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## Navigating the Winds of an Evolving World Order

A Dialogue with Mr. Bilahari Kausikan

We are pleased to invite you to the **Schroders Thought Leadership Forum 2019**.

Geopolitical developments have become an increasingly important consideration for both economies and financial markets. The geopolitical and economic complexities of the US-China relationship, a referendum on Narendra Modi in the Indian elections, Russia's increasing assertiveness and the resurgence of Singapore-Malaysia frictions are just a few of the current variables that we have to grapple with today.

In a career spanning four decades in the Foreign Service, **Mr. Bilahari Kausikan**, Chairman of the Middle East Institute at the National University of Singapore, served as Ambassador to various countries including Russia and the United Nations, and has been an integral part of the apparatus formulating Singapore's foreign policy. In a candid dialogue with **Pranay Gupta**, Adjunct Associate Professor at Nanyang Technological University, he shares his views on the tensions of today that will shape our future world and how we can navigate the changing dynamics.

### **Mr. Bilahari Kausikan**

#### **Chairman, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore**

Mr. Bilahari Kausikan is currently Chairman of the Middle East Institute, an autonomous institute of the National University of Singapore. He was previously Ambassador-at-Large in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of Singapore (2013-18), Permanent Representative to the United Nations (1995-98) and Ambassador to Russia (1994-95). He also concurrently served as the Ambassador to Mexico and the High Commissioner to Canada. Mr. Kausikan has been awarded the Public Administration Medal (Gold) by the Government of Singapore, the Order of Bernardo O'Higgins (Gran Cruz) by the President of the Republic of Chile, and the Oman Civil Merit Order (Second Class) from the Sultan of Oman. Mr. Kausikan studied Political Science at the University of Singapore and received a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University. He is the author of two books 'Dealing with an Ambiguous World' and 'Singapore is not an Island and is often referred to as "Singapore's undiplomatic diplomat"'.



### **Pranay Gupta**

#### **Adjunct Associate Professor Nanyang Technological University**

Pranay Gupta has over 25 years of experience in managing asset management teams in Europe, United States, Asia and the Middle East. He currently trains Directors of Sovereign Wealth Funds and Pensions from across Asia in Reserve Management as Adjunct Associate Professor at Nanyang Technological University, and he joined Schroders in 2019.

