

# Responsible Investment Forum: Europe London 2022

## The Responsible Investment Forum: Europe 2022

*The leading global event for ESG in private markets*

16-17 November, Hilton Tower Bridge, London

### Day one: 16 November

**08:30**

**Introductory Remarks**

**08:40**

**Chairpersons opening remarks**

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

**08:45**

**Keynote interview: The long-term value creation case for ESG**

**Vindi Banga**, Partner, **Clayton Dubilier & Rice**

*In conversation with*

**Marc Lino**, Partner, Global ESG leader for Private Equity, **Bain & Company**

**09:15**

**Managing Partner perspectives: to what extent is ESG finally now top of the agenda?**

- How are investment teams working with sustainability leads on ESG initiatives such as the Sustainable Markets Initiative?
- Valuing ESG work on the bottom line, is this getting easier?
- How useful is ESG as part of fundraising?
- Are sustainability leads getting carry in funds?

Moderator: Senior representative, **KPMG**

**09:55**

**How are investors and managers working together on making data more useful for investment strategy?**

- Update on the ESG Data Convergence Initiative
- Where is the market on regulation and metrics?

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- Practical guidance for managers around reporting
- What are the implications from asset owners and regulators of being behind on data?

Moderator: **Ben Morley**, Partner and Associate Director, **BCG**  
**Maaïke van der Schoot**, Head of Responsible Investment, **AlpInvest Partners**  
**Abrielle Rosenthal**, Chief Sustainability Officer, **Towerbrook**

**10:35**

**Coffee and networking**

**11:05**

**Practical tips to decarbonise your portfolio now**

- What does best practice look like when decarbonising a portfolio company?
- Update on the ici: carbon footprinting, data collection, target setting and benchmarking
- Is the industry getting too caught up in net-zero initiatives and forgetting about the here and now?
- Integrating decarbonisation into the investment thesis

Moderator: **ERM**

**Serge Younes**, Head of Sustainability, **Investindustrial**  
**Natasha Buckley**, Vice President, ESG, **HarbourVest Partners**  
**Elizabeth Lewis**, Managing Director of ESG, **Blackstone**

**11:45**

**Is greenwashing prevalent across private markets?**

- Defining greenwashing for private equity: why it is not always easy to agree on what constitutes greenwashing
- How can investors spot greenwashing from managers?
- To what extent can data and analytics be used to prove sustainable impact?
- The role of regulation to overcome remaining challenges

Moderator: **Ramboll**

Senior representative, **EQT**  
**Cornelia Gomez**, Operating Principal, **General Atlantic**

**12:20**

**Getting to net zero at a portfolio scale**

- *Leveraging digital technology to help accelerate to net-zero*
- *What digital solutions are out there for fund managers?*

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- Using climate data in the cloud
- Case studies of successful ESG and digital integration

*Facilitator:* **Sarah Walker**, Global Head of Private Equity Practice, **Salesforce**

**12:55**

**Case study: Practical tips for moving to net zero in your portfolio**

- How are processes developing?
- Where to next? moving beyond the planning phase
- Ensuring management teams are fully engaged

**Matthew Cvijan**, Commercial Director, **Carbon Intelligence**

**13:15**

Lunch

| Stream A: Impact Investing   | Stream B: Sustainable Markets Initiative Working Sessions   | Stream C: Other Asset Classes  |
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| <p><b>14:15</b><br/><b>Debate: Is launching an impact strategy detrimental to wider sustainability efforts?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Considering the reasons for launching a separate impact strategy vs. addressing sustainability throughout the fund</li> <li>- Are ESG and impact different enough to warrant separate strategies and teams?</li> <li>- The implications for ESG specialists on evolving approaches</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Indefi</b></p> | <p><b>14:15</b><br/><b>Sustainable Markets Initiative: how private equity is engaging</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is covered by the working groups?</li> <li>- Update on the asset owners and asset managers taskforce</li> <li>- Putting PE work into a wider context</li> <li>- How can you get involved?</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Senior representative, <b>KPMG</b></p> | <p><b>14:15</b><br/><b>Infrastructure: how ESG is transforming the asset class</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What the EU taxonomy and SFDR mean for infrastructure funds</li> <li>- How are investors working with fund managers on more challenging investments?</li> <li>- When and why are allocations being withdrawn due to ESG issues?</li> <li>- Considering the reasons for launching a separate impact strategy vs. addressing sustainability throughout the fund</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>14:55</b><br/><b>Climate tech, natural capital and beyond: overview of leading climate impact investment strategies</b></p>  | <p><b>14:55</b><br/><b>Developing ESG metrics for private equity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How are metrics maturing?</li> </ul>  | <p><b>14:55</b><br/><b>Real Estate: leveraging ESG for value creation</b></p>  |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What innovation is required in investment models to create scalable climate impact?</li> <li>- How are climate funds differentiating themselves in terms of investment thesis and asset selection?</li> <li>- What are the most promising technologies and innovations being pioneered?</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Tom Timmerman</b>, Principal - ESG &amp; Sustainability, <b>MJ Hudson</b><br/><b>Suzanne Tavill</b>, Partner, Head of Responsible Investing, <b>Stepstone</b><br/><b>Pia Irell</b>, Impact Partner, <b>Trill Impact Advisory</b><br/><b>Clara Barby</b>, Senior Partner, <b>Just Climate</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The advantages of developing consistent metrics</li> <li>- Where to next?</li> </ul> <p><b>Alison Hampton</b>, Founder, <b>Alma Verde Advisors</b><br/><b>Ellen De Kreij</b>, Lead Advisor, ESG Practice, <b>Apax Partners</b><br/><b>Leela Ramnath</b>, Senior Vice President, Head of ESG, <b>Warburg Pincus</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How are funds going about engaging tenants on sustainability?</li> <li>- Case studies of where ESG performance has led to higher valuation or yields</li> <li>- How can funds plan a cost-efficient transition at the portfolio-level?</li> </ul> <p><b>Ben Sanderson</b>, Managing Directory, <b>Aviva Investors</b><br/><b>Adam Francis</b>, Vice President, Asset Management, <b>QuadReal</b><br/><b>Charlie Jacques</b>, Head of Impact, Real Estate, <b>Schroders Capital</b></p>  |
| <p><b>15:30</b><br/><b>Coffee and Networking</b></p>  |   |  |
| <p><b>16:00</b><br/><b>The evolving role of impact in fund investors' portfolios</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is the current state of the current LP universe allocating to impact?</li> <li>- How are pension funds integrating impact into their investment mandate?</li> <li>- What mechanisms are investors using to address 'impact washing'?</li> </ul> <p><b>Joshua Brunert</b>, Global Head of ESG Product, <b>Apex</b><br/><b>Matthieu Ducharme</b>, Managing Director, <b>Northleaf Capital</b><br/><b>Amarik Ubhi</b>, Partner, Global Head of Infrastructure, <b>Mercer</b></p>  | <p><b>16:00</b><br/><b>Integrating biodiversity at each stage of the investment cycle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why should investors care about biodiversity?</li> <li>- What work is going on in France as well as Britain?</li> <li>- Working with portfolio companies on developing a biodiversity strategy</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>ERM</b><br/><b>Noella De Bermingham</b>, Chief Sustainability Officer, <b>Andera Partners</b></p> | <p><b>16:00</b><br/><b>Private Debt: to what extent ESG now a leading issue for credit investors?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comparing ESG approach for syndicated loans and direct lending</li> <li>- The rise of sustainability-linked loans: a tool to drive engagement or a marketing tool?</li> <li>- What are the likely future trends in ESG in credit?</li> </ul> <p><b>Carmen Nuzzo</b>, Head of Fixed Income, <b>UN-PRI</b><br/><b>Nicole Downer</b>, Managing Partner, <b>MV Credit</b><br/><b>Kristina Matthews</b>, Head of Investor Relations &amp; ESG,</p> |

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| <p><b>Silva Deželan</b>, ESG Director,<br/><b>Stafford Capital Partners</b></p>  |  | <p><b>Brightwood Capital Advisors</b><br/><b>Jiri Krol</b>, Deputy CEO, Global<br/>Head of Government Affairs,<br/><b>AIMA</b></p>  |
| <p><b>16:45</b><br/><b>How to make your impact fund an easy allocation decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are the innovations in structures and incentives needed to make impact fund more attractive to LPs?</li> <li>- Is the 10-year LP model appropriate in the impact investment context and what alternative structures make more sense?</li> <li>- What are leading impact managers doing to align with the needs to their LPs?</li> </ul> <p><b>Tommy Stadlen</b>, Founding Partner,<br/><b>Giant Ventures</b></p> | <p><b>16:45</b><br/><b>Climate change and carbon pricing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How SMI work is complementary to other climate initiatives</li> <li>- Valuing carbon and costing it throughout the whole investment process</li> <li>- Creating a common framework for costing carbon</li> <li>- Next steps for the project</li> </ul> | <p><b>16:45</b><br/><b>Venture Capital: is venture catching up with PE on its approach to ESG?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Defining ESG for VC: what are the priorities?</li> <li>- What have been the barriers to ESG adoption in venture and how can they be overcome?</li> <li>- Investment case studies highlighting best practice</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>MJ Hudson</b><br/><b>Peter Dunbar</b>, Head of Private Equity, <b>PRI</b><br/><b>Ben Robson</b>, General Counsel and Group Compliance Officer,<br/><b>Molten Ventures</b></p> |

**17:30**

Close of day one of conference followed by cocktail reception

## Day two: 17 November

**08:00**

Invitation only LP and GP Breakfast Briefings

**09:00**

Opening Remarks

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The push towards enhanced consideration of ESG factors is coming from all angles

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- Investor commitments and tighter scrutiny on ESG
- How the regulatory agenda is pivoting to enforcement practices
- To what extent are lenders challenging borrowers on ESG risk management due to commitments and regulatory obligations?
- The danger of losing the license to operate

Moderator: **Ruth Knox**, Partner, ESG & Impact, **Kirkland & Ellis**

**Graeme Ardu**, Head of ESG, **Triton Partners**

**Erika Blanckaert**, Senior Public Affairs Manager, **Invest Europe**

**Anna Foller**, Sustainability Manager, **AP6**

**Michael Marshall**, Head of Sustainable Ownership, **Railpen**

**09:50**

**Introduction to Business for Societal Impact (B4SI): A Social Impact Standard and how PE managers can apply**

- How to measure and manage investments for social impact using B4SI
- Opportunities for education internally and communication externally when using the standard –
- To what extent is the information provided useful in fundraising and value creation
- Case studies of PE firms using the standard

**Clodagh Connolly**, Global B4SI Director, Business for Societal Impact, **(B4SI)/ SLR**

**10:25**

**Adding value through data at every stage of the investment process**

- What providers are out there to simplify data collection and aggregation?
- Working with data providers to make their offerings relevant to PE
- Integrating ESG data with other areas of value creation
- How to avoid data collection being more onerous than useful

**Sylvain Forté**, CEO, **SESAMm**

Senior representative, **EcoVadis**

**11:05**

**Coffee and networking**

**11:35**

**Moving beyond data to add tangible value at the portfolio level**

- Is PE too obsessed with data? Does it really drive value?
- Creating impact to add real value
- Facilitating value creation with limited resources at the fund level
- Using case studies to demonstrate value to management teams

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## **ESG considerations when investing in energy over the next decade**

- What does the war in Ukraine for the future of energy investing?
- Aligning energy security with the energy transition
- To what extent is the current situation an opportunity for long term investors?
- Views on investing in gas and other technologies such as nuclear

**Stan Miranda**, Founder and Chairman, **Partners Capital**

Senior representative, **Schroders Capital**

**12:45**

## **How should boards engage with portfolio companies on ESG**

- Diversity, equity & inclusion: working with portfolio companies to drive positive change
- How to work with the portfolio on issues that the fund itself is still struggling to address internally
- Engaging management teams in businesses with less obvious ESG issues
- Case studies of successfully changing portfolio companies

Moderator: **Hannah Morrill**, Associate Partner, **Bain & Company**

**Robert Sroka**, ESG Director, **Abris Capital Partners**

**Simon Witney**, Senior Consultant, **Travers Smith**

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**Lunch**

**14:00**

## **Why human rights are moving up the ESG agenda**

- The importance of human rights in due diligence: has private equity been slow to take this seriously?
- Tips for defining human rights for specific portfolio companies in different sectors
- How are investor demands on human rights changing?
- Debunking the myth that social issues cannot be measured

**Simon Whistler**, Senior Specialist, **UNPRI**

14:30-16:00

**Regulatory Focus Sessions**