez faire policy
- Keynesianism, multiplier effects & the Phillips curve
- Monetarism, the role of money & vertical Phillips curve
- Stagflation, New Classical Economics, rational expectations & Supply side economics
- New Keynesian Economics, micro meets macro etc.
- After GFC: New Economic Thinking and the way forward

16.00 End of day 1

Price

The price of the course is DKK 13.500 ex VAT. The price covers course material, lunch and refreshments.

Day 2

09.00 Welcome to day 2 and recap of day 1

09.20 5. Economic policy

- Demand vs. supply side, long term vs. short term
- Fiscal policy, deficits and debt
- Monetary policy: Money, credit, interest rates, digital currencies
- Other policies: Trade, Industrial, FX etc.
- 10.20 6. Macroeconomics and financial markets: The short term
 - The business cycle and short-term asset returns and correlations: Bonds, Credit, Equities & Alternatives
 - Workshop: The four phases of the business cycle
 - The debt-equity-clock
- 12.15 Lunch
- 13.00 7. Most important macro statistics and their interpretation
 - Growth indicators: Leading, coincident and lagging
 - Inflation, labour market and other indicators
 - Revisions and financial market expectations
- 14.00 8. Economic History The four phases of Capitalism & some important events with a Scandinavian twist
 - The roaring 1920'ties and the crash on Wall Street
 - Depression, New deal, WW2, the iron curtain, postwar boom, the welfare state and labour unions
 - Oil crisis, stagflation, Japan rises, the Cold War
 - Disinflationary boom, China enters the world scene, the adoption of the Euro
 - Financial bubles and crashes, debt deflation and unprecedented reflation
- 15.15 9. 2023-2030, Capitalism 4.0, long term trends and the way forward from here for growth, inflation and financial markets



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