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Insight beyond information

SHIFTING GEARS FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF GROWTH

IMA India's 24th Annual CFO Roundtable

13th - 16th February 2020, Taj Samudra, Colombo



Thursday, February 13th 2020

Welcome Dinner

Pool side

7:30 pm onwards

Come together over dinner to kick-off the 2020 offsite, a weekend of shared learning or – as we prefer to call it – collective wisdom

Friday, February 14th 2020

Registration

10:45 am

Come together over tea to kick-off the 2020 offsite in the company of friends and peers from across the country. Facing Sri Lanka's historic Galle Face Green, Taj Samudra offers enchanting views of the mesmerising Indian Ocean, Galle Face Green and the vibrant city of Colombo. IMA team members will facilitate an introduction amongst the group, and talk through activities planned over the next three days.

Courage and Creativity: The Story of Batik's Revival

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Darshi Keerthisena, Creative Director, Buddhi Batiks



Darshi Keerthisena is a name synonymous with batik in Sri Lanka. The renaissance of batik especially amongst the younger generation can be attributed to Darshi's skills in injecting a new artistic flair to her batik creation. Continuing a family endeavor she celebrates the ethnic tradition of batiks through her fashion design store 'Buddhi Batiks', named after her father and Founder of the concept. Darshi earned a diploma in fashion design followed by a full blown B. A. Hons in Fashion and Textile Design from the Birmingham City University in the UK. She would be at Brandix for five years, but says she felt the need to really challenge herself and give the designer inside full rein. So she returned to the family fold in 2005. Engage in a conversation with Darshi as she narrates her story and the lessons she learnt over the years in running the business and importantly, living her dreams, and finally, her plans for the future.

Zesta Tea Workshop

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm



The fact that over seven billion cups of tea are consumed across the globe is proof of the popularity of tea as a beverage, second only to water. From the time it was discovered in China quite by accident, almost 5000 years ago, tea has been providing its consumers with a sense of comfort and solace. Engage in a tea making workshop and learn about the history of tea, its origin, followed by tea tasting.

Wellness lunch

At Crystal Ballroom

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Living Fully and Longer

Rahul Bhasin, *Managing Partner, Barings Private Equity Partners*

(This will be hosted as a joint session with spouses)

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm



Healthy living and a balanced lifestyle are about a lot more than complicated diets, rigorous exercise routines, 'balancing work and life', and so on. It begins with a first-principles-based understanding of how the human body functions – why it weakens and how it can be strengthened. Disillusioned with the conflicting and often ineffective advice thrown about by self-styled experts and even medical doctors, **Rahul Bhasin** has invested considerable time and energy researching this subject. He will share insights from his work that can help us all live better and longer..

A visit to the Buddhist Temple

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm



Enjoy an evening visit to Gangaramaya Temple – an eclectic mix of Sri Lankan, Thai, Indian and Chinese architecture. The temple not only serves as a place of worship but is also a centre of learning.

Inspiring Change

Pradeep Sangwan, *Founder and Promoter, Healing Himalayas Foundation*
(This session will be hosted over snacks and cocktails)

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm



Pradeep Sangwan is an adventurer who trekked the Himalayas as a youngster and was appalled to see the mounds of litter left behind by careless travellers, and by the official apathy he encountered. He founded the 'Healing Himalayas Foundation' with a mission to restore India's prized mountain range to its pristine glory. The idea took birth a decade ago and today, several campaigns later, his organisation has cleared almost 400,000 kg of waste from the Himalayas. Pradeep will share the challenges he faced and the successes he achieved in his difficult but fulfilling journey.

Dinner

Crystal Ballroom

9:00 pm onwards

Saturday, February 15th 2020

Shopping and Sightseeing in 'Wonder of Asia'

9:30 am – 11:00 am



Often referred to as the pearl of the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka is a perfect place where culture, nature, and traditions are intertwined. Colombo, 'the garden city of the east', has endless contradictions infused with wisdom of Buddhism and history of communism - with colonial architecture, ancient temples, sprawling high-rises and shopping malls side by side. We will spend the morning visiting some of Colombo's bespoke art and shopping galleries.

Note: Buses will depart from the Porch by 9:30 am. Please assemble by 9:15 am.

Barefoot and more...

11:00 am – 1:30 pm



A visit to Colombo is incomplete without seeing Barefoot, and spending time inside the colourful walls of this lovely place. Barefoot, which was started by Barbara Sansoni 50 years ago, showcases products made either by workers at home or by local artists and craftsmen. There are no factories and no production lines; each worker is responsible for the quality of his or her final product. We will revel in the beauty of this wonderful craft and then move on to explore another quaint find, stopping by the famous Spa Ceylon before heading back to the hotel for a sumptuous lunch.

Sit down lunch at The Golden Dragon

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Leisurely Visit to Mount Lavinia

4:30 pm – 7:30 pm



Famed for its 'Golden Mile' of beaches, Mount Lavinia had until now escaped most of the damaging industrialisation of neighbouring cities and urban centres. Enjoy the walk at the beach; experience the sunset; and reminisce the colonial era architecture.

Cocktails and Dinner hosted by PayU

At South Lawns

8:00 pm



Sunday, February 16th 2020

Living a Balanced Life

10:00 am – 11:00 am



Sri Lanka developed its own Ayurvedic system based on a series of prescriptions handed down from generation to generation over a period of 3,000 years. The indigenous medicine system is a mixture of the Sinhala traditional medicine, Ayurveda and Siddha systems of India, Unani medicine of Greece through the Arabs, and most importantly, the Desheeya Chikitsa, which is the indigenous medicine of Sri Lanka. The session will focus on Ayurveda and well-being and time-tested practices of living a balanced life.

Luncheon and Close

Samudra Ballroom

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm



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