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Weafer has worked in Russia for nearly two decades. He was voted the best Russia investment strategist for 2013 by investors in separate polls carried out by Thomson Reuters Extel and Institutional Investor magazine. He has regularly placed in the top three of these respective polls over the past ten years.

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Prior to coming to Russia, Weafer worked as Head of Research for NatWest Markets in Bangkok, Thailand, during the Asian financial crisis of 1997/'98. Before that he was Senior Investment Manager at the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, one of the world's largest sovereign wealth funds, based in Abu Dhabi City.

Weafer started his investment career with the Irish Life Assurance Company in Dublin, Ireland, and has accumulated over thirty three years of experience in emerging markets. He is the author of many published articles covering Russia, Central Asia and the trend in macro oil. He is also widely quoted in the financial press on these and related subjects.