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Pre-event Sessions: Tuesday 10 October

13:50-14:00

Pathable tutorial

Before the start of the event, watch the brief overview of the Pathable platform to ensure you are comfortable with its use.

14:00-15:00

Pre-conference interactive seminars and discussion

Led by Travers Smith, the afternoon will be split into two sessions. Delegates may register to join both sessions or either one of them.

14:00-15.15

The EU's Sustainable Finance Agenda: the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) and the Taxonomy Regulation

This interactive webinar and discussion will assume some prior knowledge of the SFDR and will focus on the difficult outstanding issues and immediate priorities for those implementing them in their firms. There will be the opportunity to ask the speakers questions throughout the presentation. **Led by:**

Simon Witney, Senior Consultant, Travers Smith Danny Riding, Senior Associate, Travers Smith

15.30-17:00

Recent and forthcoming UK regulations that will affect ESG professionals

This roundtable panel discussion will cover a number of topics focused on ESG professionals in private capital firms, including, but not limited to, issues relating to climate change, legal issues arising in supply chain due diligence, workforce-related issues, and the role of the portfolio company board. The panel will also address whether your portfolio companies need a "purpose". The panel will respond to questions from the audience during the session.

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Adam Wyman, Partner, Travers Smith Siân Keall, Partner, Travers Smith

Day one: Wednesday 11 November

09:00

Start the day with speed networking

Participate in 3 randomly generated meetings to get your conference started. Please be prepared to switch on your camera and make connections

09:30

Chair's introduction Alison Hampton, Founder, Alma Verde Advisors

09:35 PRI update Fiona Reynolds, CEO, PRI

09:45 Keynote speech: A climate scientists' perspective on where we are at Dr. Emily Shuckburgh OBE, Director, Cambridge Zero at University of Cambridge

10:00

Nearing the point of no return: Can the urgency of covid-19 speed up the global response to climate change?

- How are funds implementing the recommendations from the FSB Taskforce?
- Finding climate related opportunities and managing risks in your portfolio
- To what extent is COP 25 and climate risk mapping relevant to mid-market PE funds? Are LP expectations realistic?
- What can be learnt from the past few months to avoid ignoring the climate emergency?

Moderator: Sarah Winne, Climate Change Consultant, Ramboll Graeme Ardus, Head of ESG, Triton Partners Suzanne Tavill, Partner & Global Head of ESG, Stepstone Group Cornelia Gomez, ESG Director, PAI Partners

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10:35 Stretch Break

10:40 ERM Survey Findings Alastair Scott, Senior Partner, ERM

11:00 Stretch break

11:05 What do investors want from fund managers on climate?

- To what extent are climate issues impacting strategic asset allocation?
- Are investors looking into ESG at specific portfolio companies? And considering systemic risks across markets and asset classes?
- How do LPs ensure clarity when data is not readily available?

Moderator: Doug Bryden, Partner, Head of Risk & Operational Regulatory, Travers Smith Diandra Soobiah, Head of Responsible Investment, Nest Corporation Maaike van der Schoot, Responsible Investment Officer, AlpInvest Partners Meg Brown, Executive Director, Marketing & Business Development, Impax Asset Management Christian Guckel, Chief Risk Officer, SEDCO Capital Cristian Norambuena, Senior Investment Officer – Private Equity, Office of New York City Comptroller

11:40

Virtual Networking & Meet the Speakers

12:00

Data & ESG: How to drive meaningful data in private markets

- Working towards standardisation of reporting
- What can PE learn from public companies on utilising data?
- Making data useful and relevant to performance

Moderator: **Peter Dunbar**, Private Equity Senior Specialist, **PRI Dr. Heiko Bailer**, Head of ESG Quantitative Investments, **RepRisk Helen Hopkins**, Responsible Investment Advisor, **USS Investment Management Alison Humphrey**, Director, ESG, **TPG Tim Clare**, Head of ESG Advisory, **Anthesis** & advisor to Landmark

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12:40 Stretch break

12:45

How and why are more private equity funds launching impact strategies?

- Defining what we mean by impact
- Is there a trade-off between impact and returns?
- How can PE Firms build something around impact that makes sense?
- To what extent is the impact team separate from the rest of the fund?

Moderator: Jeffrey Altman, Senior Advisor, Finadvice

Paula Langton, Partner, Campbell Lutyens

Carmela Mondino, Senior Operating Associate, ESG & Sustainability, Partners Group Maggie Loo, Partner, Client & Strategy Development, Bridges Fund Management David Helgerson, Managing Director, Hamilton Lane

13:30 Lunch break including 1:1 meetings

14:00

Streamed Sessions

Stream A: SDGs	Stream B: Impact Investment
 Stream A: SDGs 14:00 Applying the SDGs at the fund manager level Making the investment case for SDGs How have firms used SDGs to improve performance of portfolio companies? Why SDGs are relevant to institutional investors Examples of successful SDG engagement in private equity Moderator: Silva Dezelan, Director 	Stream B: Impact Investment 14:00 IFC Impact Investment Update Neil Gregory, Chief Thought Leadership Officer, IFC 14:10 How to drive private markets towards impact investment - What impact strategies are best positioned for success?
Sustainability, Private Equity, Stafford Capital Partners Angela Willetts, Managing Director - Co-Chair of Responsible Investment Committee, Capital Dynamics	 What are the obstacles? Are there enough commercial projects to put money to work?

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Sonal Dalal, Director, Civil Society and NGO	- To what extent is the investor base
Outreach, SASB	different in expectations to traditional
Eimear Palmer, Responsible Investing Officer,	investors in PE funds?
ICG	Moderator, Juana Hatfield, Consulting
	Director, ERM
	Pia Irell, Impact Partner, Trill Impact
	Antoine Mallard, CEO, AI.VEN

14:40 Stretch Break

14:45

The role of private equity in the COVID-19 crisis

- ESG challenges that COVID-19 brings to PE-backed companies and businesses more generally
- Examples of stakeholder management and positive investment trends
- Learnings from the past few months for PE moving forward

Natasha Buckley, Vice-President & Head of ESG, HarbourVest Partners Lisa Ondrula, Partner and Co-Head Operations Management Group, The Jordan Company

15:30 Stretch break

15:35

Portfolio wide case study: Integrating an ESG strategy across an entire portfolio

- Identifying opportunities across a portfolio of investments
- Leverage portfolio company boards to implement ESG initiatives
- Encouraging management teams to learn from each other

Alan Kao, Principal, Ramboll

in conversation with

Carmela Mondino, Senior Operating Associate, ESG & Sustainability, Partners Group

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Thought provoking presentation Making yourself heard in the boardroom

- How to sell green improvements to the investment team
- Making ESG a part of businesses long term growth plans
- Case studies highlighting tangible savings from ESG improvements

Christopher Springham, Formerly VP - Communications and Sustainability, LM Wind Power GE Renewable Energy Business

16.15

Creating alpha with ESG

- How can ESG create value for specific investments?
- What principles should investors follow to capture this value?
- What does good ESG management look like?

Ebel Kemeling, Managing Director, MJ Hudson Spring

16:35 Close of Day

Day Two: Thursday 12 November

09:15

Speed networking and welcome back to day two

09:45

Fireside chat: Sustainable investing from an investor perspective with a focus on climate

- Comparing the approach of listed vs. unlisted investors: What can they learn from each other
- What demands are investors making on climate to the funds they invest in?
- Analysing asset owners ESG investment practices
- Consideration of upcoming regulations and European initiatives

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Emmanuel Parmentier, Partner, INDEFI

in conversation with:

Stephen Barrie, Deputy Director of Ethics and Engagement, Church of England Pension Fund

10:15 Stretch break

10:20 Should ESG & impact be measured at the portfolio level?

- How to set strategic goals and expectations
- What metrics should investors use?
- Managing impact performance

Moderator: Joanna Tirbakh, Project Manager, INDEFI

Dr. Serge Younes, Senior Vice President, Head of Sustainability, Investindustrial
Viviana Occhionorelli, ESG Director, Astorg
Candice Brenet, Head of Corporate & Investment Responsibility, Ardian
Rhiann Gray, Director, Impax Asset Management

10:50

AP6 Case Study: How ESG is incorporated across all investment decisions

- To what extent is ESG impacting the funds AP6 invest into?
- How closely does the ESG professional work with the investment team?
- Best practice on ESG from fund managers

Anna Follér, Sustainability Manager, AP6 in conversation with Ellinor Schrewelius, Investment Director, AP6

11:10 Stretch break

11:15 Optimising private equity portfolios for ESG

- Regulatory readiness and overcoming the data availability issue:

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- A step by step framework to gain a strategic advantage with your carbon data
- Learn how to collect, measure and analyse carbon data across your complete portfolio
- Case study: Carbon footprinting in action

James Hilburn, Director - Financial Services, Carbon Intelligence Emma Watson, Senior Consultant, Carbon Intelligence

11:40

Coffee break & Speed networking

12:05

Private Equity & Responsible Capitalism: Is PE doing enough?

- The role of PE in building back better post covid-19
- Is the pay level for managers appropriate relative to value added?
- To what extent should ESG managers concern themselves with capital structures and level of debt?
- Are success metrics in private equity compatible with ESG?

Moderator: **Delilah Rothenberg**, Executive Director, **The Predistribution Initiative Nino Tronchetti Provera**, Founder and Managing Partner, **Ambienta**

Monika Nachyla, Partner, Abris Capital Partners

Michael Bonte-Friedheim, Founding Partner & Group CEO, NextEnergy Capital

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Stretch Break

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Networking Session: Diversity Roundtables

During this session you will be placed in a zoom-style call to discuss how to address diversity within your organisations and portfolio. The sessions will be hosted by a virtual workshop leader who will help kick off the discussion and then it will turn into a more free-flowing discussion with other participants.

Camilla Richards, Head of Investor Relations, Atomico Shami Nissan, Head of Responsible Investment, Actis Caroline Löfgren, Head of Responsible Investment, Hg

13:00 Lunch break

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ESG Due Diligence Scenario Session: Deal or No Deal

The session will highlight the increased role of ESG in due diligence. A fund manager and an institutional investor will discuss a hypothetical investment opportunity with ESG issues. They will ask the questions they would ask in a real investment situation with specific infrastructure assets and reflect on the ESG risk of the investment. The audience will then be given the opportunity to quiz the presenters on their decisions and decide whether they would themselves invest.

Moderated by: Anders Klinkby, Managing Partner, Klinkby Enge

Susanne Røge Lund, Director - ESG, ATP

Elin Ljung, Director of Communication and Sustainability, Nordic Capital

14:00 Stretch break

14:05

Why ESG is finally growing in importance in private debt

- Exerting influence on ESG issues as a debt investor
- The role of ESG in assessing risk pre-deal
- Case studies of successful ESG implementation in a credit portfolio

Moderator: Sabrina Fox, Executive Advisor, European Leveraged Finance Alliance Maya Hennerkes, Sector Lead Financial Intermediaries, EBRD Kristina Matthews, Managing Director, Brightwood Capital Alvar de Wolff, Head of ESG & Responsible Investing, Bregal Investments

14:35

Making the business case for ESG in real estate

- Aligning sustainability and investment strategies across the portfolio
- ESG performance improvements: from risk reduction to value creation
- How can real estate have a positive impact and avoid displacement of marginalised people?

Moderator: Roxana Isaiu, Director - ESG & Real Estate, GRESB Ada Arevalo, Chief Impact Officer, Alliant Strategic Investments Alexander Dexne, CFO, Alstria Office, REIT-AG Philippa Gill, Director - Europe, Evora

15:05 Stretch break

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Why ESG in infrastructure is here to stay and how managers can act across their portfolio

- Addressing some of the unique challenges involved with ESG in infrastructure
- Investing in climate resilient infrastructure
- To what extent is infrastructure being incorporated within due diligence?
- How can ESG be used as part of wider value creation strategy?

Moderator: Simon Whistler, Senior Specialist, UNPRI Peter Dickson, Partner, Glennmont Partners Chandra Eastwell, ESG Senior Manager, MIRA Sabine Chalopin, Power and Renewables ESG & Impact Director, Denham Capital Jeff Pentland, Managing Director, Northleaf Capital Partners

15:40 Close of conference