



Samuel Tsien
Group CEO,
OCBC Bank

MATCH 7, JULY 3, 10pm Sweden vs Switzerland

"It's been a World Cup of upsets so far so I'm backing the underdog, Sweden. Switzerland is currently ranked 6th in the world while The Blue-Yellow is 24th. I remember Euro 92 when another Scandinavian country, Denmark, overcame all odds to win the tournament. While Sweden is without its retired star player Zlatan Ibrahimovic, they are now more of a team. And in football, the star will always be the team."



Edmund Koh
Head, Wealth Management
(Asia-Pacific), UBS



"Switzerland's success so far is a testimony of their strong cohesiveness as a team. While not heralded as a favourite, Switzerland did well to earn a draw against Brazil in the group stages. Finishing 2nd in their group (behind Brazil), they were handed a Round of 16 matchup with Sweden. While the Swedes are no pushovers, this presents Switzerland with a very real chance to make the quarterfinals for the first time since 1954. It'll be a tight match but Switzerland has the depth to pull through."



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Nicholas Narayanan
Partner at Nicholas &
Tan Partnership LLP

"England has an unbeaten record against Colombia but will be advised not to approach the match with any false sense of confidence. The Los Cafeteros have been steadily gaining in confidence after a slow start to the tournament. Pekerman has carefully assembled a quality side who are dangerous on the counter-attack and on set pieces. Rodriguez remains a doubt but Quintero and Cuadrado have stepped up to be key players in the meantime. Falcao will also have a point to prove to his English critics."

MATCH 8, JULY 4, 2am Colombia vs England



Julian Neo
Head of Commercial,
DHL Singapore



"Much of England's success at the World Cup has been down to the clinical finishing of talisman Harry Kane, who has already netted five goals in Russia. England face a tough Colombian side, with neither team being clear favourites to win the encounter. That said, Three Lions manager Gareth Southgate has built up a young side peppered with veterans who enjoy playing with each other. As long as England stay disciplined and focus on getting the ball to Kane, they'll be in the driving seat for a place in the quarterfinals."