



Gary Dugan

CEO

Gary Dugan has been a high-profile investment professional in Europe, Middle East and Asia for the past 38 years. In the past two decades, he has held Chief Investment Officer roles with major institutions in Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

His initial training was in leading asset management companies in London before he moved in 1993 to JPMorgan Securities to become their European equity market strategist. He gained a reputation for his leading research on corporate restructuring and was an advisor to the OECD, the European Parliament and leading sovereign wealth funds. In 1999 he switched back to asset management and became the head of multi-asset portfolios Europe Middle East and Asia for JPMorgan Asset Management. In that role, he was the lead investor for mandates with the GIC, Brunei government, Hong Kong Jockey Club and insurance companies in Europe and Japan. Throughout his time at JPMorgan he was also a principal advisor to the firm's Private Banking business.

In 2004 he joined Barclays as their CIO before moving to Merrill Lynch in 2007 again as a CIO. Between 2009 and the present day he has spent eight years in the UAE as CIO at two of the largest banks and worked at Coutts in Singapore. Gary was voted Private Banker of the year 2015 (MENA) from Wealth Briefing.

Gary has a reputation for making bold calls on the markets. He made major bear calls on equity markets in 1987, at the top of the tech boom and the financial crisis in August 2007, and a bull call on equity markets on March 17th, 2009.

In November 2018 he was appointed the CEO of Purple Asset Management and subsequently founded and launched an outsourced CIO services business on the Purple platform called The Global CIO Office. He thus realised his dream of creating an investment business that is driven by investment professionals with the sole focus of producing the best independent financial advice for clients.

Gary has a high profile with the media regularly appearing in the printed press and on TV. He often speaks at conferences and provides industry thought leadership on many macro and investment topics.