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16th November 2023 |



18.30 - 22.00 |



Zürich

Global Food (In)security: Insights from a Leading Agricultural Scientist and a Global Grain Trader

Dinner event


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Haus zum Rüden

(Limmatquai 42, Zurich)

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Agenda

18:30 - 20:30

- **Welcome by Commodity Club Switzerland**
- **Opening remarks by CME Group, Erik Norland**

Macroeconomic Drivers of Agricultural Goods Prices

- The situation in China and its influence on crop prices
 - The link between agricultural goods prices and energy
 - The impact of the dramatic tightening of monetary policy on commodity prices
- **Insights from a Leading Agricultural Scientist, Prof. Dr. Robert Finger**
 - Challenges for the agriculture and food sector: Global, European and Swiss perspectives
 - Pathways to address production, sustainability and resilience challenges
 - Zooming in selected approaches: e.g. digital innovations, agroecology, regenerative agriculture
 - The role of policy and the role of industry
 - **Insights from a Global Grain Trader, Christian Joerg**
 - The role of Ukraine and the impact of war on food value chains, grains and oilseeds
 - An update of global trends in meat consumption
 - Climate change impact on agriculture: current dynamics and potential solutions
 - The use of big data and high-tech in farming: positive impacts on productivity, costs and crop protection
 - Final market outlook
 - **Q&A session**

20:30 - 22:00

- **Standing buffet aperitif & networking**



Speakers



Erik Norland is Executive Director and Senior Economist of CME Group. He is responsible for generating economic analysis on global financial markets by identifying emerging trends, evaluating economic factors and forecasting their impact on CME Group and the company's business strategy, and upon those who trade in its various markets. He is also one of CME Group's spokespeople on global economic, financial and geopolitical conditions.

Robert Finger is Professor of Agricultural Economics and Policy at ETH Zürich. His research and teaching are at the interface of agricultural sciences and economics and contributes to more resilient and sustainable agricultural and food systems. Research mainly focusses on farm-level decisions and their interrelation with the environment, markets, and policies in European agriculture. He is Chair of the World Food System Center that hosts ca. 50 groups at ETH Zürich and supports multi- and transdisciplinary approaches in research, education, and outreach activities to contribute to sustainable food security.



Christian Joerg is SALIC's Head of Commercial Investments. He is a senior executive with strong international business experience in trade, trade finance and banking. He has held direct management responsibilities worldwide and has extensive knowledge of building sustainable business structures in the commodities sector.