

Responsible Investment Forum: Europe London 2022

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The leading global event for ESG in private markets

16-17 November, Hilton Tower Bridge, London

Day one: 16 November

08:30

Introductory Remarks

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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**

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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**

Maike van der Schoot, Head of Responsible Investment, **AlInvest Partners**

Abrielle Rosenthal, Chief Sustainability Officer, **Towerbrook**

Matt Schey, Senior Director, Sustainable Investing & Strategic Projects, **ILPA**

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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**

TBC: **Morgan Sheil**, Associate Vice President, ESG & Impact, **Energy Impact Partners**

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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**

Jill Cooper, MBA, JD, ESG Manager, **Orion Resource Partners (USA)**

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

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

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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**

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Lunch

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

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		Shami Nissan , Head of Sustainability, Actis
<p>14:55 Climate tech, natural capital and beyond: overview of leading climate impact investment strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What innovation is required in investment models to create scalable climate impact? - How are climate funds differentiating themselves in terms of investment thesis and asset selection? - What are the most promising technologies and innovations being pioneered? <p>Moderator: Tom Timmerman, Principal - ESG & Sustainability, MJ Hudson Suzanne Tavill, Partner, Head of Responsible Investing, Stepstone Pia Irell, Impact Partner, Trill Impact Advisory Clara Barby, Senior Partner, Just Climate</p>	<p>14:55 Developing ESG metrics for private equity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How are metrics maturing? - The advantages of developing consistent metrics - Where to next? <p>Alison Hampton, Founder, Alma Verde Advisors Ellen De Kreij, Lead Advisor, ESG Practice, Apax Partners Leela Ramnath, Senior Vice President, Head of ESG, Warburg Pincus</p>	<p>14:55 Real Estate: leveraging ESG for value creation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How are funds going about engaging tenants on sustainability? - Case studies of where ESG performance has led to higher valuation or yields - How can funds plan a cost-efficient transition at the portfolio-level? <p>Ben Sanderson, Managing Director, Aviva Investors Adam Francis, Vice President, Asset Management, QuadReal Charlie Jacques, Head of Impact, Real Estate, Schroders Capital</p>
<p>15:30 Coffee and Networking</p>		
<p>16:00 The evolving role of impact in fund investors' portfolios</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the current state of the current LP universe allocating to impact? - How are pension funds integrating impact into their investment mandate? 	<p>16:00 Integrating biodiversity at each stage of the investment cycle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why should investors care about biodiversity? - What work is going on in France as well as Britain? - Working with portfolio companies on developing a biodiversity strategy 	<p>16:00 Private Debt: to what extent ESG now a leading issue for credit investors?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comparing ESG approach for syndicated loans and direct lending - The rise of sustainability-linked loans: a tool to drive engagement or a marketing tool?

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What mechanisms are investors using to address 'impact washing'? <p>Joshua Brunert, Global Head of ESG Product, Apex Matthieu Ducharme, Managing Director, Northleaf Capital Amarik Ubhi, Partner, Global Head of Infrastructure, Mercer Silva Deželan, ESG Director, Stafford Capital Partners</p>	<p>Moderator: ERM Noella De Bermingham, Chief Sustainability Officer, Andera Partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the likely future trends in ESG in credit? <p>Carmen Nuzzo, Head of Fixed Income, UN-PRI Nicole Downer, Managing Partner, MV Credit Kristina Matthews, Head of Investor Relations & ESG, Brightwood Capital Advisors Jiri Krol, Deputy CEO, Global Head of Government Affairs, AIMA</p>
<p>16:45 How to make your impact fund an easy allocation decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the innovations in structures and incentives needed to make impact fund more attractive to LPs? - Is the 10-year LP model appropriate in the impact investment context and what alternative structures make more sense? - What are leading impact managers doing to align with the needs to their LPs? <p>Tommy Stadlen, Founding Partner, Giant Ventures</p>	<p>16:45 Climate change and carbon pricing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How SMI work is complementary to other climate initiatives - Valuing carbon and costing it throughout the whole investment process - Creating a common framework for costing carbon - Next steps for the project 	<p>16:45 Venture Capital: is venture catching up with PE on its approach to ESG?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Defining ESG for VC: what are the priorities? - What have been the barriers to ESG adoption in venture and how can they be overcome? - Investment case studies highlighting best practice <p>Moderator: MJ Hudson Peter Dunbar, Head of Private Equity, PRI Ben Robson, General Counsel and Group Compliance Officer, Molten Ventures</p>

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Close of day one of conference followed by cocktail reception

Day two: 17 November

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Invitation only LP and GP Breakfast Briefings

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Opening Remarks

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

- 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 Arduis, 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**

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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

Moderator: Ramboll

Christy Cooke, EMEA Lead, Private Capital ESG Solutions, **EcoVadis**

12:10

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: **Maria Liby-Troein**, Associate Partner, **Bain & Company**

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

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

Patricia Winton, Senior Vice President & Global Head of ESG Corporate, **Bain Capital**

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Lunch

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Why human rights are moving up the ESG agenda

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- 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**

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Regulatory Focus Sessions

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