The Future of Alternative Finance
April 16th private breakfast

9:30 am
Registration and breakfast

10:30 am
Opening remarks
Matthew Bishop, Globalisation editor, The Economist

10:30 am
The outlook for alternative finance
In a world characterized by shrinking government budgets and increased regulation, finance has seen a structural shift away from bank loans to bond funding and other non-traditional alternatives. As alternative finance emerges from the shadows, can it be a useful engine of growth to fuel the economy? What risks must be weighed? This session will explore the outlook for the alternative finance landscape as we look toward financing the economy over the next 10-15 years.

Bob Bauer, Chief global economist, Principal Global Investors
Edward Mathias, Managing director, The Carlyle Group
Michael Wilkins, Managing director, Infrastructure Finance Ratings, Standard & Poor’s
Mukhtar Hussain, Deputy chairman and chief executive, HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad

Moderator: Matthew Bishop, Globalisation editor, The Economist

11:30 am
Global economic outlook
Rising deficits, limited resources, technology and renewed competition among nation states are shifting power dynamics and reshaping global markets. What are the prospects for growth around the world? This session will survey how megatrends are shaping the global economy and highlight areas of investment opportunities and challenges ahead.

Dr. Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Governor, Central Bank of Malaysia
Leo Abruzzese, Global Forecasting Director, The Economist Intelligence Unit
Moderator: Matthew Bishop, Globalisation editor, The Economist

12:00 pm   Closing remarks followed by networking